



Regular Meeting
10/12/2023 - 06:00 PM
District Office - Board Room
500 N. Walnut Street
La Habra, CA 90631

MEETING MINUTES

AGENDA

4:30 p.m. - Closed Session

6:00 p.m. - Call to Order/Regular Meeting

(Meetings are recorded for use in official minutes)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Members of the audience may address the Board of Education on agenda items during consideration of that item and items not on the agenda that are within the Board's subject matter jurisdiction. Speaking time is limited to three (3) minutes per speaker with a maximum of twenty (20) minutes per topic. Persons wishing to address the Board should complete and submit a Presentation Card, available on the table near the hallway door. The Presentation Card must be completed and given to the Secretary prior to the meeting. Matters not on the agenda may neither be acted upon nor discussed by the Board, but will be researched and responded to in any one of the following ways: 1) by telephone after research; 2) by mail after research; or 3) at a subsequent Board meeting as an agenda item.

MEETING CONDUCT:

Board Policy 1313: Civility

The Governing Board encourages all district employees to treat parents/guardians and other members of the public with respect and expect the same in return. The District is committed to maintaining orderly educational and administrative processes in keeping schools and administrative offices free from disruptions and preventing unauthorized persons from entering school/district grounds or facilities.

The Board promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct between and among District employees, parents and the public. It is not intended to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression, but only to maintain, to the extent possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free workplace for students and staff. The District encourages positive communication and discourages volatile, hostile or aggressive actions. The District seeks public cooperation with this endeavor.

Any individual who disrupts or threatens to disrupt school/office operations; threatens the health and safety of students or staff; willfully causes property damage; uses loud and/or offensive language which could provoke a violent reaction; or who has otherwise established a continued pattern of unauthorized entry on school district property, will be directed to leave the school or school district property promptly by the Superintendent or designee.

ACCOMMODATIONS:

Any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation in order to participate in a Board meeting may request assistance by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 562-690-2300 or accommodations@lahabraschools.org at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.

TOBACCO-FREE:

The La Habra City School District is a tobacco-free district. Tobacco use is prohibited on district property at all times.

Attendees

Voting Members

Ofelia Hanson, Board President
Emily Pruitt, Board Vice President
Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard, Board Member
Adam Rogers, Board Member
Justin Rodgers, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Mario Carlos, Superintendent
Dr. Sheryl Tecker, Associate Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Marcie Poole, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

1. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Ofelia Hanson at 4:30 p.m.

2. Adjourn to Closed Session

3. Closed Session

Closed Session was called to order by President Ofelia Hanson at 4:30 p.m.

a. Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Superintendent of Schools [Government Code Section 54957]

b. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Personnel Matters [Government Code Sections 54954.5 (d), 54957]

c. Conference Labor Negotiators District Representatives: Dr. Mario Carlos, Superintendent, Employee Organization(s): California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter #135/La Habra Education Association (LHEA) [Government Code Sections 54954.5 (f), 54957.6]

4. Second Call to Order

Second call to order by President Ofelia Hanson at 6:00 p.m.

a. Welcome

b. Pledge of Allegiance

President Ofelia Hanson called Lizbeth Pacheco to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Report from Closed Session

No report.

6. Action Item: Adoption of Agenda

Adopted the Agenda of the Regular Meeting of October 12, 2023.

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Adam Rogers

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Motion passed 5-0.

7. Action Item: Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2023

Approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2023.

Motion made by: Adam Rogers

Motion seconded by: Justin Rodgers

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Motion passed 5-0.

8. Correspondence: Clerk of the Board

None.

9. Public Interest

a. Passport to Learning Presentation

Passport to Learning

Jessica Stout-Ryder, the Student Enrichment and Wellness Program Specialist, presented the Passport to Learning program. The purpose of the program is to promote learning, education, and parent involvement. Passports are readily available at all school sites and the District Office. Whenever an individual attends a school or District event, they can obtain a stamp in their passport. For each event, one stamp is given. Events such as Open House, Harvest Festival, Trunk or Treat, and Family Dances, amongst others, are included. When five stamps have been obtained, travelers will receive a spirit shirt. Upon obtaining ten stamps, they will be rewarded with a breakfast.

At Sierra Vista, Mary Gray, the Community Liaison, has been implementing various marketing strategies to promote the new Passport to Learning experience. One of these strategies was introducing the program to families during the Back to School Night in late August. Since then, over 172 passports have already been distributed to Sierra Vista parents, and several families have already collected five or more stamps. The new program has generated a great deal of excitement and motivation among families. Four families shared their experiences and feedback about the new program, highlighting how it has made them feel more involved. It is clear that the program is set to become a major success!

b. Walnut Elementary School Student Presentation

Dr. Alma Noche, Walnut Elementary principal, and some of her students, recently showcased the exciting activities taking place at school. The STEAM Lab, provides students with opportunities to build and engineer crafts and tech-based designs, helping them to interact with peers they may not otherwise have met. Digital Art is also a favorite subject among students, allowing them the freedom to explore various art genres and unlock their creative talents. Students also have the opportunity to participate in band and choir. These programs allow students to blend the art of singing with learning how to play instruments, providing them with a unique opportunity to develop their musical abilities. Students also highlighted the EPIC classes which help to broaden their skillsets, promote teamwork, and build connections with others.

10. Public Comment

Amanda Perez voiced concern regarding the safety of the Ladera Palma parking lot. Adding that the drop-off and parking scenario at Ladera Palma is quite dangerous. She went on to say that she had reported her concerns to the school, but that nothing had been done to address the situation. She added that her daughter was nearly hit by a bus the other day.

11. Action Items: CONSENT CALENDAR

The following Consent Items were pulled and voted on separately: 11 .a.1 - Educational Services Contracts and 11.a.2 - Staff Development.

Items 11.a.3, 11.b.1, 11.b.2, 11.b.3, 11.c.1, 11.c.2, 11.c.3:

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Adam Rogers

Voting:

Ofelia Hanson - Recuse

Emily Pruitt - Yes

Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard - Yes

Adam Rogers - Yes

Justin Rodgers - Yes

Motion passed 4-0.

Item 11.a.1 - Educational Services Contracts:

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Adam Rogers

Voting:

Ofelia Hanson - Yes

Emily Pruitt - Yes

Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard - Yes

Adam Rogers - Yes

Justin Rodgers - Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

Item 11.a.2 - Staff Development:

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Adam Rogers

Voting:

Ofelia Hanson - Yes

Emily Pruitt - Yes

Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard - Yes

Adam Rogers - Yes

Justin Rodgers - Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

a. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

1. Contract Reports - Education Services/Special Education

2. Staff Development

3. Memberships

b. BUSINESS SERVICES

1. Contract Reports - Business Services

2. Expenditures Report

3. Field Contracts

c. PERSONNEL SERVICES

1. Separations

2. New Hires

3. Change of Status

12. GENERAL MATTERS

a. Action Item: Approval of Second Reading of New/Revised Board Policies

Approved the second reading of the new/revised Board Policies per California School Board Association recommendation for: Board Policy 3513.3: Tobacco-Free Schools, Board Policy 5131.62: Tobacco, and Board Policy 4119.22: Dress and Grooming.

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Justin Rodgers

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Motion passed 5-0.

b. Action Item: Approval of Resolution #12-2023 - Red Ribbon Week

Adopted Resolution #12-2023 proclaiming October 22 - 28, 2023 as Red Ribbon Week.

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Justin Rodgers

Voting:

Ofelia Hanson - Yes

Emily Pruitt - Yes

Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard - Yes

Adam Rogers - Yes

Justin Rodgers - Yes

Motion passed 5-0.

c. Action Item: Approval of Personnel Commission Board Appointee

Approved the reappointment of Sharon Brown as the Board appointee to the Personnel Commission through December 1, 2026.

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Adam Rogers

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Motion passed 5-0.

13. INSTRUCTION AND PERSONNEL

a. Action Item: Approval of Classified Early Retirement

Approved the Classified Early Retirement request.

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Adam Rogers

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Motion passed 5-0.

b. Action Item: Intent to Employ Teacher on Provisional Internship Permit

Approved the request to employ teacher on Provisional Internship Permit for the 2023-2024 school year.

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Justin Rodgers

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Motion passed 5-0.

14. Board/Superintendent Comments

Board Member comments:

- It's wonderful to see all the families and students attending the meeting, emphasizing the importance of family engagement.
- We're thrilled to witness our staff taking ownership of the Passport to Learning program.
- The Alphabet parade at El Cerrito was a resounding success, with students proudly showcasing their letters.
- Our hearts go out to those facing attacks and hatred. Let's pray for a world that embraces diversity, supports equity, and includes everyone.
- Congratulations to the staff for collecting family data supporting the UPP percentages.
- We're grateful to the families who showed flexibility during the opening of a couple of new TK classrooms.
- A big thank you to all the staff involved in reviewing the math curriculum for grades 6-8; math plays a crucial role in our students' success.
- Congratulations to the schools for their attendance improvement!
- Our appreciation goes to the Technology Department for their vigilance in monitoring and advising on cyber safety.
- A special thanks to Christeen Betz and her team for diligently navigating through the maze of new laws.
- Congratulations to Dr. Rosa Murillo for her recent appointment to the Association of Two-Way & Dual Language Education board.

- Kudos to Darrell Franklin and Carrie Aponte for their recent promotions.
- It's heartening to see so many families participating in the Love La Habra event, giving back to our wonderful community.
- Congratulations to all the retirees!
- Parent/teacher conferences were successful.
- Corn Festival and Parade is on October 13-15. Hope to see our families at the event!
- Wishing everyone a Happy Halloween!

Superintendent comments:

- The presentations were impressive!
- Look forward to future training sessions hosted by our Educational Services team.
- Thank you to the dedicated families who consistently make every effort to ensure their students arrive to school on time.

15. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Motion made by: Dr. Susan Kolberg-Pritchard

Motion seconded by: Adam Rogers

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Motion passed 5-0.

16. NEXT BOARD MEETING

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for November 9, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., at the District Education Board Room, 500 N. Walnut Street, La Habra, California.



Secretary