

LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 500 N. Walnut St.
 La Habra, CA 90631
 March 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 4:00 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	Board Members met to continue work on their governance goals for a strategic plan for 2010-2015. All members and the Superintendent will attend the workshop "Board Self-Evaluation and Superintendent Evaluation" sponsored by the California School Boards Association on April 14 th and May 4 th . An additional work/study session was tentatively scheduled for Saturday, April 9 th . Sharon Brown and Sandi Baltes reported on the new Board Outreach Committee and discussion was held as to the possibility of renaming the committee. Sharon and Sandi had attended the City's Town Hall Meeting and liked the format. They suggested a similar meeting be held for the community with the School District inviting teachers, Classified staff, and Administrators from all schools to report on what's happening at their sites. At this time it was decided to move one Board meeting in March, April, and May to different school sites. The possibility of having a booth at the Citrus Fair was also discussed but it was determined with the timing being during Spring Break, it would be a challenge to man the booth and involve staff.
Public Comment on Closed Session Items	There being no public comment on Closed Session Items, Trustees adjourned to Closed Session.
Work/Study Session	Director of Fiscal Services, Karen Kinney, provided an overview of the Second Interim Financial Report to be considered for certification during the regular business meeting. She reported that job action costs are being compiled and that \$12,000 was spent on Classified support during the Strike. As far as overall salary expenses, substitutes were paid for six (6) days, and teachers were paid for two (2) days, leaving the District \$26,000. to the good.
Second Call to Order Regular Meeting	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, asked Faye Ross, to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Action Item: Report from Closed Session / Expulsions	On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown, Trustees unanimously ordered an expulsion for Student #201645 for the remainder of this semester for violation of Education Code 48915(c) (4), committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in 48900(n). Placement will be the ACCESS program with attendance at individual and family counseling and volunteer hours in the community. Student #201645 Must complete all recommendations as stipulated in the rehabilitation plan. On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously ordered an expulsion for Student #202193 for this semester and next for violation of Education Code 48915(c), unlawfully sold a controlled substance on school grounds. Placement will be in the ACCESS program for the remainder of this semester and next with attendance at drug and gang counseling and volunteer hours in the community. Student #202193 Must complete all recommendations as stipulated in the rehabilitation plan. On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously suspended enforcement of the expulsion order for Student #205566 for violation of Education Code 48915(c), unlawfully sold a controlled substance on school grounds. Student #205566 must complete all recommendations as stipulated in the rehabilitation plan.
Amendment to the Agenda	On a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously removed Item #7 from the Consent Calendar.
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of: February 24, 2011	The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2011 were unanimously approved by Trustees on a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Paul Rodriguez. ¹

Correspondence

None

Superintendent's and Trustees' Report

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, introduced Mario Carlos, Principal of Washington Middle School to help with recognition by the Board of Trustees for the Head Custodian at Washington Middle School, Tom Velasquez. Mario described a scary scenario that occurred at a recent lunch hour where a student was choking. Mr. Velasquez had summoned Mr. Carlos for assistance and immediately began the Heimlich maneuver. When Mr. Carlos arrived, he encouraged Mr. Velasquez to keep trying and a short time later, he was successful with dislodging the food, a truly heroic and life saving action. Tom was presented with a Certificate of Excellence and much appreciation by the Board of Trustees.

Trustees discussed casting their ballot for the CSBA (California School Boards Association) Delegate Assembly. Sharon Brown suggested they consider casting ballots for those nominated by the local districts familiar to the District. On a motion made by Sandi Baltes, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown, Trustees unanimously cast ballots for Barbara Michel (Buena Park), Jose Moreno (Anaheim City) and Robert Singer (Fullerton Joint Union High School) as attached to these minutes.²

**General Matters
 Action Item:
 Consent Calendar**

Prior to action on the Consent Calendar, discussion was held as to why only two teachers would be attending the CUE Conference this year. The question was asked if the expense came from the individual site budgets and the answer is yes. Those attending will return and share a report of what is learned with staff. Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar on a motion made by Susan M. Hango, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown:

- Approval of Staff Development for designated employees to attend conferences/workshops as attached to these minutes.³
- Approval of Independent Contractor Agreements as attached to these minutes.⁴
- Approval of extra pay requests per employee contract's provisions and Education Code requirements as attached to these minutes.⁵
- Approval of Personnel Change of Status as attached to these minutes.⁶
- Ratification of Certificated and Classified new hires as attached to these minutes.⁷
- Approval of select memberships for Trustees and District Personnel as attached to these minutes.⁸

**Action Item:
 Resolution #3-2011 –
 Revenue Extension
 Measure**

Board Clerk, Paul S. Rodriguez, read Resolution #3-2011 in support of placing a tax revenue extension measure on the June ballot which will be forwarded to State legislators encouraging them to vote in favor of this action. On a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango, Trustees unanimously adopted Resolution #3-2011 in support of placing a revenue extension measure on the June 2011 California ballot calling for a five-year extension to protect education funding as attached to these minutes.⁹

**Information Item:
 Enrollment Report**

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, was pleased to report an increase of 25 students over the last report. Her prediction of the earlier loss being due to the transitional time of the year around holidays came true with the loss being balanced with increased enrollment following the Winter Break. Numbers are within the desired ranges at the different grade levels with very little change at the 6th-8th grades.

**Instruction and
 Personnel
 Action Item:
 Special Education
 SELPA Assurances**

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, reported that the District is a part of the North Orange County group of districts sharing the plan for the local area. These assurances were updated by the California Department of Education in November of 2009 and have just been received by the local SELPA for adoption. On a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously adopted the Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Education Agency (LEA) Assurances as attached to these minutes.¹⁰

**Information/Action
 Item:
 Transitional
 Kindergarten Program**

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, introduced Maria Mora to explain the possibility of piloting a transitional Kindergarten program in the District this Fall. Maria and others have researched the concept and are proposing a plan to develop a program at one site. Students reaching the age of 5 by December, but not necessarily enrolling in Kindergarten, would be targeted to benefit from this 'Preppy' Kindergarten program. Maria has consulted with districts that have the program in place and have realized the benefit. Maria has finished her certification for pre-school GLAD curriculum and will train staff. The pilot program for the first year would be at Ladera Palma School. On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously approved of a transitional Kindergarten program at Ladera Palma School for the 2011-2012 school year as attached to these minutes.¹¹

Business Matters:
Action Item:
Expenditure's Report

Trustee, Paul S. Rodriguez, reported Expenditures dated March 10, 2011, beginning with check #30-059223 and ending with check #30-059295 totaling \$772,361.94 from the General Fund, \$1,560.72 from Child Development, \$11,954.00 from Deferred Maintenance, \$9,440.00 from Building Fund (GOB) and \$6,960.67 from Capital Facilities with a Grand Total of \$802,277.33. Trustees unanimously approved the Expenditures' payments as presented with a second by Susan M. Hango.

Action Item:
Second Interim Financial
Report/Budget
Transfers/Adjustments

Following the review held during an earlier work/study session and not further questions from Trustees, on a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously certified a qualified budget for the Second Interim Financial Report and Budget Transfers/Income Adjustments per State criteria/standards as attached to these minutes.¹²

Items Not on the Agenda

Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, acknowledged one persons wishing to address the Board on items not on the agenda:

- Tamara Warfield – Teacher at Ladera Palma School – Tamara explained she was present on behalf of the La Habra Education Association who had concerns with the calendar item on the agenda for the next school year. *(This item had been removed from the agenda at the beginning of the meeting by Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards.)* She indicated the association had just received the proposed calendar two days ago and did not have enough time to meet and review it. She read a letter Mr. Steve Balentine had sent to Dr. Belenardo indicating the Association's wish to meet as they have the right to negotiate the calendar and have no interest in waiving that right.

Other Business from the
Board

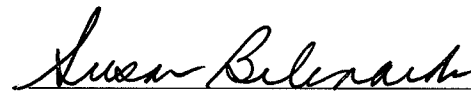
Board Member Sharon Brown announced that Kindercaminata will take place on March 25th this year and encouraged all to attend. It is a very uplifting and fun day at Fullerton College with our Kindergarteners interacting with college students. We will be sending 400 students this year to participate. She also explained that Trustees had explored the idea of a booth at the Citrus Fair but determined it would be logistically difficult as the Fair takes place during Spring Break. Sandi Baltes complimented those involved with the very successful Literacy Fair and Dr. Seuss Reading Days. She also thanked everyone for signing up for the La Habra 5K on March 26th. There are 250 students signed up to participate! Sharon Brown also commended the middle schools on their recent Open Houses.

Adjournment

There being no further business meeting items before the board, Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Board Minutes
Approved:

March 24, 2011



Susan Belenardo, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

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

² CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot

³ Staff Development

⁴ Independent Contractor Agreements

⁵ Extra Pay Approval

⁶ Personnel Change of Status

⁷ Certificated and Classified New Hires

⁸ Memberships

⁹ Resolution #3-2011/Revenue Extension Measure

¹⁰ Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) Local Education Agency (LEA) Assurances

¹¹ Transitional Kindergarten Program

¹² Second Interim Financial Report/Budget Transfers/Income Adjustments