

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

November 15, 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 November 15, 2017.

Present: Members Craighead, Kerr, McGinnis, Meyer, and Williams  
Student Member Jack Dixon, Millikan HS

Absent: None.

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 8, 9 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 Dixon.

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 settlement and general release involving the purchase of computer services, the terms of which resolve the claims between the parties.

The vote was 5-0 with all members participating in the vote to approve.

Public  
Hearing

None.

Call for  
Agenda  
Items/  
Adopt  
Agenda

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

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

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Approval  
of  
Minutes

It was moved by Member Meyer that the minutes of November 1, 2017 be approved as written.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Communi-  
cations  
Recognition of  
Retiree

The retiree was not present.

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.

Valeeta Phar, CSEA, spoke regarding the reductions for some classified staff.

Staff Report

None.

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.

Brent Wildey, employee, spoke regarding the Maintenance Dept. reorganization.  
Chett Davidson, employee, spoke regarding the Maintenance Department.  
Thomas Marchese shared concerns with the Kettering interim housing.  
Anne Rupp-Law, parent, spoke regarding a graduation conflict.  
Susan Garcia, employee, spoke regarding the curriculum for 7<sup>th</sup> grade science.

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 unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Instruction  
Report

Member Meyer moved approval of the Instruction Report.

President Kerr inquired about the revisions to Board Policy 6174.

Pamela Seki, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum Office, shared that there have been legislative changes, effective July 1, and have been implemented by the district. A key change is that the goals and services to supporting English learners, including student engagement and academic achievement, are to be a focus of and identified in the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). Other key changes is the need for effective professional development for all school personnel who work with English learners, as well as having the reclassification criteria included in the board policy.

Christopher Lund, Assistant Superintendent, Research Office, briefly described the new reclassification criteria, including the use of a new test. The exam is called the LPAC and it replaces the CELDT, which historically has been used as part of the criteria for reclassification or redesignation of English learners.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Finance  
Report

Member Williams moved approval of the Finance Report.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Business Report

Member Craighead moved approval of the Business Report.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Purchasing & Contract Report

Member Meyer moved approval of the Purchasing & Contract Report.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Superintendent's Items

The Superintendent of Schools, presented the following recommendation:

That the Board of Education approve the Administrative Assignment as noted.

Administrative Assignment

It was moved by Member Williams that the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools be approved and authorized.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Member Craighead moved approval of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee.

CTE Advisory Committee

President Kerr noted the composition of the members, which is a broad swath of people connected with our pathways. She would ask that we explore further the addition of representatives from the building trades, as we have some construction engineering programs.

The motion carried. The vote was unanimous with all five members participating in the vote.

Report of Board Members

Student Member Dixon shared that he is the president of the Associated Student Body (ASB) at Millikan HS. Their goal this year is to improve the school spirit and sense of unity. He shared information on their past events, such as their Acts of Kindness, and noted that the alumni are very involved in their activities. The ASB is working very hard to make Millikan a very inclusive campus.

Member Meyer shared that Dave Radford recently passed away. Mr. Radford was a long time educator at Poly, Jordan and Millikan High Schools.

Mr. Meyer thanked the staff for the workshop they put together. He recognized Maurice Scott, one of the many classified staff in our district, and thanked them for their hard work and having a positive impact on our students.

Lastly, he congratulated Jill Baker on her recognition by the Long Beach Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP).

Member Williams echoed the congratulations to Dr. Baker. The recent school visits were impressive, with great instruction happening at both schools. It is heartwarming to see that the students are being encouraged to be more interactive in their own learning.

Member Craighead shared about the great visits to McKinley ES, Signal Hill ES, Bancroft MS and Stanford MS. She also attended a picnic hosted by the Teachers Association of Long Beach (TALB). She congratulated the Lakewood HS Lancer Battalion unit, which is their ROTC, on their recent competition and also the Millikan HS football team for making it to the playoffs.

Ms. Craighead read part of a letter she received from a veteran, showing his appreciation for the Veteran's Day ceremony at Bixby ES. She thanked the school community for honoring and including the larger community around them.

Member McGinnis shared a brochure he received from the Long Beach Public Library Foundation, where a Poly student was highlighted. Aaron first walked into the Burnett Library as a second grader and he is now a senior who plays on the football team, takes Advanced Placement (AP) classes, and serves as an ambassador to the middle schools on college readiness and library resources.

Mr. McGinnis noted the passing of Helen Borgers, Poly graduate and well-known jazz DJ at Cal State University Long Beach. Ms. Borgers memorized all of Shakespeare's sonnets and most of his plays by junior high. She was one of the founding students of the School of Educational Alternatives at Poly, graduating early and attending CSULB.

President Kerr congratulated Dr. Baker, as well as Suzanne Caverly, assistant principal at Poly-PAAL, on her award from the CCEJ. She also shared about the event formally welcoming Dr. Reagan Romali, president of Long Beach City College and the recommitment to the Long Beach College Promise.

Ms. Kerr thanked all the staff involved in the High School Choice Symposiums and the school parent nights, which were very well attended. The ACE program at Jordan HS received an \$80,000 check from Endeavor.

Lastly, Ms. Kerr thanked all the staff, presenters and behind-the scene people for the great board workshop. It was two full days of celebrations and challenges, with incredibly thorough information.

Superinten-  
dent's  
Report

Superintendent Steinhauser thanked the Board for their leadership, which was reflected in the workshop. He encouraged everyone to watch the videos.

Mr. Steinhauser commended Student Member Dixon and Millikan HS, whose kindness challenge was unbelievable and is being replicated at other high schools. It's great to see our young people taking on this leadership and feels that we do have the best city in the nation.

Lastly, Mr. Steinhauser shared an MVP award, along with \$10,000, given to the district by the Council of Great City Schools. LBUSD had the highest number of students who signed up for an account with the Khan Academy. The money will be shared with the school sites through the Advanced Placement (AP) Coordinators.

Announcements

Member Craighead announced the Band Spectacular happening at 7 p.m. at Lakewood HS.

Member Williams shared that the Robotics Competition is taking place at Cabrillo HS on Saturday.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kerr adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. in honor of DJ Helen Borgers as well as Eric Dagel, student at Marshall MS.

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

Leticia Rodriguez  
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