

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2020

OPEN SESSION, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The special session portion of the meeting was called to order by Board President Rebecca Davies at 4:00 PM. Present were members Buller, Davies, Oerly, Payzant, and Roberts. Absent none.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Davies read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 4:02 PM for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Code section 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.9(d), 54957 and 54957.6.

1. Public Employee Appointment / Discussion – Superintendent.

REGULAR OPEN SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLIGIANCE

The Board convened to Regular Open Session at 6:02 PM and Teacher, Don Burke led the flag salute.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mrs. Payzant, and carried unanimously to approve the special meeting minutes of August 27, 2020, as presented.

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of September 2, 2020, as presented.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Child Nutrition Director, Heather Sloan updated the Board on what is happening in Child Nutrition. After Governor Newsom closed schools on Friday, March 13, Child Nutrition started serving curbside for the Seamless Summer Option beginning on Monday, March 16 at Alta Loma Elementary School. The Seamless Summer Option is free for anyone ages 0-18. In April Child Nutrition added Vineyard Junior High as a lunch pickup location. Child Nutrition served approximately 800 lunches per day. The CDE approved the request to extend the Seamless Summer Option until July 24 and recently the USDA extended the Seamless Summer Option through December 31, 2020, dependent on available funding. Total lunches served for spring and summer were 45,437 lunches and 5,768 breakfasts. Child Nutrition has started a bussing pilot program, partnering with our transportation department and two of our sites (Banyan and Hermosa). The program busses hot meals to three apartment complexes that reside in our district, this is reaching an additional 75 students per day. Child Nutrition has taken extra safety

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precautions to ensure the safety of our employees and students. Director, Heather Sloan thanked her staff and all the volunteers that were willing to work and serve our community. This program was possible and successful because of everyone who went above and beyond.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

The letter of approval of the 2020-21 Adopted Budget of the Alta Loma School District from San Bernardino County Business Advisory Services was presented for the Board's information.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Davies re-read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Peggy Swistock, Vineyard Junior High Teacher and ALEA President thanked the Board, District Staff and Teachers for a strong beginning to the school year and gave a special thanks to the Educational Services Department and Associate Superintendent Lori Thompson. Mrs. Swistock thanked parents, grandparents and the caretakers that are sitting with our students and supporting them through District Learning.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding school reopening and the importance of getting our students back to in-person instruction and the impact it is having on their social and emotional health.

- Steve Claflin
- Katie Boesen

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding distance learning. Raised questions about a survey to parents and the waiver that the District can apply for to get students back to in-person instruction and the screen time and effects it is having on their kid's eyes. Stressed the importance of having healthy teachers and the importance of support for our teachers and realize the demands that are on our teachers.

- Karli Preston
- Shirley Preston

Jaimee Sakaoghli, parent of two Alta Loma School District students, expressed that she is loving Distancing Learning along with her two children. Distance Learning is working for her family. Mrs. Sakoghli thanked the Board for the decisions they have made to keep her kids safe and to keep learning going during Distance Learning.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Board member Brad Buller ... continues to monitor as much as he can by reading, listening and observing; is experiencing Distance Learning first hand, with his grandchildren that are living with him at the moment; spending a lot of time at home.

Board member Caryn Payzant ... appreciated the opportunity to go on a tour of the construction projects that are going on in the District with fellow Board members S. Oerly and R. Davies;

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thanked Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation, Brian Salsgiver and Associate Superintendent Dr. Thomas for leading the tour; it was good to see our bond money at work; thanked our District Administration, teachers, and families for the Herculean task they have each day for leading our students in their learning; finds it interesting that the District is only providing positive stories to Board members and they are not hearing the other side of what's going on; not a fan of the waiver, but at least it's an effort to going back; I believe we can move a little faster, we're trying the best we can within our parameters; we still need to speak out and say this is not right, we need to all stand together and get our message out, this is not okay.

Board member Dave Roberts . . . spends as much time at home as he can like fellow Board member B. Buller; uses this time to stay up to date on the current innovations that are happening; has a daughter that teaches in the District and would agree that there are frustrations and things that she needs to work through within her day that she finds difficult, but unlike Board member C. Payzant not finding it to be a horrible situation; Mr. Roberts daughter is finding the good in it and the feedback that he is receiving from other teachers is that they are finding the good in it; encourages our schools and our school communities to look for the good in what's happening; we will work through this and in the end, hopefully we will all be better for it, including the children.

Board member Sandie Oerly . . . joined fellow Board members R. Davies and C. Payzant on the tour of the construction that is going on in the District; appreciated the letters that the Board received from staff and parents indicating that they are making it work and appreciate that there is instruction available; had the opportunity to represent the Board at a special event for Mary Laramie on the day of her birthday to honor her retirement; continuing to get on to as many webinars as possible, attended one from CSBA on mental health and possible funding sources for providing additional resources; attended a webinar today put on by ACSA with the Superintendent from San Diego County; the worse thing we could do, is bring our kids back to school and then have to shut down; attended Stork's dine-out at Chipotle and Panda Express and hoping to stop at Del Taco tonight to celebrate and support our community.

Board member Rebecca Davies . . . had the privilege of spending time with two of her grandchildren during the day during their Distance Learning; it's not ideal, but they are making great progress; has received positive comments from staff members and parents that they are making the best of it; excited that the Seamless Summer Feeding Program is continuing until December 31st, feeding our kids is so important; thanked Heather Sloan, Director of Child Nutrition for her out of the box thinking with the bussing pilot program; concurs that the amount of record keeping that teachers are required to do, does take time away from teaching, given the opportunity will advocate at the state level that they review that requirement; had a wonderful tour of the construction projects, thanked Dr. Thomas and Brian Salsgiver, classrooms look great and the furniture is multifunctional.

SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS

Associate Superintendent Lori Thompson shared with the Board how the District is meeting the requirements set from the state on how to take attendance and provide the weekly engagement record. There were five options given by the state, and the District chose to go with option five. Our TOSA's have come up with the easiest way that our teachers can meet these requirements using Google Classroom. Principals were trained last Thursday and assistant principals were

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trained this past Monday. Recommended to principals to train in smaller groups with each grade level team. TOSA's have been going out to sites and giving personal instruction.

Superintendent Moore commended the ALSD teachers for their efforts, this is hard work, its extra work and it's not the work they signed up for. Mr. Moore thanked the teachers for motivating the students and keeping them engaged. Superintendent Moore asked everyone to remember that we're all Alta Loma community, we're all Alta Loma family and we all care deeply about our kids, we all want to be safe and we all want to be Alta Loma and return to normal as soon as that allows us to.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Vendor Agreements

Approved agreements with the following vendors, and authorized James Moore, Steve Thomas, and/or applicable administrators to sign all related documents: 1) Department of General Services; 2) Magnolia Environment; 3) Rachel's Challenge.

Donations

Accepted with appreciation the following donations:

1. Donation of \$26,635.44 from Floyd M. Stork PFSA to Floyd M. Stork Elementary 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.

Budget Reports

Approved the 2020-21 Budgets for Alta Loma Junior High and Vineyard Junior High Associated Student Body Accounts.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Board Policy BP 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures

A second reading was held, then, moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mrs. Oerly, and carried unanimously to approve the revisions to Board Policy Related to Community Relations: BP 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Alta Loma School District's Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried unanimously to approve the Alta Loma School District's 2020-21 Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan as presented.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Amend Board Policy related to Personnel

A first reading was held to amend Board Policy Related to Personnel: BP4119.22, 4219.22, 4319.22 – Dress and Grooming.

Amend Board Policy related to Personnel

A first reading was held to amend Board Policy Related to Personnel: BP4119.24(a), 4219.24, 4319.24 – Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions.

Request for Retirement

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to accept the request for retirement from **Avemaria Sonntag**, Special Education Instructional Aide (SNA), Alta Loma Elementary School, effective September 5, 2020, for a total of 9 years of service to the District.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Bond Progress

Alta Loma Junior is completely done with the modernization projects, all classrooms are renovated, modernized and ready to go for when students return. Opening bids begin next Tuesday for Carnelian's Modernization Projects. Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas thanked Brian Salsgiver and his team for their efforts in navigating all the modernization projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, October 7, 2020, 6:00 PM at Alta Loma Junior High School, 9000 Lemon Ave.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:20 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

The Board reconvened to Open Session to take action on Closed Session item #6. Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried unanimously on Closed Session item a. OAH 2020070209.

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously on Closed Session item b. OAH 2020070867.

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:30 PM.