

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2020

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Board President Rebecca Davies at 6:00 PM. Present were members Buller, Davies, Payzant and Roberts.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Superintendent James Moore led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Davies read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Oerly, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda of the meeting, as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mrs. Oerly, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of July 8, 2020, with the requested modifications and changes.

Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Payzant, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of July 15, 2020, with the requested modifications and changes.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

1. The newly appointed Director of Special Education, Lisabeth Piña, was introduced to the Board, had the opportunity to introduce her family, and received congratulations.

The newly appointed Director of Child Care and Development, Christopher Becerra, was introduced to the Board, had the opportunity to introduce his family, and received congratulations.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Lauren Cohen, 8871 Strang Lane, Alta Loma, parent of Stork students expressed her concerns for her own family as well as other families that could not attend the Board Meeting on the harmful effects and struggles of Virtual Learning.

Mrs. Arias of the “You Too Movement, Every Student Successful” voiced her thoughts on a non-agenda item related to Special Education, to promote more teachers, less lawyers and to support inclusion not segregation.

Dana Kizlatis of the SEALS organization expressed her thoughts on a non-agenda item related to Special Education, Ms. Kizlatis explained IEP’s and that Special Education is operating in the red. Ms. Kizlatis expressed her thoughts on Private Law Firms paid by District funds and told her story of her fostered sons struggle with Dyslexia.

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Marianne Grosner, (address and organization not disclosed), voiced that the public would like to see the Board become more transparent with Special Education spending. Ms. Grosner had questions regarding Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost Contract on the Consent Calendar. Why was the contract for Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost left off the agenda packet? How can a Board vote on the contract without knowing the rates and scope of work? Is the Board voting blindly on other agenda items? Is this how tax payer dollars get spent by Alta Loma School District?

Echoed the previous comments regarding litigation, more teachers, less lawyers.

Brie Kabia, (address not disclosed) parent of an Alta Loma School District student, read the numbers for the Alta Loma School District's School Accountability Report Card and addressed the numbers for special education students and black students who met or failed to meet standards. Mrs. Kabia discussed her thoughts on Private Law Firms paid by District funds and is asking for Board oversight on Special Education matters when it pertains to legal proceedings.

Jessica Martinez, (address not disclosed), parent of an Alta Loma School District student, expressed her thoughts on Law Firm Fagen, Friedman & Fulfroost, a for profit attorney law firms. She expressed that the District's money is being wasted on these law firms. Mrs. Martinez was raising questions regarding Board Item N. 1, where is the research of the effectiveness of Teach Town, Inc. over Readtopia, currently the District's core replacement program.

Jennifer Barker, (address not disclosed), parent of a Stork Elementary student, expressed her thoughts on Virtual Learning. Shared that it is not going well and feels that kids need to be in the classroom setting and it should be the parent's choice.

Karli Preston, 8887 Manzanita Dr., Alta Loma, parent of 2 students in the Alta Loma School District at Stork Elementary, expressed her concerns on Virtual Learning. Mrs. Preston is concerned about Mental Health for her children and the Mental Health for all parents and teachers and the Virtual Learning program does not meet student's needs as far as social, mental, or educational aspects.

Rose Leuridan, (address not disclosed), parent of 2 students at Stork Elementary, expressed that Virtual Learning is not going well for her family; it is very confusing and frustrating. Mrs. Leuridan is asking for tech support, extremely disappointed in the lack of tech support available to students and families.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Board member Brad Buller ... expressed that on August 1 his household changed, kids and grandkids moved in temporarily and he has experienced Virtual Learning first hand, he truly understands the comments from the public; Mr. Buller and his wife took all three of their grandkids to their schools for the drive by pick of materials; it was very exciting for the kids as well as for grandma and grandpa; Mr. Buller drove by all 10 school sites to see the pickup of materials, some lines were longer at some sites than others; attended virtual Back to School Night and he is experiencing all this as a Board member first hand just as all of you are.

Board member Caryn Payzant ... attended the Virtual Convocation on August 3, it was a good upbeat message to start our school year; appreciates the time that Superintendent Moore put into the Convocation message; August 5, attended a virtual staff development held at the District

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Office for all of our teachers put on by our TOSAs (Teachers On Special Assignment); Mrs. Payzant appreciates everyone's support for the online Back-to- School Night; different way and feel to communicate with your teacher; Mrs. Payzant commended everyone in the Alta Loma School District, administration, teachers, staff and families for this "Epic" start to this school year; Mrs. Payzant recognizes that we are dealing with circumstances not in our control; there are still areas that we need to be cognizant as a Board; since the start of school, the Board has been receiving many reports regarding the start of school, promoting positivity and optimism, personally Mrs. Payzant has received many reports from teachers and parents and things are not going well; our children are suffering from extreme anxiety from being online; there are significant problems happening with this learning model that is having a negative consequence with our teachers and our children, especially our most vulnerable population TK, and Kinder; it is Mrs. Payzant's hope that these issues are being addressed and honestly evaluated, especially when it comes to the mental stability of our staff and students; we, as the caretakers of our school district need to be vigilant in being truth tellers.

Board member Dave Roberts ... No report at this time.

Board Member Sandie Oerly . . . along with fellow Board Member R. Davies enjoyed the opportunity to drive around to all the schools on material distribution day; it was exciting to see students get the opportunity to meet their teachers; enjoyed Convocation put together by Superintendent Moore; Mrs. Oerly is still going through all the virtual Back-to-school night videos on the school websites; was able to attend staff development, it was very interesting; Mrs. Oerly commended the parents that are doing the virtual learning alongside their children.

Board member Rebecca Davies ... attended the virtual Convocation, Board members were a part of the message; the theme is "A New Mission", we know it's a Journey and we have to have Spirit, this is an Opportunity for us. Curiosity and Perseverance were the five Mars Rovers that were used as the theme; had the privilege of attending the virtual staff development using Google Meets; PTA memberships are interesting this year, you are able to go online to the school websites and join online; echoed her colleagues' comments, the first day of school pickup was wonderful, experienced genuine excitement; kudos to each site for their first day events; thought we had a great start to a very unusual school year; Mrs. Davies thanked Lori Thompson, the entire Ed. Services Team, the Tech Department, TOSA's, Personnel Department, Human Resources, they worked all summer long making plans, revising plan, trying to get off the ground before the first day of school; Back-to-School nights were a different format this year, but enjoyed watching some from Alta Loma and Banyan Elementary; Mrs. Davies has grandkids that she spends a lot of time with, virtual learning is challenging as a grandparent and as a school Board member; we want the best for our kids; Mrs. Davies sees it's from both sides along with fellow Board member B. Buller.

SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Moore thanked parents for attending the meeting and for sharing their opinions and expressed that every day we are working to get better. Mr. Moore shared his heartfelt thanks to the teachers and TOSAs that were in attendance.

Associate Superintendent Lori Thompson shared that during the first week of school, August 3-5 there was intensive training on the use of Google Classrooms and Technology. Mrs. Thompson thanked the three TOSAs for coordinating these trainings over the three days. Principals and Assistant Principals spent those days trying to work through all the details of Distance Learning,

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which were dictated by Senate Bill 98, and provided support during the staff development. Teachers had prepared bundles, baskets, and backpacks filled with manipulatives and materials, trying to provide families with what the students would need for the first trimester, first month. The Tech Department prepared and delivered 250 laptops to teachers and provided docking stations in their classrooms and prepped over 3,000 Chromebooks for home use.

August 10th every school welcomed students back with balloons and music and made the first day special. Associate Superintendent Lori Thompson thanked the site administrators for their organization and all the staff who stood out in the driveways, welcomed students and tried to make people feel comfortable in this unusual environment. During the first week of school, teachers provided getting to know you type activities through Google Meets and Google Classroom. Working on technology and honing their own technology skills. The District has provided 49 families with internet access and hotspots.

Mrs. Thompson has visited sites this week and last week. This week she has seen the shift, to instruction in reading comprehension, lessons in story structure, thinking maps, place value, paragraph writing, P.E., and letter formation to name a few. The District is initiating a process on how to bring students back in a 1:1 setting, the District has assessments that need to be provided to students. We are off to a solid start, everyone has demonstrated a can do attitude. Mrs. Thompson acknowledged the Alta Loma Teachers for their efforts in this new platform, it is hard and it is new. Mrs. Thompson cannot say enough about our three teachers on assignment and our Technology Department, they have all worked at an incredible pace to get to where we are today. Associate Superintendent Thompson thanked our parents and families, they are sitting next to their children helping with technology and supporting their students. It has been a group effort and the Alta Loma School District will continue each day to improve and work on it.

Superintendent Moore thanked the Board for their participation in the Convocation message. Mr. Moore shared a few things that Alta Loma did right. Every teacher received a new laptop that allowed the teachers to be teachers in their classrooms and able to communicate with our kids. Having the teachers come the first week of school, they were able to get used to the technology and get training from the TOSAs. The Alta Loma School District did not go away from the learning platforms Google Classrooms or Google Suite. In visiting the sites Mr. Moore noticed many teachers are using two monitors, one monitor is used for the teachers to present their work and instruction, but also see the kids as if they are in the classroom. Superintendent Moore shared a letter from a parent who expressed how great Distance Learning has been going for her children, she could not let the week pass without sharing.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to adopt the following Consent Calendar items:

1) American Technologies Inc.; 2) Art Specialties; 3) BCM Group Inc.; 4) Cambio Group, LLC; 5) Canam Ergonomics, Inc.; 6) Document Tracking Services; 7) Fagan, Friedman & Fulfrost LLP; 8) GO Architects Inc.; 9) Inland Valley Daily Bulletin; 10) John R. Byerly Inc.; 11) Joseph E. Bonadiman & Associates, Inc.; 12) Leighton Consulting, Inc.; 13) Mangonlia Environmental, LLC; 14) Ontario-Montclair School District; 15) Quality Teleservices; 16) Servpro of Upland/San Antonio; 17) Seth G. Davis Consulting/Waset Commercial Cleaning Services; 18) Sharon Ott; 19) Tilden-Coil Constructors Inc.; 20) Tri Valley Inspections, Inc.; 21) WLC Architects Inc.

Donations

Accepted with appreciation the following donations:

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1. Donation of \$4,536.91 from Alta Loma Junior High PTSA to Alta Loma Junior High School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
2. Donation of \$6,657.84 from Carnelian PTA to Carnelian Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
3. Donation of \$150.00 from Edison Your Cause to Jasper Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
4. Donation of Wooden Flag Poles and Metal Flag Brackets estimated value of \$150.00 from Home Depot to Carnelian Elementary School.
5. Donation of 24 Flag Brackets estimated value of \$285.00 from Lowe's Home Improvement to Carnelian Elementary School.
6. Donation of \$2,000 from Vineyard Junior High's PTSA to Vineyard Junior High School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.

Board Payment Report

Approved the Board Payment Report, as presented.

Routine Personnel Items

Approved employment, terminations, resignations, leaves and temporary assignments, as presented.

Agreement with California State University, San Bernardino

Approved the agreement with California State University, San Bernardino for the assignment of student teachers and authorize Superintendent James Moore and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas, to sign all related documents.

Agreement with Fuller Theological Seminary

Approved the agreement with Fuller theological Seminary, Graduate School of Psychology, Department of Marriage and Family Therapy for the assignment of Marriage and Family Therapy trainees and authorize Superintendent James Moore and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents.

Agreement with Cal Poly Pomona

Approved the agreement with Cal Poly Pomona for the assignment of student teachers and authorize Superintendent James Moore and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Purchase and Implementation

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to approve the purchase and implementation of Teach Town, Inc. for 2020-21 school year.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Request for Retirement

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mrs. Payzant and carried unanimously to accept the request for retirement from Mary Laramie, Library/Media Clerk, Stork Elementary School, effective September 1, 2020, for a total of 42 years of service to the District.

Request for Retirement

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Buller and carried unanimously to accept The request for retirement from Najma Zaidi, Proctor, Vineyard Junior High, effective

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August 7, 2020, for a total of 31 years of service to the District.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Budget Update

Unaudited actuals financial report next Board Meeting.

Bond Projects

Moving well ahead at Jasper Elementary School and taking advantage of not having students on campus at this time. Alta Loma Junior High is completely done and will be coming to the Board for final close out in the next couple of months.

Future Agenda Items

Child Care Program Update and Child Nutrition Program Update.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, September 2, 2020, 6:00 PM at Alta Loma Junior High School. 9000 Lemon Ave.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:37 PM for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Code Section 3549.1, 54956.9, 54957, and 54957.6.

OPEN SESSION

The Board reconvened to Open Session at 8:45PM to take action on Closed Session item #6. OAH 2020050090.

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried unanimously on Closed Session item #6. OAH 2020050090.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:46 PM.