

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2020**

OPEN SESSION, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Rebecca Davies at 6:02 PM. Present were members Buller, Davies, Oerly, Payzant, and Roberts. Absent none.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Phil Suttner, Principal of Stork Elementary School lead the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Davies read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of September 16, 2020, as presented.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

None.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Prior to the Public Comments Superintendent James Moore read a statement to the public in attendance.

The Alta Loma School District submitted a waiver application to the San Bernardino County Department of Public Health for our elementary schools to reopen for in-person classes and if approved the waiver would allow for students at our elementary schools to return to school with restrictions. Waivers only allow TK through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at this point, and there are no state waiver applications for grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> to return to school. We are only able to apply for the waiver because the number of COVID-19 infections within our District boundaries is currently below that of San Bernardino County's whole. The County is currently purple and students are not allowed to return to school without an approved waiver. The waiver allows students to return in grades TK-6 with the following mandatory requirements.

- \* Physical distancing of at least 6 feet
- \* Students and staff must wear masks
- \* Physical distance must be maintained at recess and all times
- \* Rooms and high touch surfaces must be cleaned on a scheduled basis
- \* Additional restrictions can be found on the waiver application

If the waiver gets approved in the next couple of days that does not mean school will open the next day. At this time, we have not set a date for the return of teachers or students to school. The programming format for return to school has not been decided or determined. Children will

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not be required to return to school campuses, we are hoping to give families a choice. Families will have the choice of coming back in our Hybrid Model or remaining home in the Distance Learning Program. The District is going to make a good decision and we'll make the best decision possible for everyone.

The following teachers addressed the Board on their concerns, questions and thoughts on the re-opening plan and the teacher survey; asking to reconsider the plan for in-person instruction and continue with Distance Learning. In-person instruction is not what's best for students at this time, school will not be what it was pre-COVID. When students are able to safely return to school some are asking the Board to consider a hybrid am/pm model rather than a 2 day model. Under the am/pm model, students would receive direct instruction 5 days a week and it would give students 600 minutes a week where the 2 day model would only give students 520 minutes of live fact to face interaction with their teacher. Special Education teachers are asking for the return date of special education students to be pushed back to a later date until more questions can be answered and better prepared.

- Morgan Brunjes
- Lauren Mann
- Matthew Shinn
- Sonya Hess
- William Bonilla

The following individuals voiced their concerns on the Distance Learning Program and the impact it is having on their children's social, emotional and mental health, the Distance Learning Program is not working; asked the Board to advocate up to the Government for our children and get our kids back in school 5 days a week, the hybrid plan is not practical and will not work for working parents. Listen to our teachers, they know the families and what is best for the kids.

- Michael McCall
- Karli Preston
- Natalie Clark
- Diane Meza
- Janelle Wilson
- Desi Christensen
- Steve Clafin
- Amber Rainsberry

The following individuals are in favor of Distance Learning and for the District to continue with Distance Learning at this time. Expressed questions and concerns with moving to in-person learning; asking for more communication and open communication with parents and teachers. Kids are doing their best with Distance Learning; learning coping skills and skills they would not be learning if they were just in the classroom. We are doing the best we can with what we are given. Urged the Board to be sure they have done their homework on everything the scientist are putting out, it matters what the science says. We are all just parents coming together telling you what we think. We are all here for one reason, our kids. Distance Learning is the safest and most effective way to keep kids engaged daily, right now. Wait until January before parents have to make the decision on sending their children back, too much unknown and we are just heading into flu season.

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- Sol Sulanchupakorn
- Michelle DeLeRosa
- Jaimee Sakaoghli
- Lindsey Jakubowski
- Bety Dunnuna
- Sarah Horne
- Kristin Buller
- Mary Scalero

The Board took a ten-minute recess at 7:42 PM.

### PUBLIC HEARING

None.

### BOARD REPORT

Board member Brad Buller . . . stated the Board appreciates everybody's comments; Mr. Buller has been walking the community, talking with residents and allowing them to ask him what they would like about school, school issues, and family issues. Mr. Buller has had a heart for community from a very young age and has had the opportunity to be a part of building community as the planning director of the city for twenty years and ten years in Claremont; getting out and walking his neighborhood Mr. Buller is not afraid to hear a lot of comments and questions; wants to make a good decision; there are tough times still ahead of us; Mr. Buller continues to read, researches the web and checks out as much information as possible; continues to make a commitment as long as he is a Board member along with his colleagues to rustle with this issue together.

Board member Caryn Payzant. . . echoed what Board member Brad Buller stated, that the Board does not take any decision lightly, the Board works together as a team and they put children first; a message that was heard tonight is that we aren't communicating as well as we can be as a District, this is something we need to improve upon; our hands are tied by regulations and we're limited with what we are allowed to do; trying the best we can to work within those regulations and work a little further out so we can stand apart and represent our students the best we can; September 21, had the opportunity to have a one on one meeting with Niki Dettman, California School Board Association Representative for San Bernardino; appreciated the invitation from Carnelian School to attend their virtual Flag Assembly last Friday; amazed at the creativity of the awards that were given out to their students; recognizing kids in their learning environment; their motto "Be Kind, Be Safe, Be Proud" it's what we all need to be about each day.

Board member Dave Roberts . . . stays closer to home for safety reasons, he relies on what information he can gather from newspaper and the spoken word in an attempt to stay as informed as he can, especially regarding the Coronavirus; when it comes time to make decisions about where we are going to go, Mr. Roberts hopes he will be as informed as he can be and will be making good decisions based on data and input from many of the experts in the field; We are going to make the best of it, and do the best we can with what we have; as fellow Board members stated, Mr. Roberts is pleased that the public came out and shared their opinions and insights on what is happening in their world; the input is appreciated; Mr. Roberts thanked Cabinet and District Office staff for the comprehensive report they continue to provide the Board, the report helps to keep Mr. Roberts up and running and is very beneficial; pleased to learn from the report that the Information Program is up and running full time at the sites and it

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is due to the full time TAPs in place in the schools; Mr. Roberts thanked the teachers for attending the Board Meeting and appreciated their input.

Board member Sandie Oerly . . . continues to try and keep up with as many webinars as she can; sat in on a webinar from ACSA (Association of California School Administrators) titled “Student Leadership in the COVID Environment”; also attended a webinar with California State Superintendent Tony Thurmond, he acknowledged concerns on the state eligibility requirements and recognized many of the same concerns we are talking about; the most informative webinar that Mrs. Oerly sat in, was from San Bernardino County Supervisors; County Supervisors were encouraging everyone to get tested for COVID because the increased negative test will help get San Bernardino into the red and be able to have more options sooner; enjoyed a wonderful visit to the Child Care Program at Banyan, appreciated the tour and explanation given by Principal Cara Cerecerez and Child Development Director Chris Becerra; commendations to Mr. David Kwinn and Mrs. Kelly Kulm for what is definitely the most creative P.E. lesson that Mrs. Oerly has seen in a long time.

Board member Rebecca Davies . . . stated the Board is trying to listen and observe to help figure this out; all Board members receive daily, a variety of education based newsletters; Mrs. Davies shared a great way to get information is to check the District website and subscribe to the Superintendent’s monthly “Inspiration” newsletter; had the opportunity to visit the Child Care Program at Banyan Elementary, had a wonderful tour given by Principal, Cara Cerecerez, Child Care Director, Chris Becerra and site directors Angie and Marla; thankful for this great program and the service our Child Care can provide for our families; with fellow Board members have had the opportunity to watch our teaching staff teach from the classrooms, spoken with support staff, watched principals in action, taken school site tours with our Maintenance and Operations staff, spoken with our Technology staff, watched Child Nutrition provide meals, attended a tech class provided by one of our District TOSAs, have had many interactions with our two Associate Superintendents Lori Thompson and Steve Thomas and Superintendent James Moore who has been navigating these turbulent waters with ever changing wind direction, they have done a fabulous job; we have very smart dedicated staff, who demonstrate perseverance, creativity and resiliency on a daily basis under challenging and ever changing circumstances, who go above and beyond for our District students.

### SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

Superintendent James Moore shared that there were no reportable incidents for the District's quarterly submission for Williams Reporting for the period of July 1, 2020 – September 30, 2020. In 36 years of education in multiple school districts, Superintendent Moore has never been in a place that cares for the people as much as Alta Loma. Mr. Moore thanked the Board for all their reading, attending webinars and visiting the schools. We have a group that really wants to get this right and we are going to listen. The District hasn’t made any decisions yet, but hope that when they do, they make the best ones possible with the cards that they’ve got.

Superintendent Moore thanked the public for attending the Board meeting and taking the time out of their busy lives to come and share what is going on in their world.

### CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mr. Buller, 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) A & I Reprographics; 2) Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud & Romo Professional Corp; 3) Elite Modular Leasing & Sales.

Donations

Accepted with appreciation the following donations:

1. Donation of \$20,000 from Deer Canyon Elementary PTA to Deer Canyon Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
2. Donation of \$330.00 from Your Cause, LLC Trustee for Wells Fargo, Foundation Educational Matching Gifts Program to Victoria Groves Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
3. Donation of \$341.43 from Kroger (Ralph's Club Reward Program) to Victoria Groves Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
4. Donation of \$990.00 from The Blackbaud Giving Fund by its agent, Your Cause Edison International and its donors to Victoria Groves Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
5. Donation of \$70.00 from The Blackbaud Giving Fund by its agent, Your Cause Wells Fargo, Foundation Educational Matching Gifts Program to Victoria Groves 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.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

2020-21 Comprehensive School Safety Plans

Moved by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried unanimously to approve the 2020-21 Comprehensive School Safety Plan.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL

Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas expressed how excited the District is to continue the Modernization Projects during these challenging times. Approving contracts tonight for Carnelian Elementary School to begin the Modernization process. Pleased that the overall bids came in at around four and a half million, under the projected budget of around five and a half million. Pleased to be able to begin the Modernization process at Carnelian. Excited with the progress that has been made, making the best of a challenging time. When students do return, every classroom in this District will be modernized and have the greatest technology and learning environment for them.

Contracts Awarded

Given the extensive information provided to the Board on the process and the bids received, moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mrs. Oerly, and carried unanimously to award the following contracts for Bid #2019-20-04 Carnelian Elementary School Modernization Project, and authorize Superintendent James Moore and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents:

- Trade Category #7 Casework – Stolo Cabinets., Inc., in the amount of \$64,330
- Trade Category #8 Roofing & Sheet Metal – Bell Roof Company, in the amount of \$457,500
- Trade Category #10 Gypsum/Plaster/Insulation – Superior Wall Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$103,312
- Trade Category #12 Tile – Inland Pacific Tile, Inc., in the amount of \$82,400
- Trade Category #13 Acoustical Treatment – Elljay Acoustics, Inc., in the amount of \$107,647
- Trade Category #14 Flooring – Continental Flooring, Inc., in the amount of \$116,721
- Trade Category #15 Painting – Bithell, Inc., in the amount of \$179,516
- Trade Category #16 General Works – Spec Construction Co., Inc. in the amount of \$1,444,500
- Trade Category #21 Plumbing – Fisher, Inc., in the amount of \$191,000
- Trade Category #22 HVAC – All Star Air Systems, Inc., in the amount of \$460,000
- Trade Category #23 Electrical & Low Voltage – RDM Electric Co., Inc., in the amount of \$1,054,000
- Trade Category #27 Abatement & Demolition – Janus Corporation, in the amount of \$299,000

Notice of Completion

Moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mrs. Oerly, and carried unanimously to approve Notice of Completion for the Project performed by West-Tech Mechanical, Inc. and authorize Superintendent James Moore and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Board Policy Related to Personnel

A second reading was held, then moved by Mrs. Payzant, seconded by Mr. Roberts, and carried unanimously to amend Board Policies Related to Personnel with recommended amendments:

BP 4119.22, 4219.22, 4319.22 – Dress and Grooming.

Board Policy Related to Personnel

A second reading was held, then moved by Mrs. Oerly, seconded by Mrs. Payzant, and carried unanimously to amend Board Policies related to Personnel with recommended amendments

BP 4119.24(a), 4219.24, 4319.24 – Maintaining Appropriate Adult-Student Interactions.

BOARD INFORMATION /DISCUSSION

Budget Update

Fiscal II Director, Eric Hart turned in the Financial Report on how the District is spending the Cares Act Fund. The District purchased 3,000 Chromebooks for students in addition, 250 new laptops were purchased during the summer for each teacher. Technology was upgraded for students, parents, teachers and our classroom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a special meeting of the Board of Trustees on Saturday, October 10, 2020, 8:15 AM Alta Loma School District, 9390 Base Line Road, for the purpose of discussing Matters expressly authorized by Government Code Section 54957, Public Employee Employment.

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, October 21, 2020, 6:00 PM at the Alta Loma Junior High School, 9000 Lemon Ave.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:23 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 / ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to Open Session and adjourned the meeting at 10:05 PM.