

LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 Las Positas School
 1400 S. Schoolwood Dr.
 La Habra, CA 90631
 March 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 4:00 p.m.
Board Members	Board Members Present: Linda Navarro Edwards, President Paul S. Rodriguez, Clerk Sandi Baltes, Member Sharon H. Brown, Member Board Members Absent: Susan M. Hango, Vice President *
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. Progress on a proposed Board handbook was discussed which has about 5 pages completed at this time and will be provided at the next work/study. The discussion led to the Board strategic goal for community relations. Discussion ensued as to implementing outreach activities to include all employees, community members and interested parties. Some Board Meetings for the 2011-2012 school may be scheduled at the individual school sites to give Board Members an opportunity to visit the facilities and allow staff to show how their programs work on a daily basis including student involvement and interaction. With the concern for a need for more clear communication, Board Members will work to establish a list of key communicators within the community and determine how to provide information consistently and on a schedule to be shared with staff, parents, and the community at large. These publications will include pertinent school information as well as personal achievements and announcements celebrating our students, staff and their families. The possibility of face to face meetings was discussed and will be considered to further establish positive relationships. Linda Navarro Edwards shared her experience attending the Masters in Governance workshops this past weekend with Susie Hango and Dr. Belenardo. She stated it was a great learning experience and how the emphasis was on the importance of maintaining focus right now on the 'big picture', and addressing those issues and challenges currently threatening all school districts due to the severe budget challenges at both the State and Federal levels..
Public Comment on Closed Session Items	There being no public comment on Closed Session Items, Trustees adjourned to Closed Session for Expulsion Hearings.
Second Call to Order Regular Meeting	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:04 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, asked Paul Rodriguez to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Action Item: Report from Closed Session / Expulsions	On a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez, Trustees unanimously ordered an expulsion for Student #1202461 for one calendar year for violation of Education Code 48915(c) (4), committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in 48900(n), 48900.2, committed sexual harassment and 48900(k), disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. Student #1202461 will be placed in an alternative program and must complete all recommendations as stipulated in the rehabilitation plan. On a motion made by Sandi Baltes, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez, Trustees unanimously ordered an expulsion for Student #201765 for one calendar year for violation of Education Code 48915(c) (4), committing or attempting to commit a sexual assault as defined in 48900(n), 48900.2, committed sexual harassment and 48900(k), disrupted school activities or otherwise willfully defied the valid authority of supervisors, teachers, administrators, school officials, or other school personnel engaged in the performance of their duties. Student #201765 will be placed in an alternative program and must complete all recommendations as stipulated in the rehabilitation plan.
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of: February 24, 2011	Prior to approval of the minutes, Sharon Brown requested the word "Board" be added prior to the word 'meeting' in line 9 of the description of the first Work/Study Session. The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 24, 2011 were unanimously approved as corrected by Trustees on a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes. ¹

Correspondence

None

Superintendent's and Trustees' Report

Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, thanked Sheryl Tecker, Principal of Las Positas School for hosting this evening's Board Meeting and sharing a special presentation by students and staff of "Seven Habits of Happy Kids". Las Positas students and Teacher, David Villalobos, presented a powerpoint illustration and acted out skits for all seven habits including:

- Be proactive
- Begin with the end in mind
- Put first things first
- Think win win
- Seek first to understand, then to be understood
- Synergize
- Sharpen the saw

These habits are taken from Steven Covey writings. They demonstrated sign language signals for each of the habits. The energy and enthusiasm of the students as they taught the audience their seven habits was well received. Dr. Belenardo then announced that the 2012 La Habra City School District Teacher of the Year is Mary Wiedder of Sierra Vista School. Also announced was the retirement of District Administrator, Pam Herrera who will be leaving us the end of the school year. The recent Journal article was reviewed with many articles relating to the District including the recognition of Tom Velasquez, Kindergarten Registration, focus on school readiness, the music and movement program and the introduction of a transitional kindergarten program. The District page also provides good information on the budget as well as highlighting these programs. The front page gives the recent Judge's decision favoring the District in the lawsuits filed by the La Habra Education Association

**General Matters
 Action Item:
 Consent Calendar**

Prior to action on the Consent Calendar, Sandi Baltres requested discussion of the expense for ongoing PBIS training on the Staff Development page. Following discussion, Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar on a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez:

- 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
- Approval of Certificated Leave of Absence as attached to these minutes.⁶
- Approval of Classified Professional Growth to select classified employees for participation in the Professional Growth Program in accordance with the provisions of Section 8.12, Professional Growth of the District Contract with C.S.E.A., Chapter #135 as attached to these minutes.⁷
- Ratification of Certificated and Classified new hires as attached to these minutes.⁸
- Approval of disposal of surplus equipment declared as obsolete and non-repairable as attached to these minutes.⁹
- Approval of the dates for the District summer programs for 2011 of June 27th through July 22, 2011.
- Approval of a student teaching agreement with California State University Fullerton (CSUF) as attached to these minutes.

**Information Item:
 Facilities Planning and Financing Options**

Ernesto Flores of Caldwell, Flores & Winters was present to discuss the possibility of an initiative to help the District with funding of future upgrades and enhancements to facilities, in particular technology, and provide the District funds to maintain facility upgrades. He provided a powerpoint presentation as well as a handout explaining the process and also reviewing the ongoing benefits from Measure K, the bond issue passed in the year 2000 by the District. He explained that the proposed initiative could extend the bonds from that measure without increasing taxes. The District has been fortunate in how well the bonds have done over the years. The initial survey of the community sponsored by his firm showed solid support of such an initiative. He would like to work with the Board and the District to support an initiative and encouraged the Board to review his presentation and forward any questions or concerns to him for further discussion and consideration.

**Business Matters:
 Action Item:
 Expenditure's Report**

Trustee, Sandi Baltres, reported Expenditures dated March 24, 2011, beginning with check #30-059296 and ending with check #30-059420 totaling \$247,039.32 from the General Fund, \$114.07 from Child Development, \$1,099.22 from Deferred Maintenance, \$30,667.70 from Building Fund (GOB) and \$1,482.19 from Special Reserve with a Grand Total of \$280,402.50. Trustees unanimously approved the Expenditures' payments as presented with a second by Paul S. Rodriguez.

Action Item:
Settlement Agreement /
A.G. Araja Engineering,
Inc.

Director of Fiscal Services, Karen Kinney, explained that under the Contract Code, multiple change orders are not acceptable and therefore, it is necessary to submit an approved settlement agreement. On a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez, Trustees unanimously approved of a settle agreement with A.G. Araja Engineering for final completion and payment for the Las Positas Food Service Building Project LP001-2010 as attached to these minutes.¹⁰

Other Business from the
Board

Sandi Baltes read a letter she received from Nancy Griffin explaining that the PTA Thrift Shop is struggling to keep its doors open and is in need of both donations and volunteer time, please spread the word! She also expressed her thank you for the great support for the 5K run as many students participated! The question was asked as to the availability for teachers to access the computer system from home when inputting grades and when that capability could be expected. The system is in the process of upgrades and it is believed that the target date is for the next school year. All were reminded of Kindercaminata tomorrow at Fullerton College and a new schedule was provided with a map for adjustments made due to the possibility of rain. Dr. Belenardo announced that Board Member Susie Hango is becoming a grandparent of twins as this meeting is being held and congratulations were offered!

Adjournment

There being no further business meeting items before the board, Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Board Minutes
Approved:

April 7, 2011



Susan Belenardo, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

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¹⁰ Settlement Agreement / A.G. Araja Engineering, Inc.