

**Los Alamitos Unified School District  
10293 Bloomfield Street  
Los Alamitos, CA 90720**

**OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE REGULAR  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**February 9, 2010**

1. CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President, Dr. Jeffrey Barke at 4:05 p.m. at the Los Alamitos Unified School District Board Room, 10293 Bloomfield Street, Los Alamitos, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey Barke, Karen Russell, David Boyer (arrived at 4:15 p.m.) and Meg Cutuli

MEMBER ABSENT

Joseph Ribal

OTHERS PRESENT

Gregory Franklin, Eamonn O'Donovan, Patricia Meyer, Sherry Kropp, Tina Dingillo and Elizabeth Blumberg (arrived at 6:30 p.m.)

2. COMMUNITY/STAFF PARTICIPATION

There was no community/staff participation.

3. WORKSHOP

- (a) Jim Poper, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Operations and Transportation presented the Athletic Facilities Project Request for the Bond Matching Funds Application Review.
- (b) Discussion was held on Board Policy 905 regarding Community Relations – Advertising: School Sponsored Publications, Radio, and Television.

4. CLOSED SESSION

- (a) The Board went into closed session at 5:15 p.m. to discuss matters pertaining to pupils, an update on negotiations and employee discipline.

5. OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened into open session at 6:30 p.m.

6. REPORTS AND RECOGNITION

- (a) Student Board Member Elizabeth Blumberg reported information on school and student events.

Students from Weaver Elementary and Oak Middle School presented a school report.

(b) **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Superintendent Franklin announced that the Orange County Register published an article pronouncing Los Alamitos Unified as number one as a result of their annual rankings of all Orange County public elementary schools. Congratulations to the teachers, staff members, parents, principals and students of each of our elementary schools. Hopkinson, Lee, Rossmoor and Weaver were ranked as gold medal schools. McGaugh and LAE were awarded silver and bronze medals respectively.

Dr. Franklin congratulated everyone for their hard work.

(c) **RECOGNITIONS/APPRECIATIONS**

- ... Karen Hearn – Employee of the Year
- ... Jodi Oliver and Amy Loe – Heroes of the Heart – Weaver Elementary School
- ... Zipporah Matsunaga – Hero of the Heart – Oak Middle School
- ... PTA Students of the Week
- ... Cheryl Mendoza, Kim Anthes and Pam Foremski –Library Technician Program

7. **RECESS**

The meeting recessed from 7:10 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.

8. **COMMUNITY/STAFF PARTICIPATION**

Danny Salas

9. **CONSENT**

Dr. Barke introduced the Boy Scout Troup 658 - Citizenship Award.

Mrs. Cutuli pulled Consent item 9(e) Approval of the 2009-2010 Single Plan for Student Achievement. These are the school plans for all of the individual school sites with pertinent information regarding their academic goals for the year. Mrs. Cutuli thanked the District administration, principals and staff for all of their hard work.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Mrs. Russell, the Board unanimously approved Consent Item 9(e) Approval of the 2009-2010 Single Plan for Student Achievement.

Upon motion by Mr. Boyer, second by Mrs. Russell, the Board unanimously approved Consent items (a) – (d) and (f) – (p).

- (a) Approval of the Minutes of January 19, 2010, Regular Board of Education Meeting and the February 2, 2010, Special Board of Education Meeting.
- (b) Approval of the Cotsen Alumni Groups Grant in the amount of \$1,500.00 for Lee Elementary School to support ongoing, collaborative learning.
- (c) Approval of an Agreement with Orange County Department of Education to conduct Smart Board Training for District staff members using California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) Certificates.

- (d) Approval for Darlene Conforti to observe five middle school students with ADHD in the mainstream environment as partial fulfillment of her Doctorate Program through Walden University.
- (e) Approval of 2009-2010 Single Plan for Student Achievement.
- (f) Approval of an Agreement between Los Alamitos Unified School District and North Orange County Community College District for Tech Prep Program.
- (g) Approval to waive the California Provision that allows no modifications on the California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE). This waiver allows students who are on an IEP and pass the CAHSEE as a result of using a modification to receive a high school diploma.
- (h) Approval of an Agreement with Orange County Department of Education to conduct training regarding online courses for District staff members using California Technology Assistance Project (CTAP) Certificates.
- (i) Approval of an Independent Contractor Agreement with Sure Fire CPR to provide CPR and First Aid Training to staff whose job description requires it.
- (j) Approval of an Agreement with BB&T Insurance Services of California, Inc. as insurance consultants to the District for all health benefit plans.
- (k) Approval of a Contract with auditing firm of Vavrinek, Trine, Day and Company for auditing and accounting services related to the District's Proposition 39 General Obligation Bond Funds.
- (l) Approval to participate in surplus commodity offering purchasing enterprise (SCOPE) food processing cooperative for 2010-2011.
- (m) Approval of an amendment to the Lease/Leaseback with West Coast Air Conditioning Co., Inc. for the modernization of the McGaugh Elementary School.
- (n) Approval of an amended contract with Rachlin Architects for architectural and construction management services for the Lease/Leaseback modernization project at McGaugh Elementary School to finish the project due to pickup items.
- (o) Approval to amend contract with Knowland Construction Services to provide DSA required inspection services for the McGaugh modernization to finish the project due to pickup items.
- (p) Approval of the Walk-On Coach Certification pursuant to Title 5, CCR, Sections 5593 and 5594, Sections A and B.

10. ACTION

(a) BUSINESS

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Mr. Boyer, the Board unanimously approved warrants totaling \$1,698,659.47 for the period of January 8 through January 28, 2010.
2. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved and accepted donations totaling \$1,889.34.
3. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mr. Boyer, the Board unanimously approved the Athletic Facilities Project request for Bond Matching Funds Applications.

(c) HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Mrs. Russell, the Board unanimously approved the Certificated Personnel Report which included re-employment and resignation.
2. Upon motion by Mrs. Cutuli, second by Mrs. Russell, the Board unanimously approved the Classified Personnel Report including: Employment, change of status, separation, and decrease in hours.

(c) EXPULSION

1. Upon motion by Mrs. Russell, second by Mrs. Cutuli, the Board unanimously approved the expulsion of one student from Los Alamitos Unified School District under provision of Education Code 48900-48925.

11. COMMUNICATION

Mrs. Russell attended Laurel High School for their Laurel Cycle Awards and was very impressed to see the students succeeding.

Mrs. Russell attended the Man of the Year and Teacher of the Year Celebration and congratulated Dave Boyer and Marlys Davidson.

Mrs. Russell encouraged all to attend the Lions Teacher of the Year Dinner.

Mrs. Cutuli attended Weaver Elementary, Distinguished School visit. It was a very enjoyable morning.

Mrs. Cutuli attended an ROP Meeting and discussed the classes and attendance and how they are looking at areas for future growth for Technical Education. Mrs. Cutuli also shared the accomplishments of the program.

Mrs. Cutuli attended the Los Alamitos High School Dance show and encouraged all to attend.

Mr. Boyer thanked everyone who attended the Los Alamitos Area Chamber of Commerce – “Man of the Year” celebration.

Mr. Boyer expressed his appreciation regarding the time and effort put into the District negotiations.

Dr. Barke discussed the District negotiations and commended the District staff and teachers for coming together to provide the best educational opportunity for our students and making the best of a difficult situation.

Dr. Barke discussed the Cycle Awards Ceremony at Laurel High School and thanked Mark Johnson, Principal for the opportunity.

12. CLOSED SESSION

There was no additional closed session.

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Approved by Board of Education at the  
Regular Meeting on February 23, 2010

  
Secretary, Board of Education