LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Minutes of the Board of Education Regular Meeting 500 N. Walnut Street
La Habra, CA 90631
June 15, 2023

Board Members Present	Ofelia Hanson, President Emily Pruitt, Vice President Sue Pritchard, Ph.D., Member Adam Rogers, Member Justin Rodgers, Member
Administrators Present	Mario Carlos, Ed.D., Superintendent
Formal Call to Order	Board President Ofelia Hanson made the Formal Call to Order at 6:00 p.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Board President Ofelia Hanson asked Elsa Perez to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Adoption of the Agenda	On a motion made by Emily Pruitt, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously adopted the agenda for June 15, 2023.
Adoption of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting	After a motion was made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Emily Pruitt, Sue Pritchard asked that all email correspondence that were sent to the Executive Assistant via email be included as part of the minutes of the May 11, 2023 Board Meeting minutes, similar to past practice. Trustees unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 11, 2023 and the Special Meeting of June 8, 2023 with amendments.
Correspondence	Twenty-three correspondences were received. Board President Hanson and Vice President Emily Pruitt took turns reading the correspondence. All correspondences are attached.
Public Interest	Superintendent Dr. Mario Carlos administered the Oath of Office to Justin Rodgers as the provisional appointee to the La Habra City School District Board of Trustees. Dr. Sheryl Tecker acknowledged Elsa Alvarez for receiving perfect attendance from kindergarten to 8 th grade. Board Members congratulated Ms. Alvarez on her achievement, dedication, and hard work.
Public Comment	Josh Atwater expressed concern with the provisional appointee interview process. One candidate, in his opinion, stood out because it seemed as though he had access to the questions in advance. He also added he expected to hear deliberations for each candidate and what would make them a good fit. Mr. Atwater indicated he decided against running for the vacancy because he does not represent a majority of the community. Mr. Atwater was shocked there was no mention of PRIDE month in the Diamond Newsletter. The newsletter would have been a good forum for informing parents and families of the District's position in an effort to be inclusive.

	Mr. Atwater stated there are conflicting messages after reading the Kinder Future email. There should be a formal policy to ensure that everyone is made aware of what to anticipate and how it is being communicated.
Consent Calendar Action Item	On a motion made by Emily Pruitt, and a second to the motion made by Ofelia Hanson, Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as attached to these minutes:
	Educational Services/Special Education
	☐ Educational Services¹
	☐ Special Education ²
	☐ Staff Development ³
	Business Services
	☐ Contracts ⁴
	☐ Expenditure Reports ⁵
	☐ Field Contracts ⁶
	Personnel Services
	☐ Separations/New Hires ⁷
	☐ Change of Status ⁸
	☐ Leave of Absence ⁹
GENERAL MATTERS Action Item Approval of Second/Final Reading of Select Board Policies	Sue Pritchard raised concerns on a few policies following a motion by Emily Pruitt and a second by Adam Rogers. She stated that we must follow the bylaws more closely. She made reference to a conference that a former board member had gone to and asked for payment once they had returned from the event. Sue Pritchard also mentioned that audio recordings must be stored for 30 days. Sue Pritchard requested that the Board take into account recording every Board meeting. Adding the majority of the nearby Districts stream their meetings. Justin Rodgers abstained. He added it is due to his lack of time to prepare and would like to make an informed decision when voting. Trustees Rogers, Pritchard, Pruitt, and Hanson approved the Second Reading of the new/updated Board Policies per California School Board Association recommendation for: Board Policy 3555 – Nutrition Program Compliance, Exhibit (1) 3555 - Nutrition Program Compliance, Board Policy 4030 - Nondiscrimination in

¹ Contracts – Educational Services
² Special Education Contracts
³ Staff Development
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	Employment, BP 6177 - Summer Learning Programs, and Bylaw 9321 - Closed Session. ¹⁰
Action Item: Approval of Resolution #2-2023 - Community Engagement	On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved, by roll call vote, Resolution #2-2023 - Community Engagement. ¹¹
Action Item: Approval of 2023-24 School Year Calendar	On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved the 2023-24 School Year Calendar. ¹²
INSTRUCTION AND PERSONNEL Action Item: Approval of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators	On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously certify that emergency permits may be issued during the 2023-24 school year. ¹³
Action Item: Approval to adopt FOSS Science Instructional Materials for Ladera Palma	On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously adopted FOSS Science Instructional Materials for Ladera Palma. ¹⁴
Action Item: 2023-24 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs	On a motion made by Emily Pruitt, and a second to the motion made by Sue Pritchard, Trustees unanimously approved the 2023-24 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Programs, Part II, which includes Title I, Title II, and Title III LEP. 15
BUSINESS MATTERS: Public Hearing: Annual Budget for 2023-24	Board President Hanson declared open a public meeting at 6:46 p.m. for comment on the Annual Budget for 2023-24.
Budget for 2023-24	Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Christeen Betz provided Trustees with an overview of the proposed 2023-24 Annual Budget. The District is reporting a positive certification which indicates the District will meet its obligation for this upcoming year and the two subsequent years. Mrs. Betz reviewed an update on the economy, the May Budget Funding, 2023-24 Budget Assumptions, 2024-24 & 2025-26 Budget Assumptions, Multi-Year Budget (MYB), and the next steps. Mrs. Betz indicated the biggest impact on our budget is the state economy. As of January, the State had a \$22.5 billion deficit and it has grown to a \$31.5 billion deficit as of May. This shortfall equals approximately \$12 billion for K-12 education. At the Governor's May Revision, he highlighted the volatile nature of California state revenues. He indicated there's a decline in the S&P 500, which has significantly impacted the higher income earners, which accounts for over half its total revenue. The decrease is also directly related to interest rate hikes, inflation, bank failures, etc. Additional budget risks include declining enrollment, ADA protection loss, compensation cost pressures, and expiring one-time funds. Mrs. Betz reviewed the budget assumptions for 2023-24 and the subsequent two fiscal years 2024-25 and 2025-26. For the upcoming year, the LHCSD enrollment is

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Public Hearing: Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)	4,249 which is a decline of 75 and current Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is 4,029. This past year, our ADA rate was at 92%, and prior to COVID it was 97%. Although our ADA is down, this is a trend across the State. Without the ADA we do not get our funding. For 2023-24 we are assuming we are going to be at 95%. Our COLA is assumed at 8.22%. As of now, the State and Legislature are unsure how they are going to fully fund the 8.22%. They can fund approximately 5 ½%, but they are not sure where the remaining 3% will come from. Once a consensus is reached, the District will budget accordingly. Additional factors to consider is the increase in CalSTRS/CalPERS which is approximately \$400K. We currently have a healthy balance for the 2023-24 MYB of \$83 million and \$80 million in expenses. The current committed funds are \$23 million for the 2023-24 year which the State Mandated Reserve is \$2 million. There are several funding sources that are unknown such as: Ongoing Expanded Learning Opportunity Program, one-time funding adjustments, Art and Music Block Grant, and the Learning Recovery Block Grant. Some risks involved with the MYB include declining enrollment and the greatest risk is the uncertain future of the economy. Following no additional public comment, the Public Hearing was closed at 7:26 p.m. Board President Hanson declared an open public meeting at 7:26 p.m. for comment on the District's Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services Dr. Marcie Poole provided an overview of the 2023-24 LCAP draft for the District. She outlined the background and purpose of the LCAP, which aims to increase student success. For each of the five goals, a review of the ongoing services was reviewed: Goal #1 – ELA & Math, Goal #2 – Financial Solvency, Goal #3 – Student Engagement & School Climate, Goal #4 – Family Engagement, and Goal #5 – Professional Development. She reviewed highlights, identified the areas of need, went over the timeline and thanked everyone for their feedback
Action Item: Approval of Resolution #3-2023 - Authorization of Signature on Checks for the Revolving Cash Fund	On a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved Resolution #3-2023 - Authorization of Signature on Checks for the Revolving Cash Fund. 16
Board/Superintendent Comments	 Trustees provided comments on the following topics and areas: Thankful for the wonderful opportunity to serve the community. Grateful to the staff for all their efforts in creating the LCAP and budget. BRIDGE program is a great addition to our schools. Washington DC trip was a fantastic learning opportunity for our students. It would be amazing if all students had the opportunity to visit DC. Arbolita's Open House was incredible! The wax museum was a big hit! Sierra Vista's Open House was a success! It is amazing to see so many students interested in attending college. The work that school is doing is incredible.

 $^{^{\}rm 16}$ Resolution #3-2023 - Authorization of Signature on Checks for the Revolving Cash Fund

	 Conditions of the Children Forum was held at the City of La Habra. The information was amazing and well done. MTSS Conference was informative. WMS Spring Concert was a success! Witnessing all the WMS graduates walk across the stage at Sonora High School Graduation Ceremony was an honor. The principal acknowledged the IB students and their successes. Washington Middle School Promotion was beautifully done. It was student centered and a great promotion. Happy PRIDE month! "One doesn't have to operate with great malice to do great harm. The absence of empathy and understanding are sufficient." - Charles M. Blow Every child deserves to come to school and feel welcomed and safe. Every child deserves to come to our schools and feel a sense of belonging. Our District supports a diverse community. Our students, staff, and families are best supported when we can embrace their backgrounds, race, gender identity, and sexuality. The LGBTQ+ is the most vulnerable community.
	 Imperial Middle School Promotion was a success! Thankful for all the community members who are here and who have communicated their concerns. This Board will always lead with the best interest of our parents, students, and staff. We want to ensure that when our students leave our District they are academically successful.
	 Dr. Carlos provided comments on the following topics and areas: Thankful to staff and families who are in the audience. Summer BRIDGE has begun. The learning continues over the summer and the students are eager to be back on campus. We are excited to plan the next school year. Upcoming meetings are scheduled with the Principals to go over the successes and challenges throughout the year. Hope everyone has a restful summer and thank you to the Board for their leadership.
Adjournment	Board President Hanson announced that the next regular meeting will be held on June 29, 2023 at the District Education Center Board Room at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business meeting items before the Board, on a motion made by Sue Pritchard, and a second to the motion by Justin Rodgers the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.
Board Minutes Approved:	June 29, 2023 Mario A. Carlos, Ed.D. Secretary to the Board

To whom it my concern.

Tam a friend of 2 students that are currently attending Sieva Vista Elementry school at La Habra District. I do not agree that gender Idiology should be taught in a Elementry School. La Hubra District Should be focus in student academic education. The same way back in the Los when schools stopped teaching religion because it could encourage children into adapting certain beliefs and principles that their parents do not agree with. Plense consider not imposing gender Idiology to the students.

Marcela S.

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TO LHCSD school Board.
Aftention: President Hanson
Wrespondence to be read at June 15 board meeting

Att: LHSD School Board

I am a family friend of 2 Students that are currently attending Lattabra School district. I do not agree with the school system trying to impose teaching young Kids about gender identity. This to pic Could be very confising for some Fids. The School System should be focusing on other topics to help children succeed academically. Thankyou

Sixerely. Sandra K.

To: LHCSD School Board Attn: President Hanson Correspondence to be read @ 6/15/23 board meeting. To Whom It May Concern, I am a family members of 2 students @ Sierra Vista Elementary School and don't agree with the current implementation to teach kids about gender identity. Kids should be learning other things that won't confuse their understanding of their sex.

Sincerely, Davila

I am completely opposed on teaching Gender Deology Allow the parents to educate their children however they Choose to At HOME and in their privary. School is a place to learn and be educated on scholastic topics. these all children who are agent interested in learning What many so called "genders" there is we are born with two genders MALE & FEMALE. If a parents is in disagreement they can teach their child their "beliefs" on their own time. I will not allow my child to be fed lies. Once againer I am NOT IN AGREEMENT IN TEACHING MY CHILD THAT THERE ARE MORE THAN
TWO GENDERS because it is not true. And I hope the board can respect that.

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Denise Diaz

to whom may it concern:

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School should only focus on education regarding all other topic and I rave that to parents.

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To: LHCSD School Board ATTENTION: President Hanson Correspondence to be read at Sune 15 board meeting Hello. I am an Aunt of 2 little boys that attend Sierra Vista Elementary School. Do not agree with teaching the children about genden Selection. There are only two genders. Male. and Female and you are Whichever. One GOD Created you to be at birth. It's not complicated. Teach. the Kids the Scholastic and don't Con Fise the Children. Thank you ATT: Our

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Thank you.

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AS a Concerned uncle of 2 toung boxs afterding La Habra Distric. I do not agree with your Faculty teaching children agree with your Faculty teaching children gender selection. La Habra District Should Focus on Scholastic materials and should leave gender selection teachings For Payents at home.

Sincerel-1 Alberto V. / A concerned uncle To whom is may concern, I am an under of two little boys, a & year old and a 9 year old, that attend Sierra Vista Elementary School. I am reaching out to you, regarding the new idea from the government to teach gender ideology. I believe that, that's not right, my sister and brother in Law should be having this conversation with there kids, just like every other parnent, not the teachers. They go to school to learn their general education not to learn about gender ideology. Their mird is not develop for that and I think it's wrong. Please with all the respect do not teach this to the innoint yields it's not necessary. Thank you!

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To QI+ QD School Board.

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TO LHCSD School board =

Att: President Hanson. Correspondence
to be read at June 15 meeting.

For whom it may concern.

As a parent I don't think this gender is appropriate for Children tearning idiological in schools. Schools should focus more on teaching Children to respect others or how to Prevent bullying instead on Confusing Children in the gender they should be, learning Idiology numbers, reading and science.

Denise Parra

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As an aunt and mother I am concerned regarding Gender Idiology. I don't regarding Gender Idiology. I don't agree with the school trying to feach our children with Gender Idiology. I strongy suggest the school to leave it strongy suggest the school to leave it up to us parents on how to raise and up to us parents on how to raise and educate our children regarding this topic.

Thank You, Cyatha S.

June 13, 2023

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TO LHCSD SCHOOL Board ATTENTION: President Hanson Correspondence To be read at June 15 board Meeting.

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Attention President Hanson
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to LHCSD SCHOOL BOARD ATTENTION: PRESIDENT HANSON CORRESPONDENCE TO BE read at JUNE 15 BOARD MEETING. Sox Isgel Baltazar, con la presente astay diciondo que no estay deacuerdo que alos menones niños y niñas se les quiera enseñar de la libertar de genero para confordir Los; Sabiendo que DIOS ha establecido niño o niña nombrecito ó mujercita. As: que por favor de no llevar cosas que danen a nuestros hinos ni los confundan la mejor seria tracr las oraciones a las Escuelas como antesa DE ANTE MANO MUCHAS GRACIAS.

LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD RESOLUTION NO. 2-2023

Community Engagement

WHEREAS, La Habra City School District values students, staff, and families' voices.

WHEREAS, it is the right of every parent/guardian and community member, regardless of the nature of their concern or complement, to invoke their Freedom of Speech and speak freely at the La Habra City School District board meeting;

WHEREAS, the District welcomes and supports all comments;

WHEREAS, the District has a responsibility to ensure that all community members who reside within its boundaries, regardless of parental/guardian status, shall feel safely welcomed to address the La Habra City School District school board;

WHEREAS, parents/guardians and community members' opinions are valued by the La Habra City School District school board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the La Habra City School District welcomes all comments made respectfully to the La Habra City School District school board, following public comment guidelines, to ensure the District meets its duty to provide all community members the opportunity to share both their concerns and their complements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Education declares the La Habra City School District to be a safe zone for parents/guardians and community members, and a place where everyone can feel welcomed and encouraged to share their views and opinions openly during the public comment period of La Habra City School District school board meetings;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution was passed on this day 15th of June, 2023 by:

Mario A. Carlos, Ed. D.

Secretary to the Board

Ofelia Hanson

Board of Education President