

LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 500 N. Walnut St.
 La Habra, CA 90631
 February 10, 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 3:00 p.m.
Board Members	Board Members Present: Linda Navarro Edwards, President Susan M. Hango, Vice President Paul S. Rodriguez, Clerk Sandi Baltes, Member Sharon H. Brown, Member
Administrators	Administrators Present: Susan Belenardo, Superintendent Karen Kinney, Director of Fiscal Services
Work/Study Session	At 6:17 p.m., Trustees met with the School Site Principals and Assistant Principals to review their individual site plans for student achievement for 2010-2011. One administrator for each of the grade level schools (K-2, 3-5 and 6-8) shared their common goals included in each of their individual school plans. Each administrator then shared with Trustees the components of their plan specific to their individual site. Throughout the plan reviews, specific programs and strategies are constantly being monitored and reviewed to ensure student success in all subjects and at all grade levels. Targeted interventions such as GLAD strategies are implemented and positive results are evident. CGI (Cognitive Guided Instruction) in Math is being piloted in one grade level at each K-2 school. Participating teachers are exciting about the strategies and the positive results they are experiencing with their students. All sites are engaging in the active analysis of student data in their weekly Professional Learning Community meetings and are collaborating on targeting instruction to meet the needs of all students. Through the support of the Academic Coaches, Targeted Leadership and the DAIT process the focus on analyzing student data and meeting the needs of all students has been strengthened.
Second Call to Order Regular Meeting	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:15 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, asked Sharon Brown to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of: January 27, 2011	The minutes of the Regular Meeting of January 27, 2011 were unanimously approved by Trustees on a motion made by Sandi Baltes, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown. ¹
Correspondence	None
Superintendent's and Trustees' Report	Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, introduced Principal Rick Snyder of Arbolita School who was present with staff and students at the 2 nd grade level who shared their singing skills for the Trustees and audience. Teacher, Cindy Smith directed the students with the piano accompaniment of Susan Goellrich. The children provided excellent entertainment along with showing their excitement for singing as a group. The Superintendent reviewed the Journal article which highlighted the recent Spelling Bee and the top winners. Paul Rodriguez, Susie Hango and Dr. Belenardo were judges and all agreed the participants were all very impressive! Three will go on to County competition this Saturday. Special recognition was made of a 4 th grade student who advanced to the semi-finals at the District competition. The article also reviewed the after school programs offered, the Governor's Budget news and the increase in student achievement. The recent Brea/La Habra Star Progress showed great press for Las Lomas School students by featuring their performance at the last Board Meeting on the front page as well as pictures and an article. Trustees were invited to El Cerrito next week to observe CGI (Cognitive Guided Instruction).
General Matters Action Item: Consent Calendar	Prior to taking action on the Consent Calendar, the Superintendent called attention to the item for A.G. Araja Engineering, Inc. to point out that this action includes final acceptance for the Las Positas Food Service Building project. Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as presented on a motion by Susan M. Hango, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approval of Staff Development for designated employees to attend conferences/workshops as attached to these minutes.² ➤ Approval of Independent Contractor Agreements as attached to these minutes.³ ➤ Approval of extra pay requests per employee contract's provisions and Education Code requirements as attached to these minutes.⁴ ➤ Approval of Personnel Change of Status as attached to these minutes.⁵

General Matters
Action Item:
Consent Calendar (Cont.)

- Ratification of Certificated and Classified new hires as attached to these minutes.⁶
- Acceptance of Donations as attached to these minutes.⁷
- Approval of Change Order #4 / A.G. Araja Engineering Inc. for the Las Positas School Food Service Relocatable Building Project – LP001-2010 and final acceptance for Las Positas Elementary School Food Service Relocatable Building Project LP001-2010 as attached to these minutes.⁸

Information Item:
Enrollment Report

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, reviewed the recent enrollment report indicating a loss of 7 students since the last report. She shared a listing of the losses provided by Susana Gallego showing the movement out of the District schools with some of the movement being to a new school within the District. Class size averages continue within a desired ratio.

Instruction and Personnel
Action Item:
School Site Plans

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, explained that this item had been tabled from the prior meeting to give Trustees the opportunity to review the plans with each of the site administrators which took place prior to this evening's meeting. The Board commended the Principals on an excellent presentation!

Mr. Kevin Jacobson had presented a card requesting to speak to this agenda item:

- He indicated the plans were well done and a lot of thought had gone into them. He also wanted to publicly thank the individuals, administrators, who reached their hands out to his home in the recent crisis of his wife losing her job, he has much gratitude. While he would like to see more action in the plans, he said we should compare all to what's good about La Habra.

On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown, Trustees unanimously approved the Single Plan for Student Achievement, 2010-2011 for: Arbolita, El Cerrito, Ladera Palma, Las Lomas, Las Positas, Sierra Vista, Walnut, Imperial and Washington Schools as attached to these minutes.⁹

Action Item:
2010-2011 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs, Part II

Director of Special Projects, Pam Herrera, was present and indicated that what had been heard this evening on the cohesiveness of the site plans, it is reflective of the categorical funding. This is the time of year to submit Part II of the application for this funding. Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, thanked Pam for her diligence in securing these funds for the District. On a motion made by Susan M. Hango, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown, Trustees unanimously approved the 2010-011 Consolidated Application for funding Categorical Programs, Part II, which includes Title I, Title II, Title III LEP, Economic Impact Aid and ELAP as attached to these minutes.¹⁰

Action Item:
Class Size Reduction Waiver

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, indicated this item had been tabled following the Public Hearing held at the past Board Meeting. Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, read a statement: "This item was tabled at our last meeting because we received an electronic communication of LHEA's oppose position too late to include this information in the Board Agenda. We are reconsidering this item this evening. We have learned that 80-90% of the class size waivers approved by the State Board of Education do so with an oppose position from the local bargaining unit. Deciding to apply for this waiver is not subject to negotiation. Be assured if the State Board grants our waiver and we are required to negotiate this issue with LHEA, we will."

Mr. Kevin Jacobson had presented a card wishing to speak to this agenda item:

- He indicated that as a parent, he is opposed to PE classes of 52-60 kids. GATE and Honors classes are large averages. While he understands the prudence of a waiver, class sizes are way too large. He hated the 20 – 1 class size reduction program for K-2 and would encourage leaders to never go back to that!

On a motion made by Susan M. Hango, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown, Trustees unanimously approved of submitting a Class Size Reduction General Waiver Request to the State Board of Education as attached to these minutes.¹¹

Action Item:
Certificated Early Retirement Requests

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, explained that this is the time of year for certificated employees under the age of 65 to consider the Early Retirement option offered by the District for medical coverage through the age of 65. On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously approved Certificated employees' requests for Early Retirement as attached to these minutes.¹²

Business Matters:
Action Item:
Expenditure's Report

Trustee, Sharon H. Brown, reported Expenditures dated January 24, 2011, beginning with check #30-058941 and ending with check #30-058977 totaling \$164,834.23 from the General Fund and \$57.03 from Child

Business Matters:
Action Item:
Expenditure's Report
(Cont.)

Development with a Grand Total of \$164,891.26 and Expenditures dated February 1, 2011 and signed by Susan M. Hango beginning with check #30-059024 and ending with check #30-059025 totaling \$20,322.00 from Building Fund (GOB) and \$1,500 from Capital Facilities for a Grand Total of \$21,822.00 and Expenditures dated February 10, 2011 beginning with check #30-059026 and ending with check #30-059129 totaling \$363,804.60 from the General Fund, \$7,672.33 from Child Development, \$710.07 from Deferred Maintenance, \$16,785.90 from Building Fund (GOB) and \$6,000.00 from Capital Facilities for a Grand Total of \$406,772.90.. Trustees unanimously approved the Expenditures' payments as presented with a second by Susan M. Hango.

Information Item:
E-Rate

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, introduced Olga Goodman, Supervisor of Technology, who was present to update Trustees on E-Rate funding. Olga provided a Power Point presentation demonstrating how E-Rate funding has evolved and how it has impacted the District's ability to provide up to date technology throughout the District. She explained the funding for Priority 1 services which provides a 20-90% discount depending on eligibility requirements. There is a \$2.25 billion cap annually for funding. Priority 1 is connectivity, applicants must provide all components. A window for application is posted on the Internet and we are currently in the 2nd phase of the application process. In giving a recap for LHCS, E-Rate funding has been a major blessing. Recently, all antiquated equipment has been replaced with upgrading the TI lines to fiber for more efficient connectivity between all sites as well as between the District and the County. The wireless project is near completion and the plans for the future include an update to the wiring at the two middle schools. Dr. Belenardo indicated she had met with a representative of Cisco recently about the possibility of piloting an exciting new program, more news to come. Overall, the District has received \$2.5 million in funding through the E-Rate process which is based on free and reduced meal eligibility at each individual site.

Items Not on the Agenda

Other Business from the Board

A Special Meeting of the Board was announced for Saturday, February 12, 2011 from 9:00 – 12:00 for a Closed Session regarding negotiations. Administrators were thanked for the valuable information and Mary Schultz was thanked for the Valentine treats she had provided!

Adjournment

There being no further business meeting items before the board, Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Board Minutes Approved:

February 24, 2011



Susan Belenardo, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

¹ Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 10, 2011

² Staff Development

³ Independent Contractor Agreements

⁴ Extra Pay Approval

⁵ Personnel Change of Status

⁶ Certificated and Classified New Hires

⁷ Acceptance of Donations

⁸ Change Order #4 / Final Acceptance / A.G. Araja Engineering Inc. Las Positas School Food Service Building project #LP001-2010

⁹ School Site Plans

¹⁰ 2010-2011 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs, Part II

¹¹ Class Size Reduction Waiver

¹² Certificated Early Retirement Requests