

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, April 7, 2021.

OPEN SESSION, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The 5:00 PM session of the regular meeting was called to order by Board President Caryn Payzant at 5:02 PM. Present were members Buller, Davies, and Payzant. Members Martinez and Oerly attended via Teleconference. Absent: none.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Payzant read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Brie Kabia parent of students in the Alta Loma School District made a comment regarding the 5:00 pm closed session items. Ms. Kabia asked the Board to please take into consideration when they are dealing with cases with children in special education, there are two sides. Consider the student with special needs. Ms. Kabia thanked the Board for the new agenda, great steps toward transparencies.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 5:09 PM. Board member Martinez recused herself from the closed session Item D.6 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation
(Government Code §54956.9(d)(1)).

- a) Case No. 5:20-cv-01153-JGB-KK
- b) Case No. 5:20-cv-01583-JGB-SP

REGULAR OPEN SESSION

The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Caryn Payzant at 6:04 PM. No announcement was made.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Present were members Buller, Davies, and Payzant. Members Martinez and Oerly attended via Teleconference. Absent: none.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Vice President Brad Buller led the flag salute.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

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

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Payzant read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of March 3, 2021, with the following changes:

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Pg. 12 – The Board entered into a discussion about attendance at meetings and changing Board meeting dates and how to address public comments in the future. Both items were referred back to staff for further discussion.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) President Wes Smith updated the Board on current topics and updates on what we are seeing and dealing with state wide.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Steve Claflin – Parent of an ALSD student spoke of the importance of getting students back to school normally. He does not want to send his student back to school for 2 hours and for her to be told what dot to stand on. He would like for his daughter to go back to school when school is back under normal conditions.

Marlene Faulner – Spoke on the same issue as Mr. Claflin and stated that her son’s transfer is being threatened because of his grades. His grades have declined during Distance Learning and wants a normal school year for her kids. Distance Learning is not working.

PUBLIC HEARING

None.

BOARD REPORTS

Board member Brad Buller . . . attended a zoom Chamber event with guest speaker Mayor Pro Tem Lynne Kennedy; kudos to the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Rancho Cucamonga for all they do to make this the premier community that it is; attended an online session with Representative Pete Aguilar and his team; attended an online conference “Trees for Tomorrow”; March 16, had the opportunity to sit on a panel for the San Bernardino County Schools Student Advisory Panel, this program allowed students to address and engage leaders and policy makers; had the chance to be the pick up and drop off person for his grandkids at Victoria Groves Elementary School; has received several very kind cards, text messages and letters from parents in our District, appreciates the “thank you”.

Board member Rebecca Davies . . . shared information about the Superintendent’s Friday Update, it has great information on what’s happening in our District as well as all of our schools; if you are not signed up, you can go to the District website and subscribe to receive the weekly update; along with fellow Board members Buller and Martinez, March 4 attended the RC Chamber of Commerce interview with Mayor Pro Tem Lynne Kennedy, as part of their Women’s History Month, highlighting women leaders in our community; her biggest accomplishment was the city of Rancho Cucamonga receiving the All-America City award; March 4, also attended the CSBA Legislative Action Week 2021 training session , in preparation for our meetings with our state legislators; March 15, as part of the CSBA board member team, met with Senator Ochoa Bogh, discussion focused on sate legislation to expand broadband access and the digital divide, return to school challenges and the state budget as it related to education; March 16, along with fellow Board member Martinez, met with State Assembly member Chris Holden, topics discussed were the same as with Senator Ochoa Bogh; March 18 listened in on the Capitol Advisors meeting hosted by Kevin Gordon, on The American Rescue Plan; had the opportunity to virtually attend the city of

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Rancho Cucamonga's "State of the City" address, Rancho was awarded the highly sought-after designation as an "All American City"; Rancho Cucamonga is the first Inland Empire city since 1977 to receive this designation; to celebrate the city receiving the "All American City" award, the city has initiated a street banner project; Alta Loma School District is participating and will have 2 street banners, funding for these banners is from personal donations; March 31 attended the Parent Leaders Group meeting with fellow Board member Oerly; April 1, the RC Chamber of Commerce hosted a meeting with Mayor Dennis Michael, the Mayor shared the Chamber was formed in 1951, which is 26 years before the city's incorporation; grateful for the hard work that District staff, parents, students and Board colleagues have done in preparation for student's return to campus; March 1, welcomed students back to Jasper and March 15, welcomed Preppy K and Kindergarten students back to Banyan; March 30, welcomed back 1st and 2nd graders at Victoria Groves and got to share in their excitement; April 6, welcomed back our 3rd – 8th grade students at Vineyard Junior High, it was truly a joy to be present to greet the students and parents; many smiling eyes as they started their first day on campus; congrats to all on a very successful transition to a hybrid format of in-person learning on campus.

Board member Jessica Martinez . . . thanked a member of the community in attendance Steve for creating opportunities for students to engage with each other; heard the Easter egg hunt he organized was very successful, it created an event for Alta Loma families and students; participated in virtual seminars since the March 3 Board meeting; March 4, along with fellow Board member Davies, attended a virtual meeting with Mayor Pro Tem Lynne Kennedy, it was a pleasure to learn more about Mayor Pro Tem Lynne Kennedy and how passionate she is about education, transparency and our beautiful city of Rancho Cucamonga; participated in CSBA's Legislative Action Week and a virtual seminar title "Effective Boardmanship, Effective Communication for a successful Effective Boardancy"; appreciative to be able to attend CSBA's Masters in Governance Course 2, Student Learning & Achievement / Policy & Judicial Review; attended a virtual seminar put on by ACSA, titled "Believing for Equity"; had a virtual meeting with Superintendent Hendricks and Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas; thanked Superintendent Hendricks for her time and providing the Friday Board Report and providing pictures of what the classrooms will look like.

Board member Sandie Oerly . . . has been out of the District quite a bit since the last Board meeting taking care of her sister after her surgery; listened in on two CSBA sessions; attended the Alta Loma Parent Group Meeting along with fellow Board member Davies; was able to listen to the "State of the City" and today had the opportunity to sit in on ACSA's review of the Governor's recent statement; was able to join Stork Elementary School and Alta Loma Junior High in welcoming back students on Tuesday.

Board member Caryn Payzant . . . along with fellow Board members attended the "State of the City" address; proud to be a part of this great city, proud of the legacy Alta Loma School District has and great things are always happening in Rancho Cucamonga; shout out to Sierra DiShavi, our Choir Director, Sierra was nominated by her husband to sing the National Anthem at an Anaheim Ducks games, and was recognized by the Ducks for Teacher Night; attended school sites and had the opportunity to talk firsthand with parents, teachers, students, and staff as our special day class, Preppy K and Kindergarten students returned to campus; visited Alta Loma Elementary as the 1st and 2nd graders returned to campus, this Friday will be visiting the junior highs; since last July, been working hard and voicing the need for students to be back in class; our District is a leader in our county, especially in getting kids back to school and hopefully we can move forward to have them in school longer as we move to open schools full time; appreciate all the sacrifices of our

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Superintendent, executive staff, principals, teachers, Parents, community and our students for staying with us and being with us as we go back to this journey of being in school; it's exciting, it's hard, but it's rewarding.

SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Hendricks shared that our principals are contributing greatly to the weekly Superintendent's Update, they are updating the community on the great things that are happening at their school sites. Excited to have our first meeting in person and thanked our technology department, especially our Director, Rick Brindle in helping to make this in-person meeting possible.

Associate Superintendent of Educational Services, Lori Thompson shared that our District is planning for an in-person summer program for some of our students who may need a bit of catching up. Director of Education, Susie Melton and Director of Special Education, Lisabeth Piña gave a brief description of the three programs the District will be offering this summer.

Director of Education, Susie Melton, shared with the Board a brief overview of C.A.M.P. Alta Loma and Child Care's Summer Day Camp:

- C.A.M.P. Alta Loma – Creating Academic Measurable Progress.
- 4 week academic-based program
- Monday – Friday; June 3, - June 30, 2021; 8am-12pm
- Locations will be Alta Loma Elementary, Victoria Groves and Alta Loma Junior High
- No Cost
- Small cohorts program offering Reading, Writing, and Math.
- Summer Day Camp
- Monday – Friday; June 1, - July 30, 2021; 6:30am-6pm
- Locations will be Alta Loma Elementary, Banyan, and Victoria Groves
- Weekly Themes, Special Events, Club Days, Walking Field Trips, Water Play and Assemblies
- Various pricing options – registration begins Monday, April 12
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Director of Special Education, Lisabeth Piña gave a brief overview to the Board on ESY (Extended School Year)

- ESY is for special education students.
- 4 weeks of special education programs and services
- Monday – Friday; June 3, - June 30, 2021; 8am-11am (PK/K); 8am-12pm (1st-8th)
- Locations -Banyan and Alta Loma Junior High
- Services will include group, individual, push-in and pull-out
- The goal is to focus on maintaining skills, minimize regression, work on established IEP goals.

Associate Superintendent Lori Thompson shared where the District is at with our state testing. As of last Thursday, the District has not received guidance from the state if we must administer the CAASPP test. Principals and TAPs were provided refresher training on how to give the assessment. Waiting to hear if the District will have to give the assessments or use the assessments our students have already taken.

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Superintendent Hendricks, Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas, and Associate Superintendent Lori Thompson shared with the Board and community where the District is with the reopening of in-person learning. COVID rates in our community are extremely low, the Alta Loma School District is in the orange zone. 83% of our staff has either been fully vaccinated, partially vaccinated or plan soon to be vaccinated. Staff has done an outstanding job preparing for the temperature checks, arrivals and everything we haven't done before.

Superintendent Hendricks shared with the Board the possibilities of the change to the instructional model. With new social distancing classroom guidelines, staff has started to look at reconfiguring classrooms and crafted a "To Do" list prior to the potential model change. The aspirational model would be April 13, information out to staff and community; April 27, Grades 3-6 would attend in-person 4 days a week, and grades 7-8 would attend periods 1-6 4 days a week. Mondays would continue to stay Distance Learning.

The Board of Trustees entered into discussion regarding the proposal of moving forward with the aspirational model. After Board discussion the Board supported and directed staff to move forward with the aspirational model.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Vendor Agreements

Approved agreements with the following vendors, and authorized Karen Hendricks, Steve Thomas, and/or applicable administrators to sign all related documents: 1) Alexandria; 2) Department of General Services; 3) Inland Valley Daily Bulletin; 4) San Joaquin County Office of Education; 5) Whole Child Therapy.

Donations

Accepted with appreciation the following donations:

- a. Donation of \$400 from Northrop Gruman Corporation Aerospace Systems to Hermosa Elementary School's 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

Consulting Agreement

Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried unanimously to approve a consulting agreement with Children's Therapy Network for provision of Speech and Language Services from April 1, 2021 – June 20, 2021 for an amount not-to-exceed \$44,625 and authorize Superintendent Karen Hendricks and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents.

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BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Notice of Completion

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to approve Notice of Completion for the Deer Canyon Elementary New Classroom Addition performed by Inland Building Construction Companies, Inc. and authorize Superintendent Karen Hendricks and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents.

One-Year Contract Extension

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to approve a one-year extension to the agreement for auditing services with Jeanette L. Garcia & Associates to perform the audits required for both the District financial records and District Measure H Bond activity for a total not-to-exceed \$30,500.

Purchase of a new Ford F-250

Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Mrs. Oerly, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of a new Ford F-250 Crew Cab Pickup Truck for the Director of Maintenance, Operations, Transportation, and Safety, for an estimated cost of \$44,582 plus sales tax, and further authorize Superintendent Karen Hendricks and/or Associate Superintendent Steve Thomas to sign all related documents.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

The Board entered into a discussion about writing a letter of support for the Library's second floor project to request funding from our Congressman.

Board member Martinez asked how are we going to get public participation now that we are going to in-person meetings, there are some members of the public that don't feel comfortable going to in-person meetings? Superintendent Hendricks shared that if the District receives written communication those can be included in the written comments in the next Board packet.

Future Agenda Items

May 5, 2021 – 2019-2020 Retiree presentation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, April 21, 2021, 6:00 PM at Alta Loma Junior High School, 9000 Lemon Ave.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:04 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 no announcements were made. The Board adjourned the meeting at 9:25 PM.

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