

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2020

OPEN SESSION, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order by Board Vice President Caryn Payzant at 6:00 PM. Present were members Buller, Oerly, Payzant and Roberts. Member Davies arrived at 6:12 PM. Absent none.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Jasper Principal, Dr. Acosta led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Payzant read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Davies)
ABSTAIN: 0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried by the following vote to approve the meeting minutes of July 29, 2020, as presented.

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Davies)
ABSTAIN: 0

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried by the following vote to approve the meeting minutes of August 19, 2020, as presented.

AYES: 4
NOES: 0
ABSENT: 1 (Davies)
ABSTAIN: 0

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Child Care and Development Services Update

Child Care Director, Chris Becerra gave a glimpse into the changes the Child Care Program has done to be able to open and serve the students of Alta Loma. The child care staff underwent Target Solutions and COVID-19 Training, review of department policies

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and procedures and put new procedures in place to keep staff and students healthy and safe.

Child Care and Development Services created a Virtual Expanded Learning Program (ELP). It is a free virtual enrichment program (Art, STEM, Book Clubs, Music and Movement) for all of the students of Alta Loma, with daily after school sessions. Sessions are grouped by grade level, TK-8th, starting each day at 2:15pm.

Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

Associate Superintendent Thompson shared with the Board the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-21 School Year. The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan is comprised of 16 sections; General Information, Stakeholder Engagement, In-Person Instructional Offerings, Distance Learning, Access to Devices and Connectivity, Pupil Participation and Progress, Distance Learning Professional Development, Staff Roles and Responsibilities, Support for Pupils with Unique Needs, Pupil Learning Loss Strategies, Effectiveness of Implemented Learning Loss Strategies, Mental Health and Social Emotional Well-Being, Pupil Engagement and Outreach, School Nutrition, Additional Actions to Implement the Learning Continuity Plan and Increased or Improved Services for Foster Youth, English Learners and Low Income Students. Mrs. Thompson reviewed all sections of the plan and highlighted the important details of each section.

The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan is currently at the County for review and revisions, the Plan will be back for the Board's approval at the September 16, Board Meeting.

Board member Caryn Payzant commented that she appreciated that the State has a new way of addressing our Special Needs students, by addressing them pupils with unique needs. Mrs. Payzant's area of concern is the Mental Health and Social and Emotional Well-Being of our students. Mrs. Payzant raised the questions, how are we fulfilling the classroom instruction by teachers to support and increase the professional development of school staff workshops and how to help students outside the classroom? How are we able to do this?

Mrs. Thompson shared that Ms. Diaz and Mr. Solano have been presenting workshops the last couple of years and they would like to continue with the workshops this year, in some type of virtual format.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding distance learning frustrations and difficulties:

- Karli Preston
- Shirley Preston
- Brie Kabia

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mrs. Davies opened the Public Hearing on Resolution #09-02-20(b), Adoption of Adequate Instructional Materials. No comments were presented, item was closed.

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2. A public hearing was held for the adoption of Alta Loma School District's Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-21 School Year. No comments were presented, item was closed.

BOARD REPORTS

Board member Brad Buller ... dropped by Carnelian yesterday to say goodbye to Child Care Coordinator, Rosie Vasquez; to see the balloons, flowers, tent and the joy of fellow staff members; it was a pleasure to stop by and say hi; since our last meeting, I have a 2nd, 4th, and 6th grader doing Distance Learning at my house along with a son and daughter-in-law working from the house; my wife and I are trying to do the best we can; I understand the frustration of the parents, completely understand, watching it myself and experiencing it myself.

Board member Caryn Payzant ... has been continuing to read a myriad of reports, statistics and data on Distance Learning, it is very disappointing and very discouraging; things being talked about are "Best Practices Now", but we know the Best Practices that have been around for a long time, all this screen time is not healthy; Mrs. Payzant has heard from parents that the behavior of their children at home after Distance Learning for the day is detrimental; we hear from our District the good news of what's happening but we don't hear what I am hearing from parents and staff the real, true life that was reported by our parents tonight; we need to be the truth tellers, we need to tell them what's really happening with our students and with our teachers and what's really happening in our schools; recommended that we shout out what's really happening to our students; hopes that with fellow Board members and the District, we can write a letter to say what is really happening, students are losing their learning confidence; shared a press release to staff and fellow Board members that there is a private school in Rancho Cucamonga that applied and received the waiver because the statistics in Rancho Cucamonga are not the same as the County of San Bernardino; the mental health and social and emotional needs of our students need to be addressed, there are many things we have to do to meet those needs and we've been preparing for that, it's my hope that we can hear tonight what we've done to meet those needs; congratulated the District for the great work they are doing, but it's still causing detriment and we need to shout that out loud and clear.

Board member Dave Roberts ... continues to spend the bulk of his time at home, trying to take good care of himself; Mr. Roberts lives in the Stork attendance area and has had a horrible time with his internet; after two weeks he was finally able to get the provider out; Spectrum is hammered at this point and based on what the technician was sharing, they are not able to handle the capacity of kids on the internet in the mornings; complimented administrative staff on the time, energy, and dedication put into the Friday Report to keep the Board up and running the best they can in written word; continue to find the Friday Report informative, comprehensive; special interest this past Friday on the section Maintenance and Operations, this department is staying very busy and I appreciate the first hand report; thank you for your ongoing efforts on behalf of the Board for the Friday Report.

Board member Sandie Oerly ... a former Stork attendee, shares the frustration with Spectrum, this afternoon sent a letter of complaint, outrageous that the internet went up in cost and the service went down; kept up with the webinars and trainings; attended a webinar from the California Department of Education and the California Administrators Association on Instruction Time and Attendance Accounting; happened to be at the District Office when TOSA's and other staff were working on the difficult requirements and making it as easy for our teachers to meet the requirements; along with member Davies, had the opportunity to join in on

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the festivities celebrating Rosie's retirement from Carnelian Elementary School, it's sad we have not been able to have our usual grand retirement for so many that we have had leave us this year.

Board member Rebecca Davies ... we receive daily updates from the California School Boards Association, EdSource Publications, we watch webinars, there's a lot to keep up on; has had the privilege to be with her grandkids during the day and during their Distance Learning time and has a daughter that teaches 8th grade Math in a Distance Learning format, very aware of the challenges all the way around; loved going to Carnelian to celebrate Rosie Vasquez's retirement, she has been a great Child Care Coordinator over at Carnelian, she brought a lot of love and joy to many children; additionally, hats off to our teachers, staff and our administrators for working so hard to keep this all going forward, it is hard, but they come to work every day, they do the best they can and they are so dedicated; very grateful for their patience and perseverance.

SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS

Child Nutrition Director, Heather Sloan shared with the Board the new bussing pilot that started this week. It is a partnership between Transportation, Banyan, Hermosa Elementary School and three of our local apartment complexes. Thus far, the program has served approximately 75 kids in two day and has upped participation in the lunch program by 35 percent. It is a great way to ensure our students are being fed and meeting their needs. Excited that USDA did approve the free Pandemic Meals tentatively until December 31, 2020 (contingent on funding). Anyone between the ages of 0-18 years can participate in the meal program.

Superintendent Moore shared that both himself and Associated Superintendent Lori Thompson have been meeting with parent groups and what they have shared is that everybody wants schools to open for kids to return, but most importantly they want school to stay open, they don't want to go back and forth. No matter what is decided upon, parents need time to adjust to the change. Mr. Moore thanked Chris Becerra and the Child Development Department for all the hard work they are doing and their leadership. Superintendent Moore shared that he continues to meet weekly with the surrounding district's Superintendents. Looking forward to planning our strategies to reopening safely and permanently, as soon as we can.

Associated Superintendent Lori Thompson thanked the principals for putting together the Distance Learning update that is given to the Board every week. Principals reported they are pleased with how well the students, staff and families are starting to adapt to the routine. Everyone agrees that they prefer the students on campus, but they feel overall it is going well for the 3rd and 4th week of school. The idea of a parent help desk for technology was investigated, however after surveying the principals it was decided that the difficult tech questions would be referred directly to the Tech Department. The TOSA's have added a new training for teachers on breakout sessions. Mrs. Thompson has recently met with numerous groups; LCAP Advisory group, DLAC Group, Representatives from our Title I families and Foster Youth. In summary, they all agree the best place for our students is in school, they want it to be done, but they want it to be done safely. They are overall pleased with the efforts that the schools are making in trying to bring the classroom into their home. Their main request is when the District decides to bring students back to school that we provide plenty of notice as well as the hope would be that when we return to school, we stay open.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Board Payment Report

Approved the Board Payment Report, as presented.

Routine Personnel Items

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

Resolution #09-02-20(a) Supporting the Red Ribbon Week Campaign

Adopted Resolution #09-02-20(a) supporting the Red Ribbon Week Campaign and proclaim October 26, 2020 as Red Ribbon Week.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Adequate Instructional Materials Resolution #09-02-20(b)

Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Oerly, and carried unanimously to adopt the Adequate Instructional Materials Resolution #09-02-20(b) certifying a public hearing was held and a determination made that there is sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for students in the Alta Loma School District.

Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) Program

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to approve participation in the Community-Based English Tutoring (CBET) program for 2020-2021.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Dr. Thomas thanked Fiscal Services Director, Eric Hart and his staff for preparing the Unaudited Actuals Report. The Unaudited Actuals is a snapshot of one point in time for the School District. Positive outcomes from the 2019-20 Unaudited Actuals were minimal deficit spending following five years of surpluses, additional instructional time at the Junior Highs, investment in Student Support Services, Creation of STEM Classrooms at the Junior High Schools, Pre-COVID Technology investment, compensation increases for staff and support of Child Care and Child Nutrition. He provided a bar chart which included a multi-year report of our Unrestricted General Fund Unaudited Actuals comparing our beginning balances, revenues, and expenses 2018-19 through 2022-23 (projected). Positive budget items include COVID Response Instructional Program Investments such as, Nearpod and Freckle Licenses, 250 laptops for teachers, 20 laptops for subs, 350 Chromebooks, hot spots for families, TOSA summer hours and upgraded to Google G-Suite Enterprise for Education. COVID Health related investments have been thermometer, atomizers, disinfectant, portable hand washing stations, mask and face shields, gloves, custom Plexiglas barriers, social distancing signage and hand sanitizer. The State has agreed on budget deferrals, there will be numerous delays of payments owed to schools, but this is a better solution than a cut to the COLA. Alta Loma School District is in a better position than most districts and may have possible borrowing of funds in late 2021.

Unaudited Actuals

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried unanimously to accept the Report of Unaudited Actuals Financial Statements for the 2019-20 year as presented.

Article 13B Appropriation Limit

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to readopt the District's 2019-20 Article 13B Appropriation Limit in the amount of \$37,879,592.18 and adopt the 2020-21 Appropriation Limit in the amount of \$39,292,500.97. (Resolution No. 09-02-20(c).)

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Notice of Completion

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to approve Notice of Completion for the Project performed by Interpipe Contracting, Inc. and authorize Superintendent James Moore and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents.

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mrs. Payzant, and carried unanimously to approve Notice of Completion for the Project performed by Southcoast Acoustical Interiors, Inc. and authorized Superintendent James Moore and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Resolution Designating Week of the School Administrator

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution #09-02-20(d) designating the week of October 11 – 17, 2020 as Week of the School Administrator per Education Code Section 44015.1.

Board Policy Related to Community Relations

A first reading was held, to approve the revisions to Board Policy 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures, as presented.

Request for Retirement

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to accept the request for retirement from **Rosie Vasquez**, Child Care Coordinator, Carnelian School, effective September 2, 2020, for a total of 22 years of service to the District.

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to accept the request for retirement from **Maria McMullen**, Bus Driver, District Support Center, effective August 13, 2020, for a total of 17 years of service to the District.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, September 16, 2020 with a special session at 4:00 PM and the regular meeting at 6:00 PM at Alta Loma Junior High School, 9000 Lemon Avenue.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:42 PM for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Code Section 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.9(d), 54957, and 54957.6.

OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to Open Session, no announcements were made. The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM