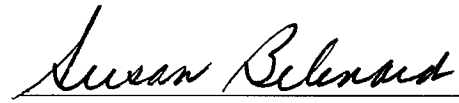


LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 500 N. Walnut St.
 La Habra, CA 90631
 February 24, 2011

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
Second Call to Order Regular Meeting	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:06 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, asked Marley Hayes, a student from Walnut School, to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of: February 10, 2011	The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 10, 2011 were unanimously approved by Trustees on a motion made by Paul Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango. ¹
Correspondence	None
Superintendent's and Trustees' Report	Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, introduced guests from Walnut School who wished to demonstrate for the Board their use of technology integrated with their Reading instruction. Ms. Betsy Holzner, teacher, and Mike Klewer, Principal, explained that staff had received a Grant sponsored by the Orange County Department of Education which provided for Flip Cameras which enabled students to demonstrate their learning through creating stories and working together to create a film. Each student introduced themselves to the Board and then explained their creative process from beginning to end including GLAD strategies, story boards, maps and a skit. Their theme was based on their Language unit "Give it all You've Got!" and they also were working with others as a team. They shared how that acting is not easy and they felt they acquired new skills with the process. Dr. Belenardo explained that in meeting with a Cisco representative, there may be further grants and funding available to provide further integration of technology in education. She then reminded Trustees of the Literacy Fair being held this Saturday at Las Lomas School and that Read Across America activities will begin on March 2 nd at all school sites.
General Matters Action Item: Consent Calendar	Discussion was held relating to the fourth and sixth item on the Consent Calendar resulting in adjustments to the certificated job description for an Administrative Director of Educational Services. Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar on a motion made 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 ➤ Ratification of Certificated and Classified new hires as attached to these minutes.⁶ ➤ Approval of Certificated Job Description for an Administrative Director of Educational Services as attached to these minutes.⁷
Instruction and Personnel Action Item: Certificated Autism Waiver	Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, explained that Special Education teachers who received their credentials prior to 2007 must have additional credentialing for autism. In the interim, they are able to get a waiver while they are completing those course requirements. On a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango, Trustees unanimously approved certificated waivers for Autism per Education Code 44265.1 as attached to these minutes. ⁸
Business Matters: Action Item: Expenditure's Report	Trustee, Susan M. Hango, reported Expenditures dated February 24, 2011, beginning with check #30-059130 and ending with check #30-059222 totaling \$468,372.60 from the General Fund, \$97.25 from Child Development, \$5,374.96 from Deferred Maintenance, \$11,596.50 from Building Fund (GOB) and \$4,326.71 from Capital Facilities with a Grand Total of \$489,768.02. Trustees unanimously approved the Expenditures' payments as presented with a second by Sandi Baltes.

Items Not on the Agenda	<p>Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, acknowledged those persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Chris Alvarez on behalf of Martha Alvarez – parent and brother of an Imperial Middle School student – Mr. Alvarez indicated his sister had been the victim of personal and serious sexual harassments. The parents have requested an inter-district permit to move her to a school in another district, and that has been denied. He indicated they have met with the administration of the school and brought this to the attention of the Superintendent. The incidents in question have been over a 2 month period. She has been verbally harassed with explicit threatening sexual language. They feel their request to remove his sister from the dangerous situations she was in needs to be granted. They don't feel sending her to another middle school in La Habra is an option for them. They want, and have the right to expect an approval for their request to remove his sister from this district. He also indicated they had learned the day before that his sister had been physically groped. They don't feel they have been properly informed of the sexual harassment toward his sister. "In the meantime, his sister, a 4.0 student, is staying at home being deprived of an education in a safe and comfortable environment. Throughout all this, the Principal of Imperial has insisted that she return to the school. This is not an acceptable option." ➤ Julie Edwards and Robert Enriquez – residents at a bus stop – Ms. Edwards indicated they had moved to this address in September and have reported issues at the stop many times. They feel this is not an appropriate place for a bus stop. She has found parents sitting on the trunk of her car amongst other behaviors that are not appropriate, and not safe. At least 4 times every morning, a bus stops here and many times their driveway is blocked leaving the driveway inaccessible. She has many photos and recordings of children and parents and what goes on or occurs at this stop. She has copies of all the correspondence she has sent to district personnel addressing her concerns. She feels many persons have become resentful of her as she has asked them to stay away from her car and not lean on her fences. The fences are leaning because of their leaning and it is just overall very disruptive for them living at this stop. She has read the district policy on the website for transportation and this policy is not obeyed by these children or their parents. Many times they bring pets with them and their children do arrive at the bus stop more than 5 minutes prior to scheduled pick-ups. They are there at least 15 minutes early and they're loud and leaning on the fence right in front of the house and sometimes the bus overshoots and actually stops in the driveway. Mr. Enriquez indicated his biggest concern to be safety. Someone will be hurt. They are not moving out of the way, they call her names, something has to be done. "If she gets hurt, then we're all going to have a problem!" ➤ Amber Gould – resident – Amber indicated she was here on behalf of the Chamber of Commerce. She is a volunteer this year for the Citrus Fair and thanked the Board as all the PTA's have gotten involved and will be selling pre-sale tickets with 15% of the proceeds coming back to the schools as a revenue raiser. Also it gives the District a face at the Citrus Fair which is exciting. There are also non-profit booths available right in front of the Library. It's \$45. and she indicated she has someone willing to donate the \$45. if the District would like a booth. The District would be responsible to man the booth for the weekend. She distributed flyers for the event. She also indicated that she wasn't sure if the Board was aware that she and Sandi had donated almost a \$1,000. to the schools from their campaign fund for the Library. She suggested the Board put this on the agenda when they receive donations so that way more people know that the District gets donations and hopefully will get more. ➤ Hoda Katicha – Teacher, Ladera Palma – Hoda indicated she had read an article in the Journal relating to declining enrollment and class size reduction in 1st and 2nd grades and asked for some clarification. Dr. Belenardo explained we currently have staffing at 25 to 1 and as part of the budget challenges the Board is working on, if they decided to eliminate class size reduction, it would put that number up to 30. Hoda asked if this is something the Board has to agree to for next year and the answer was yes.
Other Business from the Board	<p>Sandi Baltés explained that the Board is pleased to have a new committee established on the Board, a community outreach committee and hopefully many will attend the Board Meetings and come to members with any questions or concerns. The committee will be doing things to help the District become one of the top 10 districts in Orange County.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no further business meeting items before the board, Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.</p>
Board Minutes Approved:	<p>March 10, 2011</p>



Susan Belenardo, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

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- ¹ Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 24, 2011
 - ² Staff Development
 - ³ Independent Contractor Agreements
 - ⁴ Extra Pay Approval
 - ⁵ Personnel Change of Status
 - ⁶ Certificated and Classified New Hires
 - ⁷ Certificated Job Description / Director of Educational Services
 - ⁸ Certificated Autism Waiver