


LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 500 N. Walnut St.
 La Habra, CA 90631
 May 24, 2012

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, Paul S. Rodriguez, at 5:00 p.m. Following no public comment, Trustees adjourned to Closed Session.
Board Members	Board Members Present: Paul S. Rodriguez, President Linda Navarro Edwards, Vice President Sharon H. Brown, Clerk Susan M. Hango, Member Sandi Baltes, 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
Second Call to Order Regular Meeting	Board President, Paul S. Rodriguez, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:07 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Board President, Paul S. Rodriguez, asked Maria Diaz to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Report from Closed Session Expulsion Hearing	Board President, Paul S. Rodriguez, reported that Trustees took action during Closed Session following an Expulsion Hearing and on a motion made by Susan M. Hango, with a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Student #1205353 is expelled from La Habra City School District with a suspended enforcement of the expulsion for one year based on the contingencies set forth by the Board of Trustees attached to these minutes. ⁱ
Adoption of the Agenda	On a motion made by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango, Trustees unanimously adopted the agenda for May 24, 2012.
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of: May 10, 2012	The minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 10, 2012 were unanimously approved as corrected (Correspondence – Date of Fiscal Update Meeting / Tour of Museum – <u>May 30, 2012</u>) on a motion made by Linda Navarro Edwards, with a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango. ⁱⁱ
Correspondence	Board Clerk, Sharon H. Brown, reported the following correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ms. Brown shared the highlights of a letter from Bill Habermehl, Superintendent of the Orange County Department of Education indicating his pending retirement and commending the school districts of Orange County for their continued commitment to offering the very best education for all children in the county even with the economic challenges presented in these troubled times.
Superintendent's and Trustees' Report	Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, introduced Cathy Kalcevich, Principal of Sierra Vista School, who was present with teachers and students from 4 th and 5 th grade classes to share their musical talents with Trustees. Cathy commented on her pleasure of knowing teacher, Ms. Hoda Katicha, for over 9 years and is always amazed at how her students take to reading notes and playing music as part of her class. Following a wonderful presentation by Ms. Katicha and her 4 th grade students, Ms. Kalcevich introduced teacher, Mary Wiedder and her 5 th graders who also impressed the Board and audience with their ability to read music and play songs on their flutophones. Administrative Director of Educational Services, Teresa Egan, was then pleased to introduce Estela Soto, President of the DELAC Committee for the District who explained that the committee meets each month as a requirement of the State to review the programs and progress for English Language Learners. Ms. Soto also introduced Lydia Fuentes, Antonio Carrillo, Alma Mantillon, Nancy Landa and Alma Hernandez who each spoke to the responsibilities of the committee and what they have learned in order to better support their children as English Language Learners. They share their knowledge with other parents and also meet at the site level to work with staff and the community to support the success of all children in all subject areas. They shared that they constantly encourage other parents to become involved as well. Board Members expressed their

<p>Board Meeting Minutes May 24, 2012 Page 2</p> <p>Superintendent's and Trustees' Report (Cont.)</p>	<p>gratitude and commended the group for their involvement and the work they do on behalf of the district's students. Ms. Egan presented Ms. Soto with a plaque in appreciation for her serving as the President of the Committee and her many years of active participation. Dr. Belenardo explained that this year's Summer Academy will take on an 'Olympic' theme incorporating science and knowledge of the body systems and how it all relates to success in varied sports. Rosamaria Murillo and George Lopez will be present at the next Board Meeting to provide a full report on the Summer Academy which is scheduled for June 25th through July 20th. 650 students will be participating in grades 4 through 8 as well as 100 students for the Science Academy. She then reviewed the District's May article in the La Habra Journal which featured many accomplishments throughout this past school year and gives recognition to our students and staff for outstanding achievements including a large number of student Pentathlon awards, VSP Artist award for Emmanuel Ortiz, Masonic Lodge recognition for Teacher of the Year, Anna Navarro and the District's Noon Duty Supervisors, etc.</p>
<p>General Matters Action Item: Consent Calendar</p>	<p>Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar on a motion made by Linda Navarro Edwards, and a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approval of Independent Contractor Agreements as attached to these minutes.ⁱⁱⁱ ➤ Approval of Staff Development for designated employees to attend conferences/workshops as attached to these minutes.^{iv} ➤ Approval of extra pay requests per employee's contract's provisions and Education Code requirements as attached to these minutes.^v ➤ Approval of Certificated and Classified resignations and ratification of New Hires as attached to these minutes.^{vi} ➤ Approval of the proposed annual budget for the Personnel Commission for the Fiscal Year 2012-2013 as attached to these minutes.^{vii} ➤ Approval of the Expenditures Report for May 24, 2012 as attached to these minutes.^{viii}
<p>Information Item: First Reading / Board Policies 5131.2-Anti Bullying and 6163.4 / Student Use of Technology</p>	<p>Administrative Director of Student Support Services, Teri Louer, explained that by July 1, 2012, all districts must adopt a Board Policy for Anti-Bullying. She and a committee have drafted a proposed policy modeling a sample policy provided by the Orange County Department of Education and is presenting it tonight for a first reading. She explained that this policy also leads to some changes in the existing policy for Student Use Of Technology as cyber-bullying is also addressed. Those proposed changes are also presented tonight as a first reading.</p>
<p>Information Item: First Reading / Board Policies 0410, 1312.3, 5117, 5145.7 & Administrative Regulations 5117 & 5144.1</p>	<p>In addition to the policies listed above, Ms. Louer explained that minor changes need to be considered to other policies and administrative regulations which are affected by the anti-bullying policy and changes to the Student use of Technology policy. These proposed changes are also presented this evening for review and discussion as a first reading. Following discussion, grammatical and structural changes were indicated and all policies will be brought back at the next meeting for a second reading and possible adoption.</p>
<p>Instruction and Personnel Action Item: Classified Early Retirement Request</p>	<p>On a motion made by Linda Navarro Edwards, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown, Trustees unanimously approved a Confidential/Management Classified Early Retirement Request as attached to these minutes.^{ix}</p>
<p>Information Item: Update on the RISE Program</p>	<p>Administrative Director of Student Support Services, Teri Louer, expressed how fortunate the District is to have a wonderful team of educators working with the R.I.S.E. Program which has been in existence for four years now. The program has been built on principles of positive behavior and expanded to the 3rd – 5th grade level the past two years. Teri introduced Renee Gray who spoke to the structure of the program and how it has continued to develop and expand showing positive growth in students and an enhancement to the services offered. They have developed a mission and goal statement in line with the district and are working toward a vertical alignment of services to evaluate success and follow families as they progress through the program. Parent groups are included and the District is fortunate to have the services of 7 Interns who are working in the program and offering support to students and their families. Community members such as Northgate Market are also being brought in. Programs are in place to prevent bullying and teach students to stand up and speak up when they witness negative behaviors. Jake Davis was introduced and provided a detailed description of the program and services offered at the middle school level. He spoke of an assembly offered next week at Imperial Middle School with guest speakers addressing the students and teaching them the power of a bystander targeting positive reactions to negative behavior. Teachers serve as volunteer mentors to particular students and develop a</p>

<p>Board Meeting Minutes May 24, 2012 Page 3</p> <p>Information Item: Update on the RISE Program (Cont.)</p>	<p>relationship in checking in with their student and supporting them on campus. Lauren Myers followed up with a presentation on the program at the 3rd – 5th grade level and spoke to schoolwide positive reinforcement systems in place encouraging positive behavior and supporting the PBIS model at each site. She explained the “Kindness Tree” at Sierra Vista and how it is growing rapidly with students adding leaves describing their acts of kindness. Both teachers emphasized the importance of following the data and basing interventions on needs shown by the data. They also indicated the importance of parent involvement and developing the relationship between the school site and the parents as the reinforcement of positive behavior at home is crucial to the success of the student in school. Parent nights are offered and participation strongly encouraged. Community education and targeted parent training will help meet the needs of kids before they become problematic. The District is collaborating with Western Youth Services and their Interns come to work with students. Aubrey Hecklau was introduced as a paraprofessional currently working in the program and also providing Intern support over the past several months. Discussion was held as to the issues of bullying and cyber bullying and how it is addressed, particularly with the sensitive issue of social networking sites. Staff explained that this is why parent involvement is so critical; parents must be educated as to the dangers for their children and given the tools to keep their children safe.</p>
<p>Business Matters Action Item: Third Interim Financial Report</p>	<p>Chief Business Official, Karen Kinney, updated Trustees on the information presented at the recent May Revise Meeting held by School Services relative to the State Budget and Educational funding. Again, the news is very bleak. Karen provided a powerpoint presentation of the scenarios presented at the May Revise Workshop and the impact to the District’s projected budgets for the next three years. Revenues are improving at a slower rate than anticipated creating significant budget problems even if the Tax Initiative passes. Funding will not increase; the District will still experience flat funding even with the passage of tax extensions. Transitional Kindergarten funding is not available. Approximately \$2 million in deficit spending with ending balances dropping will continue. Flexibility transfers will be necessary where allowed as reserves are necessary and cannot be depleted. There is a question as to possible elimination of flexibility. Should the Tax initiative fail a \$455. reduction in ADA per student could result. Unfortunately, educational funding continues to be a major challenge and remains unstable. On a motion made by Sandi Baltes, and a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango, Trustees unanimously approved the Third Interim Financial Report to be submitted to the State of California as attached to these minutes.^x</p>
<p>Items Not on the Agenda</p>	<p>Board President, Paul S. Rodriguez, acknowledged Kevin Jacobson who wished to address the Board regarding the school calendar:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Jacobson voiced concern for the recently proposed school calendar by the Fullerton Joint Union High School District that will be voted upon on June 12th by that District’s Board. His concern is how this action would affect the calendar for this district and asked that parents be kept informed well in advance of major change to provide time for planning accordingly. He also thanked Teri Louer for her presentation and the steps the district is taking in addressing bullying concerns.
<p>Other Business from the Board</p>	<p>Board President, Paul S. Rodriguez, announced that the Board would be returning to Closed Session following adjournment of the regular meeting. Board Member, Sandi Baltes, indicated that she and Paul Rodriguez had visited City Council to relay information on the possibility of a Bond Measure for the November ballot and felt they received a positive reaction. Good discussion was held as to the necessity for facilities planning and a need to educate the community. This is an issue that affects everybody. Paul Rodriguez commented on the 5 site visits by the Board recently and thanked administrators and staff for welcoming the Board Members to see all the good things happening. Sandi Baltes commented on the great experience of attending the Open Houses and also thanked administrators and staff for all they do.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>Board President, Paul S. Rodriguez, announced that the next meeting will be held on June 7, 2012 at the District Office Board Room at 7:00 p.m. There being no further business meeting items before the board, on a motion made by Linda Navarro Edwards, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 p.m.</p>
<p>Board Minutes Approved:</p>	<p>June 7, 2012</p>



Susan Belenardo, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

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- ⁱ Closed Session Action – Expulsion of Student #1205353
 - ⁱⁱ Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of May 24, 2012
 - ⁱⁱⁱ Independent Contractor Agreements
 - ^{iv} Staff Development
 - ^v Extra Pay Approval
 - ^{vi} Certificated and Classified Resignations and New Hires
 - ^{vii} Annual Budget of Personnel Commission
 - ^{viii} Expenditures Report
 - ^{ix} Confidential/Management Classified Early Retirement Request
 - ^x Third Interim Financial Report