

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

July 15, 2019

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 July 15, 2019.

Present: Members Benitez, Craighead, Kerr, Meyer, and Williams

Absent: None.

Call to Order

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

Closed Session

President Craighead announced that the Board would be considering Items 4, 7, 8, 10 and 11 as listed on the Closed Session agenda.

Call to Order

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

Report of Closed Session

President Craighead 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 an Interim Scope of Remedial Action Plan and Cost Sharing Agreement between the District and the Santa Catalina Island Company, providing a mechanism for the Island Company to pay for a portion of soil remediation costs.

The vote was 5-0 with all members present and participating in the vote.

Public Hearing

None.

Call for Agenda Items/
Adopt Agenda

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

Chris Steinhauser, Superintendent of Schools, noted three modifications to the agenda:

1. Item #12 of the Instruction Report has an incorrect dollar amount listed. It should read \$1,860,798.
2. Item #94 of the Purchasing and Contracts Report should state \$500 per semester, and will be under the Curriculum Office.
3. Under New Business, the Certification of Signatures needs to include David Zaid, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources.

It was moved by Member Williams that the agenda be adopted with the noted changes.

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

Approval
of
Minutes

It was moved by Member Kerr that the minutes of June 19, 2019 be approved as written.

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

Communi-
cations

Member Benitez recognized Lisa Torres for her 25 years of dedicated service.

Recognition
of Retirees

Member Meyer recognized Barbara Koelkebeck for her 20 years of dedicated service.

Member Williams recognized Denise Peterson for her 30 years of dedicated service.

Hearing of
Public
Testimony

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

The following employees spoke regarding benefits for CSEA members:

Camila Marie Bray
Viola Mae Bledsoe
Enrique Chavez
Gilbert Bonilla, Jr.
Cristina Klenz

Personnel

Member Williams 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 Williams 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.

Member Kerr gave a shout out to the Curriculum Office for the new courses they are writing and researching. A lot of them are CTE courses, so they are some really exciting opportunities for our students.

Member Benitez added that the courses are in management, marketing, culinary arts, automotive, and transportation technology. Again, they are great opportunities for our CTE strategy.

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

Finance Report A

Member Kerr moved approval of the Finance Report A.

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

Finance Report B

Member Benitez moved approval of the Finance Report B.

Member Kerr recused herself and stated that she has a potential financial interest under Government Code 1091 and 87100, as her husband works for a subcontractor who has done work for these payees.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0-1 with Member Kerr abstaining.

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 & Contracts Report A

Member Kerr moved approval of the Purchasing & Contracts Report A.

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

Purchasing & Contracts Report B

Member Meyer moved approval of the Purchasing & Contracts Report B.

Member Kerr recused herself and stated that she has a potential financial interest under Government Code 1091 and 87100, as her husband works for a subcontractor who has done work for these payees.

The motion carried. The vote was 4-0-1 with Member Kerr abstaining.

Superintendent's Items

The Superintendent of Schools, presented the following recommendations:

1. That the Board of Education approve readmits for Student #960 and Student #577.

Student Readmits

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.

Student Discipline

2. That the Board of Education approve the expulsion for Student #533. This student would not be eligible to apply for readmission until June 2020.

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

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

Administrative
Assignments

3. That the Board of Education approve the Administrative Assignments as noted.

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

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

Williams
UCP Report

4. That the Board of Education receive and file the Williams UCP Fourth Quarterly Report, which had no findings.

Unfinished
Business

None.

New
Business

Member Williams moved approval of the Board Meeting Schedule.

Board Meeting
Schedule

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

BP 5149

Member Williams moved approval of Board Policy 5149, Student-Employee Interaction.

Ruth Ashley, Deputy Superintendent, Education Services, stated that this new policy is to really support the other policies we have in place in terms of sexual harassment and code of ethics. The policy gives parameters for our teachers and classified staff, every single employee who is a mandated reporter, including walk-on coaches, athletic coaches, music coaches, even our volunteers, so that we can all have appropriate boundaries with our students. She proposes a change on the first page, it is the first bullet when you see the four bulleted items, where it says, "protect employees from prohibited or unauthorized student employee interactions which may result in false allegations." The proposed new language is to strike out prohibited or unauthorized student employee and replace it with "protect employees from engaging in student employee interactions which may result in false allegations." She hopes that this provides clarity to the statement.

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

BP 6142.1

Member Meyer moved approval of Board Policy 6142.1, Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction.

Member Kerr inquired about the coordinator and advisory committee appointed by the superintendent or his designee regarding the district's condom availability. The policy sets the parameters about implementation and what that looks like.

Superintendent Steinhauser stated that if the policy is approved, the district will bring together a diverse group of stakeholders in the fall. This group will submit their recommendations to the Board in December or January. The Board will be able to provide feedback and the policy will be implemented February 3, 2020.

Ms. Kerr shared we are working with the City of Long Beach and the health department around our sexual health and HIV prevention program. They had their health educators come in and work with our teachers who teach this content, so they have the most up to date information and I think this is a really important part of the partnership to help keep our kids and our community healthy. She referenced a recent report from the City, which is available to the public, that although the number of new HIV diagnoses are declining, the new rate of infections in Long Beach remains higher than Los Angeles County. There has also been an increase in chlamydia over the past five years, and Long Beach has the second highest rate in the state, the second highest rate of gonorrhea and the third highest rate in syphilis. Some of the biggest increases are happening in 90805 and 90802 in our Latinx populations and Black and African American population. These issues disproportionately impact our students living in high-poverty areas. She looks forward to the committee kick off so that this will be done in a smart and respectful way.

Superintendent Steinhauser will ask various stakeholders, including the Board, for student's names, parents and others, and they will work with our health committee and the curriculum leader, Susan Temple.

President Craighead asked that the PTA and The Center be included in the discussions.

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

Res. 071519-A,
General
Obligation
Bonds

Member Williams moved approval of Resolution 071519-A, Authorizing the Sale and Issuance of One or More Series of General Obligation Bonds Under the Herein Referenced Measure K Authorization in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$150,000,000 and One or More Series of General Obligation Bonds Under the Herein Referenced Measure E Authorization in an Aggregate Principal Amount not to Exceed \$300,000,000, and Authorizing the Execution of Necessary Documents and Certificates Relating to the Sale and Issuance of Said Bonds.

Yumi Takahashi, Chief Business & Financial Officer, stated that this authorizes the sale of bonds in the amount of \$300 million for the Measure E program and \$150 million for the Measure K program. We are proposing a competitive sale of bonds in which large institutional investors would bid to sell and underwrite the bonds. The next step in the process would be to get our credit ratings from the credit rating agencies and she noted that the district has generally enjoyed very favorable credit ratings. We plan to go to market in August with proceeds at the beginning of September.

The total cost to the taxpayers, based on our best estimates at this time, is \$298,451,650 for Measure K and \$613,067,050 for Measure E. She clarified that this isn't anything new, it's just selling the bonds that the voters have already approved us to sell.

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

Reorganization of
the Board

Member Benitez raised some concerns regarding the recent change to the city ordinance, which asks us to move our board elections to March and November beginning next year. He feels that this new cycle has implications on our reorganization schedule, and he asked the district's attorney to help clarify.

Attorney Brent North stated that the meeting tonight is under section 2209 of the city charter, which assumes that we had elections under the prior election cycle. This states that the board shall meet on the third Monday of every July and reorganize, and the term will last one year. The City of Long Beach changed their ordinance, which states that with the new election cycle, the newly elected members will be seated on the third Tuesday of December. Then, combined with the education code, which says that within 15 days of that in December, you will have another reorganization meeting. He believes the fairest reading of these two merged together is that we will need to have a reorganization meeting in July of 2020 and then another reorganization meeting after the new members are seated in December.

A discussion was held with different scenarios and the implications. Mr. North will be working with the city attorney to clarify that in a future charter amendment.

Member Benitez inquired as to the expectations and responsibilities of the president and vice president. Members Craighead, Williams and Kerr shared their experiences and Mr. North also shared what the education code and district board policy state. The president is required to meet with the superintendent and help set and formulate the agenda. This board has typically delegated other duties including ceremonial representations and other events.

President Craighead asked for nominations for president of the board for the 2019-20 school year.

Member Williams nominated Member Meyer for president. Mr. Meyer respectfully declined, and he nominated Member Williams for president. There were no other nominations. Member Williams accepted the nomination.

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

President Williams thanked Member Craighead for the tremendous job she has done as president this past year. He asked for nominations for vice president of the board for the 2019-20 school year.

Member Kerr nominated Member Benitez for vice president. There were no other nominations. Member Benitez accepted the nomination.

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

2019-20
Certification of
Signatures and
Signature
Authorities

Member Kerr moved approval of the 2019-20 Certification of Signatures and Signature Authorities.

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

Report of
Board
Members

Member Benitez read a statement that he wrote, sharing some reflections and observations from this past year, and some thoughts for moving forward, He is very proud of the assets, gifts and talents that the district has and the students without a doubt are the best. He also found a new respect for the hard work of countless of individuals in our district.

While he has learned a lot this past year, he sees some areas and opportunities for improvements, such as our efforts with the emerging bilinguals, English learners and immigrant students. Multi-literacy and multilingualism contribute to a successful global citizen and that is the core of a successful state and a thriving 21st century for our nation and our economy. He looks forward to bringing some of those programs to the downtown area of Long Beach. He also looks forward to continuing to support the LGBTQ+ students, eliminating the achievement and opportunity gaps and advancing the recommendations from our special education community.

Our Family Resource Centers are an additional resource and the district has made great strides in parent and community engagement, which was highlighted during the LCAP process. He encourages these members to continue to participate, push us and keep us accountable to be included in the decision making process. Lastly, he would like to adopt a community workforce development agreement, expanding the internships and pre-apprenticeship programs for our students. He is proud to be a member of this board and now the vice president.

Member Craighead thanked Member Benitez and stated that they appreciate his contributions on the board.

Member Kerr expressed her gratitude for the staff at every single level. She is excited about the partnership with our community service agencies, the fire and police departments, as we look at a public service pathway. Also, exploring our part in the housing issues impacting the City.

It has been a tremendous year, and recently she participated at the parent day for the LB Junior Lifeguards. Once again she thanked the community partners for helping us open a world to our students.

President Williams noted the reference made to a recent article about his comments and how much support we get in this city from so many good people and our community partners, which is a hallmark for this district. This makes it easier for our students to be successful and pay attention in the classroom.

Dr. Williams thanked Superintendent Steinhauser, David Zaid, Assistant Superintendent, HRS, and the staff at Multimedia Services, for helping with his presentation to the Long Beach ministers, asking them to get more involved with our students.

Superinten-
dent's
Report

Superintendent Steinhauser thanked Dr. Jay Camerino, Assistant Superintendent for High Schools, Chris Brown, Administrative Assistant, Chris Lounsberry, principal and Ms. Savio for joining him at an important community meeting in Avalon. It was a good meeting and they will continue to have meetings in the fall.

Announce-
ments

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Williams adjourned the meeting at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, August 21, 2019 in the Administration Building, 1515 Hughes Way, at 5:00 p.m.

Leticia Rodriguez
Assistant Secretary