

LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 El Cerrito School
 1051 N. Hillside St.
 La Habra, CA 90631
 October 27, 2011

Call to Order Regular Meeting	The formal call to order of the Board of Education Meeting of the La Habra City School District was called by Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, at 6:00 p.m.
Board Members	Board Members Present: Linda Navarro Edwards, President Susan M. Hango, Vice President Paul S. Rodriguez, Clerk Sandi Baltes, Member Board Members Absent: Sharon H. Brown, Member
Administrators	Administrators Present: Susan Belenardo, Superintendent Teresa Egan, Administrative Director Educational Services Teri Louer, Administrative Director Student Support Services Karen Kinney, Chief Business Official
Public Comment on Closed Session Items	None
Work/ Study Session	At 6:00 p.m., Trustees called a work/study session to discuss the Board appointment to the Personnel Commission as Dawn Stille has indicated she will not continue in the position as the Board appointee when her term ends on November 30 th . To date, the Board has received one application of interest in the position by Mr. Darren Nigsarian. Discussion was held as to the qualifications he had indicated with his experience working in the civil service system and familiarity with the merit system. It was determined to advertise through the Website and continue to accept applications of interest with a possibility of inviting candidates to meet with Trustees.
Second Call to Order Regular Meeting	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:05 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, asked Susan Rodriguez to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Report from Closed Session	None
Action Item: Adoption of the Agenda	On a motion made by Susan M. Hango, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez, Trustees unanimously adopted the agenda for October 27, 2011.
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of: October 13, 2011	The minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 13, 2011 were unanimously approved by Trustees with a correction in the Superintendent's Report (addition of Veronica Arriaga Hernandez) on a motion made by Susan M. Hango, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez. ¹
Correspondence	Board Clerk, Paul S. Rodriguez, reported the following correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Thank You Note from Michelle Davis and the Imperial Middle School AVID Program to Board Members Sandi Baltes and Paul Rodriguez for their participation in Career Day.
Superintendent's and Trustees' Report	The Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, first congratulated those schools honored for the Red Ribbon Week decorating contest sponsored by the City of La Habra. Both Arbolita and Imperial Middle Schools were congratulated for winning the contest at their respective grade levels! Cathy Seighman, Principal of Imperial Middle School was introduced as well as many students participating in the PALs Program to provide a report and demonstration of their recent trip to PAL Camp. An impressive Powerpoint showed the goals and concepts of Camp as well as featuring the many activities students and staff participated in to develop life skills such as trust and the effects of positive feelings and attitude as opposed to negative. Students involved Board Member, Paul Rodriguez in helping them demonstrate the power of positive thinking. The contagious enthusiasm and encouragement of positive feelings set by these middle school students set the tone for the remainder of the evening! Dr. Belenardo then reviewed the recent La Habra Journal article featuring the Apple Learning Tour

<p>Board Meeting Minutes October 27, 2011 Page 2</p> <p>Superintendent's and Trustees' Report (Cont.)</p>	<p>recently held at the District with participation by staff, board members and community members. The visit by Ron Morrish was also highlighted along with the District GLAD Program and recent honors received by staff for their support and commitment to GLAD. Monthly calendars of activities for the various sites were provided for Trustees. News on the down side from the Orange County Department of Education is the possibility of January triggers in the State Budget. Any triggers will not be good news for education and will create road blocks for funding the successful programs in place. It was suggested that continued updates on the volatile State Budget be provided as information to the community.</p>
<p>General Matters Action Item: Consent Calendar</p>	<p>Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar on a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approval of Staff Development for designated employees to attend conferences/workshops as attached to these minutes.ⁱⁱ ➤ Approval of Independent Contractor Agreements as attached to these minutes.ⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Approval of extra pay requests per employee's contract's provisions and Education Code requirements as attached to these minutes.^{iv} ➤ Ratification of Certificated and Classified new hires as attached to these minutes.^v ➤ Approval of the Expenditures Reports for October 27, 2011 as attached to these minutes.^{vi}
<p>Instruction and Personnel Action Item: Certificated Autism Waivers</p>	<p>Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, explained that due to requirements of recent legislation, teachers must complete a specialized certification for Autism. This waiver allows for teachers to complete their certification while teaching. The District currently has 10 teachers in the process of being trained and 6 who have just completed their requirement. On a motion made by Sandi Baltes, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez, Certificated Waivers for Autism per Education Code 44265.1 were unanimously approved as attached to these minutes.^{vii}</p>
<p>Information Item: Update on Special Education Services</p>	<p>Administrative Director of Student Support Services, Teri Louer, was introduced to update Trustees on Special Education Services provided throughout the District. She presented a comprehensive data driven report showing enrollment by disability and how LHCS D special education enrollment compares to Statewide averages. Enrollment is high in Speech and Language and although the numbers have grown with Autism, it is fairly typical. The data for test scores does show better for Math than Language Arts. Constant monitoring of the data will help in meeting target growths for these subjects. She explained that a Special Education Self Review is due this year and is done every 4 years. This is to ensure that the District is providing appropriate supervision and monitoring of special education programs and services. It also provides information to the California Department of Education regarding key compliance questions and provides an effective general review of district compliance to federal and state mandates. In May of 2011, 651 parent surveys were sent out with 230 being returned. The information from these surveys has been compiled and the department is focusing on select areas based from these parent responses. Discussion was held as to the importance of assessment and data collection to monitor and ensure all programs are effectively addressing the individual needs of all identified special education students. Teri also commented how fortunate it is that the Summer Academy is held each year as an added intervention for continued student success.</p>
<p>Business Matters Action Item: Budget Transfers #55-2011 - #62-2011</p>	<p>Chief Business Official, Karen Kinney, explained that once a year the difference from the estimated beginning fund balances must be adjusted to the actual fund balances which are determined once a budget is formally adopted by the State. On a motion made by Sandi Baltes, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez, Trustees unanimously approved budget Transfers #55-2011 - #62-2011 to adjust the 2011-2012 Budget for the difference between the estimated 2011-2012 beginning fund balances and the 2010-2011 unaudited actual ending fund balances as attached to these minutes.^{viii}</p>
<p>Information Item: Update on La Presa Dr.</p>	<p>Chief Business Official, Karen Kinney, explained that she has sent a contract to the City of La Habra for their consideration relating to the repairs to La Presa Drive determined to be the responsibility of the District. She will bring back more information to the November 17th meeting. There may be a delay in beginning the work but she feels the City is working with us to resolve the condition of the street. Information has also been provided to the other owners/residents.</p>
<p>Items Not on the Agenda</p>	<p>No requests.</p>

Other Business from the Board

Board Member Sandi Baltes presented a new map of the City of La Habra recently printed which is a beautiful display of the City including our District and schools. Vilelli Enterprises and Farpointe Construction are donating a copy to the District and each of our schools. The City provided the location of the District on the map. Those schools winning the Red Ribbon Week decorating contest were once again congratulated and Imperial Middle School for their Career Day. Also, a special congratulations to the Classified Employees honored prior to this evening's meeting and are wished well as they go on to the County competition!

Adjournment

Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, announced that the next meeting will be held on November 17th at the District Offices. There being no further business meeting items before the board, Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, adjourned the regular meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Board Minutes
Approved:

November 17, 2011



Susan Belenardo, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

ⁱ Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of October 27, 2011

ⁱⁱ Staff Development

ⁱⁱⁱ Independent Contractor Agreements

^{iv} Extra Pay Approval

^v Certificated and Classified New Hires

^{vi} Expenditures Reports

^{vii} Certificated Autism Waivers

^{viii} Budget Transfers #55-2011 - #62-2011