

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

April 18, 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 April 18, 2018.

Present: Members Craighead, Kerr, McGinnis, Meyer, and Williams
Student Member America Macias-Ortega, Jordan 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 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 Macias.

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 no reportable actions were taken in Closed Session.

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.

Chris Steinhauser, Superintendent of Schools, asked that under New Business, the Approval of Re-Appointment of Member to the Citizens' Oversight Committee be pulled from the agenda.

It was moved by Member Craighead that the agenda be adopted with the noted change.

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 March 21, 2018 be approved as written.

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

Communi-
cations

Member Williams recognized Camille Wilson for her 35 years of dedicated service.

Recognition
of Retirees

Member Kerr recognized Susan Bernstein for her 38 years of dedicated service.

LB School
Librarian Assn.

Nina Jackson, Teacher Librarian and president of the Long Beach School Librarian Association, shared that Mary McCarthy, from Smith Elementary School, has been selected as Teacher Librarian of the Year. Mary is a true powerhouse, is highly regarded and last year she was awarded the Talip Golden Apple. She has created several reading programs and has built up partnerships with many community organizations and businesses, working with them to renovate the library.

Ms. McCarthy thanked everyone for this recognition and honor. The library is such a place of love and light, and it changed her life as a little kid, going into the Los Altos Library. She was in awe of the treasure trove that was there, and wants to make sure that the same love, light and treasure is there for our kids in the future.

Darleen Dunn, chair of the Library Task Force for the Teacher's Association of Long Beach, and teacher librarian at Addams and Stevenson ES, spoke in honor of school library month. Long Beach is highly regarded within the California School Library Association, which is composed of teacher librarians and para professionals. Long Beach is pointed out as one of the consistent supporters of school librarians.

Ms. Dunn shared a position paper from the California School Library Association regarding the team concept of having credentialed teacher librarians and para professionals in the school libraries. At present, because of the recession, 13 schools are solely staffed by para professionals, or library media assistants, as they are called in our district. They put on Read Across America Programs, Dictionary Days and other literature-based activities. The team concept also fosters a career path for para professionals. Currently there are three teacher librarians that started as library media assistants. This is a wonderful way to start their career and to promote into the certificated process.

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.

Kim Pankey, parent, spoke regarding school safety.

Staff Report

Draft
LCAP

Robert Tagorda, Director, Equity, Access and College & Career Readiness Office, shared a second update to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), focusing on the annual update. The LCAP Highlights publication, recently released by the Public Information Office in multiple languages, consists of three parts: academic excellence, basic services and a team effort. The key highlights of the Plan are found in the academic excellence section.

Mr. Tagorda shared maps of the district where progress is being made across the board with regards to schools closing the achievement gap by 50% or more and those schools with a growth of at least 10% on the Smart Balanced Assessment. He also shared data regarding advanced placement courses, the completion of A-G courses, and how the district is supporting and preparing students for post-secondary education and the world of work. With the 10th anniversary of the Long

Beach College Promise, an accountability report was released regarding the progress over the past decade. The report shows a 71% increase in enrollment from LBUSD to California State University, Long Beach (CSULB), with a 22% increase in students being college-ready, meaning they don't need remediation classes. It also highlights a 151% increase in first-generation students enrolling to CSULB. This is critical because the LCAP is focused on what are determined to be unduplicated or high-need pupils, and the report suggests we are supporting them in getting into college.

Lastly, Mr. Tagorda shared information on positive results of recent parent surveys, tremendous progress in lowering the suspension rate, and improving and supporting student behaviors at schools. He noted that we take great care when developing our plans and allocating our resources.

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.

Patty Martinez, teacher, spoke regarding the budget cuts of CSO's.
Antonio Jorgensen, student, spoke regarding recycling efforts.
Cosmo Hebert, student, spoke regarding the usage of straws in the schools.

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.

Coaching
Assignment

Member Meyer moved approval of the Coaching Assignment.

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

Instruction
Report

Member Craighead moved approval of the Instruction Report.

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

Finance
Report

Member McGinnis 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.

Superin-
tendent's
Items

The Superintendent of Schools, presented the following recommendation:

That the Board of Education accept and authorize staff to file the Williams UCP Third Quarterly Report. One complaint was filed during this time period and has been resolved.

Williams UCP
Report

Unfinished
Business

None.

New
Business

Member McGinnis moved approval of the Adoption of K-12 and CDC/Head Start Tentative Agreements, Teachers Association of Long Beach (TALB).

K-12 and CDC/
Head Start
Agreements,
TALB

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

Compensation for
Management &
Non-Represented
Employees

Member Williams moved approval on the Compensation for Management and Non-Represented Employees.

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

School
Calendars

Member Craighead moved approval of the School Calendars.

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

School Site
Security

Superintendent Steinhauser stated that Staff has been reviewing the safety of our young people and our staff. There are currently 28 sites that are not fully enclosed and three main areas are being explored. We are looking at one single point of entry, which might mean installing ADA ramps as well as other measures, where needed. Staff is making the recommendation to spend \$11 million out of both Measure K and Measure E funds. This means that those campuses would now be closed on the weekends. Obviously if people go through the permit process, they would be able to have access.

Another component that is being recommended is a monitoring system, which would be a buzzer system with video camera, and all schools would have the same system. The people at the office are able to see the individuals and they would buzz those individuals in. Some sites, for example Stevenson ES, have a system already in place, but all the current systems will also be upgraded to the new system. The cost is anywhere between \$30,000 to \$50,000 per site, and the projected completion is expected by January 2020.

This recommendation doesn't include other things that have been done and continue to be done, and there are some things that can't be shared with the public because of safety reasons. Each school does have its own safety plan and there are different things that different schools can do. He thanked Staff because they were running with this before the incident in Florida took place.

Regarding the Campus Security Officers (CSO's), they are funded at different levels by quota, or the number of students at each school. For example, at the six big high schools, they get one CSO for every 435 kids. As enrollment declines, the number of positions change. At one time where Cabrillo had 3600 kids, they now have 2000 kids. All sites have additional money available and the school site councils can decide to fund additional officers. A brief discussion was held regarding the permit process and associated costs, and disseminating the new information to all sites.

Member Williams questioned the use of Measure K and Measure E funds, which have been previously allocated for specific projects. Alan Reising, Director, Facilities Branch, responded that there are funds available that are currently unallocated and could be used for these projects.

Member McGinnis moved approval of the School Site Security.

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

BP 6146.1,
HS Graduation
Requirements

Member Williams moved approval of Board Policy 6146.1, High School Graduation Requirements.

Pamela Seki, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Professional Development, stated that the changes in this board policy are simply to reflect alignment with what the UC and the CSU systems do in terms of validation. Validation means that, for math and world language courses, if a student takes a year-long course, but does not get a passing grade at the semester, is then able to get the passing grade at the end of that year. The assumption is that the student could not have gotten the passing grade without mastering the content that was in the first semester, and we will therefore grant credit for that year course of study. For UC admission, they require a C grade at the end of the year, we are looking at this for graduation requirement only and it will just be a passing grade. So that is the only change to our course sequence.

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

Res. 041818-C,
School Library
Month

Member McGinnis read and moved approval of Resolution 041818-C, Proclaiming School Library Month.

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

Re-Appt. of
Member to

This item was pulled from the agenda.

Citizens' Bond
Oversight Comte.

Lease-Leaseback
Contract for
Project at Sato

Member Meyer moved approval of the Award of Lease-Leaseback Contract for Sato Academy of Mathematics and Science New Construction (Building 500) Project.

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

Res. 041818-A,
Local Source
Hiring and Local
Business
Participation on
Bond Projects

Member Craighead moved approval of Resolution 041818-A, Adopting a District Procedure to Encourage Local Source Hiring and Local Business Participation on Certain Contracts Funded by School Bond Measures.

Member Williams commended the district for this resolution. This resolution has far reaching applications for those who are part of our district and those supporting the bond measure, so that they get an opportunity to participate in employment opportunities as contractors and as workers. He is pleased to see our district moving forward with this.

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

Res. 041818-B,
Procedures for
Evaluating
Qualifications of
Lease-Leaseback
Contractors

Member Meyer moved approval of Resolution 041818-B, Adopting Procedures for Evaluating Qualifications of Lease-Leaseback Contractors.

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

Receipt of Charter
Petition

President Kerr stated that the charter petition from We the People has been received.

Report of
Board
Members

Student Member Macias shared that phase two of the construction at Jordan HS is starting. This will be the auditorium, the music room and the library. The library will include a student store, the ASB room, and the banker's office. She also shared information on upcoming events such as a blood drive and decision day for the seniors. On April 27th, Jordan will host the Special Olympics, and all the high schools will participate. She was pleased to report that Jordan showed big gains on the CORE survey.

Ms. Macias would like to attend Cal State Long Beach and hopefully become a teacher.

Board Member McGinnis commended the students on the March For Our Lives event at Bixby Park. There were a number of high name speakers there, but our real leaders were the students that day. They spoke eloquently and with passion to the issue. Our students made us proud by the way they led the day and the way they guided the group in terms of how they should behave.

Mr. McGinnis attended the dedication of a fitness room at Marshall Academy of the Arts. The school won a grant from the UCLA Sound Body Sound Mind for PE

equipment, and they made it clear that day that the emphasis is on education. They teach the importance of physical activity to emotional, mental, and educational health. He commended the principal and the physical education teachers for applying for the grant and he invited everyone to come see the facility.

Board Member Craighead added that there was a lot of fanfare at Marshall and their theme was "Break a sweat, change your life". She shared on her attendance at the Military Ball and the 50th Annual Pass & Review Inspection for Lakewood HS NJROTC. The Long Beach Blues Society presented their Blues in the Schools Program at Polly HS and it was a fabulous event. Keller MS had a night at the museum event and the kids were in costume. They chose characters from throughout history. Bixby ES had an author's festival event and they had a book called "Ocean Adventures with Jax", and the author's mom retired from the district.

Finally Ms. Craighead wants Jolie Reader, McBride HS student, to know and the other students to know, that they were there to support her and the cause at the March For Your Lives event. The event was very well done and very peaceful, and there were thousands of people. But everybody was there for the same reason, because we care about our kids and we do support you.

President Kerr acknowledged Keller MS and Ms. Procopio with Grades of Green for winning the Trash-Free Lunch Challenge for LA county. Ms. Weisinger, who is their teacher librarian, was last year's trash-free lunch program winner for the county. A lot has been said about the March for Our Lives and our youth leaders, and it's estimated that over 5,000 people attended. But it wasn't just one day, as these young leaders continue to engage. They've met with Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon, as well as Assembly Member Patrick O'Donnell and are engaging local political clubs as well, so kudos to them for keeping it going.

Ms. Kerr shared about a successful College & Career Fair at Jordan HS. She also attended their end of the year banquet for the WRAP Program, which included the Xi Sisters and Omega Brothers. The outgoing leadership team was recognized and they installed the new team for the upcoming year. Special recognition goes to Candace Meehan for her leadership and her 23 Seeds of Greatness program. It's a wonderful partnership and they are doing great work to help make North Long Beach even better.

Superinten-
dent's
Report

None.

Announce-
ments

Member Meyer stated that it's always meaningful to hear from the public when they take time to come to the board meetings and share their views. But he is particularly impressed when students speak. He would like the names of the two students who came tonight, so that he can drop them a thank you note. He is known among some of his conservative friends as a tree-hugger, so when it comes to environmental issues, he's particularly interested.

Member Craighead shared that the Long Beach Symphony will be having a free concert on April 29.

President Kerr announced the Superintendent Parent Forum on Thursday, April 19.

ADJOURNMENT

President Kerr adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 in the Administration Building, 1515 Hughes Way, at 5:00 p.m.

Leticia Rodriguez
Assistant Secretary