

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

February 21, 2018

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 February 21, 2018.

Present: Members Craighead, Kerr, McGinnis, Meyer, and Williams
Student Member Jodie Pontino, Wilson HS

Absent: None.

Call to
Order

President Kerr called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. in Room 464.

Closed
Session

President Kerr announced that the Board would be considering Items 4, 7 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 Pontino.

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 agreement in a special education matter providing consideration and accommodations.

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

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 Craighead that the minutes of February 7, 2018 be approved as written.

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

Communi-
cations

Member Craighead recognized Maria Sapitan for her 15 years of dedicated service.

Recognition
of Retiree

Citizens
Oversight
Committee
Annual Report

Rosi Pederson, Chairperson, Measure E and Measure K Citizen's Oversight Committee, shared their ninth annual report which covers activities from July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017. At their regular meetings, the Committee reviewed quarterly project activities and financial reports for the program. During this time period, six projects were completed and there were 21 active projects. In January 2017, the independent audit report found no findings.

Ms. Pederson thanked the former committee members for their dedication and support, and she acknowledged the recently appointed new members who were in attendance.

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

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.

Kim Eeles, parent, spoke regarding closed campuses and fencing.
Michael Gray, counselor, spoke regarding mental health services.
Michelle Sellers, nurse, spoke regarding the care center at Poly HS.
Andy Ramirez, parent, spoke regarding school safety.

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.

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

Finance
Report

Member Craighead moved approval of the Finance Report.

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

Business Report

Member Williams 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 recommendations:

1. That the Board of Education approve the expulsion for Student # 6107. This student would not be eligible to apply 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 Williams that Recommendation No. 1 of the Superintendent of Schools be approved and authorized.

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

2. That the Board of Education approve the expulsion for Student # 9985. This student would not be eligible to apply 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 Meyer that Recommendation No. 2 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 McGinnis moved approval of Resolution 022118-A, Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees.

Res. 022118-A,
Non-Reelection of
Temp. Certificated
Employees

Superintendent Steinhauser shared that by Ed Code law, we need to advise employees by March 15 if they will have a job the following year. The individuals listed here are temporary contract employees, which means their contract is only for one year.

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

Report of
Board
Members

Student Member Pontino stated that Wilson HS added pathways this year, which are different sets of courses students can choose to take in addition to their A-G courses. Credit recovery classes and tutoring opportunities have also been added. All sports made it to CIF finals.

Ms. Pontino shared activities and projects they've worked on. The most recent project going to the victims in Parkland, Florida, sending 3600 hearts with handwritten messages to the students of Douglas High School. They have also devised an easy-to-use template for students to write letters to Congress, urging them for change. A change needs to happen in our country. As future lawmakers and citizens, their voices can make a difference for the well-being of our nation. Enough is enough.

Board Member McGinnis acknowledged the strong comments made by the student member, and strongly believes youth leadership is our best hope, but we all have a responsibility and need to take actions.

Mr. McGinnis attended a musical at Oropeza ES "Americans We", a celebration of "We the People" by Teresa Jennings for President's Day weekend. He also attended a beautiful production at the First Congregation Church celebrating the life of gay, African American civil rights leader Bayar Rustin. The Poly Gospel Choir and the Wilson Mixed Choir participated as well.

He thanked Deputy Superintendent Jill Baker for the visits to Hughes MS and McBride HS.

Board Member Craighead added that the Collaborative Inquiry Visits (CIV) are an opportunity for the board members to visit the classrooms and observe what is happening, and to celebrate the teacher's and student's accomplishments. She shared about the "Who is Your Wolf" Program at McBride, which encourages all students to have an adult they can trust and talk with.

Ms. Craighead visited Burcham ES and the students from Sato Academy where there for engineering day, giving presentations and facilitating projects with the elementary students. Kudos to everybody in the program.

Board Member Williams appreciated Jodie's comments, which demonstrate a global concept of the youth's place in the world and the commitment that students are showing towards these issues. Really remarkable, and it makes us proud of our students.

Dr. Williams shared how important these site visits are, as they are able to see the emphasis that's placed on learning and the continuation of Common Core. He suggested more formative assessments early on in order to determine which students need more assistance.

He enjoyed the presentation at Oropeza ES and the message that they are sending to the community; that they should be looked at as part of the American fabric.

Member Meyer shared about the PTA brunch and gave kudos to the parents that get involved. In particular, he thanked past PTA presidents Linda Hayes, Leslie Darling, Jody Story and our own Diana Craighead. They really stepped up and led the way in supporting our kids.

Mr. Meyer thoroughly enjoyed the visits as well, and how accommodating the teachers were. The interaction with the kids and the time spent reading and evaluating the writing is to be applauded. He thanked them all for their hard work and dedication.

President Kerr thanked Jodie for the strong words. She sent heartfelt condolences to the Parkland Community on behalf of the Board and the school district.

Ms. Kerr stated that prior to joining the Board, she would oftentimes come to the board meetings and address the board, not always understanding the dual role that it would be to have this job. One of the last times she did speak was after the Sandy Hook Massacre. As a parent, she just needed to be reassured that her kids were safe, knowing full well that this district takes seriously the safety of every child, and that all schools have plans in place. So today, as a mom and a member of this body, she wants to reassure parents that we are doing everything we can to keep your kids safe.

Ms. Kerr thanked Chief Hickman, Chief Luna of the Long Beach Police Department, all the officers involved and all the staff who have worked tirelessly on recent incidents. Makes her proud of who we are, although we have work to do around relationships and not being just kind to each other but inclusive of each other. She also thanked the parents who spoke tonight regarding their students' safety.

Ms. Kerr also thanked Mr. Senay Kenfe, an alumni of the district, who through crowd sourcing online, fundraised to give 1000 movie tickets to his old school, for the movie "Black Panther". Kudos to Mr. Kenfe for wanting to give back to the kids in this district.

Superinten-
dent's
Report

None.

Announce-
ments

Member Williams thanked Dr. Jill Baker for the school site visits and the lunch. He noted and thanked Melvin Grabit for watching the board meetings passionately.

President Kerr extended an invitation to the Harmony Project concert taking place on February 24 at the Poly HS auditorium.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kerr adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 in the Administration Building, 1515 Hughes Way, at 5:00 p.m.

Leticia Rodriguez
Assistant Secretary