

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF THE
LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

October 18, 2017

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Long Beach Unified School District, County of Los Angeles, California, was held in the Community Room of the Administration Building at 1515 Hughes Way, Long Beach, California, on October 18, 2017.

Present: Members Craighead, Kerr, McGinnis and Meyer
Student Member Drew Jones, Lakewood HS

Absent: Member Williams and Superintendent Steinhauser

Call to
Order

President Kerr called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in Room 464.

Closed
Session

President Kerr announced that the Board would be considering Items 4, 6 and 10 as listed on the Closed Session agenda.

Call to
Order

Having completed the Closed Session, President Kerr called the Open Session meeting to order in the Community Room at 5:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance, led by Student Member Jones.

Report of
Closed
Session

President Kerr reported that the Governing Board had been meeting in Closed Session regarding matters listed on today's Closed Session agenda and wished to announce that the Board voted to approve a mutual release and settlement agreement involving construction at Jordan High School, the terms of which resolve the claims between the parties.

The vote was 4-0 with Members Craighead, Kerr, McGinnis and Meyer participating in the vote to approve.

In closed session on May 10, 2012, the Board voted unanimously to adopt a resolution finding charges against a certificated teacher, employee number 00100123, constitute grounds for dismissal. The vote was unanimous with Members Craighead, McGinnis, Meyer, Stanton and Williams participating in the vote. Such decisions are not reported out under the Brown Act until all administrative appeals are exhausted. This teacher's final administrative appeal has now been exhausted with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing upholding the termination decision.

Public
Hearing

President Kerr announced the Public Hearing for the Williams Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, and asked if there were any speakers.

Williams
Sufficiency of
Instructional
Materials

There was no reply and the hearing was declared closed.

Call for
Agenda
Items/

President Kerr asked if Board Members had any items listed on the agenda for separate action.

Adopt
Agenda

It was moved by Member McGinnis that the agenda be adopted as published.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Approval
of
Minutes

It was moved by Member Meyer that the minutes of October 2, 2017 be approved as written.

The motion carried. The vote was 3-0 with Member McGinnis abstaining and Member Williams not present.

Communi-
cations

LA County
Teachers of
the Year

Pamela Seki, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction, introduced Jennifer Crocket, Program Specialist for MyPD and Teacher of the Year Coordinator. Ms. Crockett shared that the Los Angeles County Office of Education Teacher of the Year program is a very rigorous process. Stephanie Heilig from Stanford Middle School and Kari Milton from Bancroft Middle School were selected this year.

Ms. Milton was also recognized as a finalist in the 2017 National Presidential Awards for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching.

Both teachers were congratulated and received a certificate of recognition.

Hearing of
Public
Testimony

President Kerr asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Board on matters of school district business listed on the agenda.

There was no reply.

Staff Report

Achievement
Gap Initiative

David Zaid, Director, Employee Relations, shared that while the district is recognized nationally and internationally, we continue to focus intently on closing any remaining achievement gaps. Last year the goal was set to close the gap by 50%, which led to creative thinking and partnering with the City of Long Beach to create the LB Library Tutoring and Alignment Pilot. The purpose was to collaborate, explore and strategically align the district's standards, skills and instructional practices with the library tutoring and family services program.

For the 2016-17 school year, the program focused on three zip codes having the greatest need and was piloted at Smith Elementary, Addams Elementary and Whittier Elementary, targeting fourth and fifth graders. The tutoring took place at the Burnett Library, Mark Twain Library and the Michelle Obama Library. Students received extra math support and engaged in hands-on activities to better prepare for the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test.

All schools showed considerable progress with Smith ES averaging 31 points, 69 points at Addams ES and 22 points at Whittier ES. This year the program will expand to five schools, with the addition of Lincoln instead of Whittier, Longfellow and Garfield. The Dana Branch Library and the Bret Harte Library will also participate.

Also this year, we are tapping into a resource called "BrainFuse" which provides practice tests as well as a 24-hour writing feedback service. Students can submit a paper that they've written and it will be proofread and tips will be shared on how to improve the writing.

Mr. Zaid thanked the curriculum leaders, our community partners and the administrative secretary in his office, for their support in this new endeavor.

Hearing of Public Testimony

President Kerr asked if there was anyone present who wished to address the Board on matters of school district business not listed on the agenda.

Peter Mathews, parent, spoke regarding class sizes and having a nurse at each school.

Personnel

Member McGinnis presented the Certificated and Classified Recommendations, prepared by the Deputy Superintendent of Education Services, Human Resource Services, and approved and recommended by the Superintendent.

It was moved by Member McGinnis that the Certificated and Classified Recommendations of the Deputy Superintendent of Education Services, Human Resource Services, be approved and authorized.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Instruction Report

Member Meyer moved approval of the Instruction Report.

President Kerr thanked the new members appointed to the Community Advisory Committee for Special Education.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Finance Report

Member Craighead moved approval of the Finance Report.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Business Report

Member McGinnis moved approval of the Business Report.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Purchasing & Contract Report

Member Meyer moved approval of the Purchasing & Contract Report.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Superintendent's Items

Jill Baker, Deputy Superintendent of Schools, presented the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Education approve the Expulsion for Student # 8024. This student would not be eligible for readmission until the end of the 2017-18 spring semester.

However, Staff recommends a suspended expulsion with an opportunity to attend another school within LBUSD.

It was moved by Member McGinnis that Recommendation No. 1 of the Deputy Superintendent of Schools be approved and authorized.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

2. That the Board of Education approve the Expulsion for Student # 1741. This student would not be eligible for readmission until the end of the 2017-18 spring semester.

However, Staff recommends a suspended expulsion with an opportunity to attend the Guidance Opportunity Class at Marshall MS.

It was moved by Member Craighead that Recommendation No. 2 be approved and authorized.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

3. That the Board of Education immediately suspend the expulsion for Student # 4657 and allow the opportunity to attend the Guidance Opportunity Class at Marshall MS.

It was moved by Member McGinnis that Recommendation No. 3 be approved and authorized.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Unfinished
Business

None.

New
Business

Member Meyer moved approval of Resolution 101817-A, Sufficiency of Textbooks and Instructional Materials.

Res. 101817-A,
Sufficiency of
Textbooks and
Instructional
Materials

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Res. 101817-D,
Supporting
National
Principals
Month

Member Craighead read and moved approval of Resolution 101817-D, Supporting National Principals Month.

Connie Magee, Principal at Jefferson MS, received the recognition of behalf of the Association of Long Beach Educational Managers & Confidential Employees (ALBEM). She thanked the Board for this special recognition.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Reappointment
of Personnel
Commissioner

Member McGinnis moved approval of the Reappointment of Personnel Commissioner.

Terence Ulaszewski was in attendance and he thanked the Board for their continued confidence in him. He has a lasting commitment to this community and the future leaders of the district.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Initial Successor
Bargaining
Proposals from
TALB to LBUSD

President Kerr is in receipt of the Initial Successor Bargaining Proposals from the Teachers Association of Long Beach (TALB), K-12 and CDC/Head Start, to the Long Beach Unified School District.

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Pre-Qualified
Construction
Management
Consultants

Member Meyer moved to approve the Pre-Qualified Construction Management Consultants.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Res. 101817-C,
Approving
Proposed Project
& Adopting Initial
Study & Negative
Declaration for the
Kettering ES
Interim Housing

Member McGinnis moved to approve Resolution 101817-C, Approving the Proposed Project and Adopting the Initial Study and Negative Declaration for the Kettering Elementary School Interim Housing.

Alan Reising, Facilities Branch director, stated that the approval is for a California Environmental Quality Act Negative Declaration document for work for interim housing installations at Kettering Elementary School. This project is in support of our Measure E construction bond. He pointed out a correction on the agenda, which references a mitigated negative declaration. This in fact, is a Negative Declaration and he read the actual resolution.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0 with Member Williams not present.

Report of
Board
Members

Student Member Jones stated that she is the president of the ASB at Lakewood HS. She shared information on past and upcoming school activities, including their homecoming week and Project Shepherd. She was proud to announce that Lakewood HS had the highest Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) test scores for English and third highest in Math for the district.

Member McGinnis shared that he is on the board for the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, and he congratulated them on a new adult graduation-career online program, where students earn actual diplomas. He also commended the public library for the Drag Queen Story Hour, supporting the LGBTQ community.

Mr. McGinnis attended the United Cambodian Community (UCC) Gala, where former board member Bonnie Lowenthal was honored, as well as community member Sara Pol-Lim. Lastly, Darith Ung, survivor of the killing fields and current teacher with the district was given the Rumdal Blessing Award.

Member Meyer thanked the safety team staff members throughout the district for their amazing work. He also thanked Dr. Sandy Blazer, principal at Wilson HS. Dr. Blazer familiarized herself with all of the graduates from the Class of 1952 and attended their reunion recently, sharing the accomplishments and successes at Wilson and our district.

Member Craighead has been visiting several schools, and as read in the resolution, she sees first-hand how our principals are educational visionaries and multipliers of good teaching. She thanked the Assistance League and Operation School Bell for their donation of uniforms to the students at Powell K-8.

President Kerr thanked the Assistance League, Operation School Bell and the Rick Rackers, who provide 10,000 uniforms to the Powell students. This year they brought in community partners and really made this an uplifting event.

Ms. Kerr also thanked the Public Library for the Drag Queen Story Hour at the Michelle Obama Library. The library has made a great impact in north Long Beach. She also attended the meeting for the Community Advisory Committee for special education families, where a positive collaboration took place. She also attended the UCC Gala and she believes that we might be the only district that offers an Advanced Placement (AP) Khmer program.

Lastly, she thanked the research team again for the college readiness guides that are now live. The rollout was great to watch as a parent and as a board member.

Superinten-
dent's
Report

Deputy Superintendent Baker shared that the first of two High School CHOICE Summits would be taking place on October 21 at Long Beach City College, Pacific Coast Campus. A second summit will be held on November 4 at the LBCC Liberal Arts Campus.

Announce-
ments

President Kerr announced that Member Williams and Superintendent Steinhauser were attending the annual conference for the Council of Great City Schools, who we collaborate very closely with.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kerr adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, November 1, 2017 in the Administration Building, 1515 Hughes Way, at 5:00 p.m.

Leticia Rodriguez
Assistant Secretary