


LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Emergency Board of Education Meeting
 Meeting was conducted via Zoom Webinar
 500 N. Walnut Street
 La Habra, CA 90631
 July 17, 2020

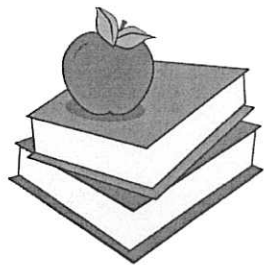
Board Members Present	Sandi Baltes, President John A. Dobson, Clerk/Vice-President Adam Rogers, Member Cynthia Aguirre, Member Ofelia Hanson, Member
Administrators Present	Joanne Culverhouse, Ed.D., Superintendent Mario Carlos, Ed.D., Associate Superintendent, Human Resources Sheryl Tecker, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services Cammie Nguyen, Ph.D., Assistant Superintendent, Special Educational & Student Services Marcie Poole, Ed.D., Director of Special Programs and Assessments Christeen Betz, Chief Business Official David Soto, Director of Technology Cathy Seighman, Principal of Imperial Middle School Greg White, Principal of Washington Middle School Emily Flesher, Principal of El Cerrito Elementary School Anna Dorado, Principal of Sierra Vista Elementary School
Formal Call to Order	Board President Sandi Baltes made the Formal Call to Order at 8:00 a.m.
Public Comment on Closed Session Items	Following no public comment, Trustees adjourned to closed session.
Second Call to Order Regular Meeting	Board President Sandi Baltes called the Emergency Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 9:00 a.m.
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag	Board President Sandi Baltes lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
Report from Closed Session Action Item	No report from Closed Session.
Adoption of the Agenda	On a motion made by John A. Dobson, and a second to the motion made by Cynthia Aguirre, Trustees unanimously adopted the agenda for July 17, 2020.
Correspondence	No Correspondence.
Public Interest	No Public Interest.
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> President Sandi Baltes read a letter from LHEA Board President Shannon Belknap. The letter outlined that the teachers do not feel that it is safe to return to teaching in person and, in large part, many hesitant to do so at this time. They asked the District to commit to starting school on August 17 in a

	<p>distant learning model. They also urge revisiting this decision at least monthly to continue discussions regarding bringing students back to campus when it can be done safely.</p> <p>CTA advocates for a safe return to school for teachers, staff and students, to negotiate the impact of changing working conditions, and to ensure an invaluable and effective distance learning experience for all students.</p>
<p>GENERAL MATTERS Information Item Recommendation for Reopening Schools</p>	<p>Dr. Carlos welcomed the La Habra families and reminded the community that the safety, academic achievement, and wellbeing of the students and staff are of the utmost importance. He discussed guidelines that the Center for Disease Control and California Department of Public Health have issued and recommended to the Board of Trustees that we begin the Reopening of Schools in Distant Learning. He elaborated on the two academic choices for families for the upcoming school year:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distance Learning 2.0/Hybrid Learning Model (DLM) – Begin the school year with Distance Learning 2.0 and transition to Hybrid Learning Model with in-person learning when it is safe for students and staff to return. • Virtual Learning Model (VLM) – All online for the entire school year <p>Dr. Tecker discussed the top four (4) Essential Priorities for Reopening:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continuity of Learning for all Students • Student & Staff Health and Safety • Mental Health/Social-Emotional Support of Students and Staff • Community Needs <p>Administrators explained the difference between both models, report cards, attendance, sample schedule, clarified roles and expectations, and more. Staff also detailed the Hybrid Learning Model schedules for both Elementary and Middle Schools. They explained Cohort A & B schedules and in person instruction at home and at school.</p> <p>Dr. Nguyen gave an overview of the Special Education services that will be provided to students, while maintaining the health and safety of students and staff. She elaborated on the differences between Special Education students who are enrolled in General Education classes and those enrolled in Special Education classes. She went over what it would look like when they transition to the Hybrid Instructional Model.</p> <p>Staff discussed the health and safety of students and staff and the changes being made to the schools once students are allowed to return during the Hybrid Model. This includes new safety protocols that are in place such as: temperature checks, Plexiglas, physical distancing, safety signage, isolation room, and more. Details related to revised schedules, configurations, new training protocols for staff, new procedures for nutrition services and transportation were outlined. Staff elaborated on the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) during a global pandemic and expressed their commitment to the continuing development of SEL that can be accessed regardless of learning models students are engaged in. Staff provided Child Care options for parents which included KidZone, ASES & Boys and Girls Club, La Habra Child Development Center, City of La Habra Extended Day Camp and La Habra Heritage.</p> <p>Staff wrapped up the presentation by providing dates for upcoming Virtual Town Hall Information Sessions, School Site meetings, a guide for Next Steps for Families, and common questions and answers that have been addressed.</p> <p>Dr. Culverhouse thanked Administrators and the Reopening of School Task Force for their hard work throughout the summer for developing a plan for the 2020-2021 school year.</p>
<p>Action Item Approval of the Reopening Schools Plan</p>	<p>On a motion made by John A. Dobson, and a second to the motion made by Cynthia Aguirre, Trustees unanimously approved the Reopening of Schools Plan for the 2020-21 school year. ¹</p>

Action Item First/Second Possible Read of Select Board Policies	On a motion made by Adam Rogers and a second to the motion made by Ofelia Hanson, Trustees unanimously approved the new/revised Board Policies (BP) per California Board Association recommendation for BP 0470-COVID-19 Mitigation Plan. ²
Board/Superintendent Comments	Dr. Culverhouse thanked the Board of Trustees for their continued support during these unprecedented times.
Adjournment	Board President Sandi Baltes announced that the next regular meeting will be held on August 13, 2020 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 John A. Dobson, and a second to the motion by Ofelia Hanson the meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.
Board Minutes Approved:	July 17, 2020  Joanne Culverhouse, Ed.D. Secretary to the Board

¹ Reopening Schools Plan

² Board Policies



LHEA
La Habra Education Association

Dear LHCS D Board of Trustees and Superintendent Culverhouse,

I am writing to you on behalf of LHEA in regard to LHCS D's plan to reopen our school campuses for the 2020-2021 school year. We fully understand how difficult it is to balance the needs of all stakeholders during this pandemic, but we also feel strongly that our concerns need to be addressed. Many of our LHEA members have been involved in each of the four Reopening School Task Force meetings that have been held over the past several weeks. As our administrators have spoken and worked with our teachers about reopening, one thing seems to be most clear to us: teachers do not feel that it is safe to return to teaching in person and, in large part, many are hesitant to do so at this time.

LHEA members desperately want to return to normalcy. We want to see our students, to spend time with our colleagues, to teach our classes and to return to the school communities we serve. Our Task Force has worked with district administration to design a plan for returning to in person instruction in August, but COVID has raged on and the metrics have worsened in California, and especially so in Orange County. In addition, experiences in Oregon and Texas have begun to cast doubt on the claim that children are less susceptible to infection, and it is increasingly clear that we will not have the public hallmarks common to all successful European school reopenings: omnipresent testing, contact tracing, and case isolation.

At this time, we are asking the district to commit to starting school on August 17th in a distance learning model and devote the necessary time remaining to ensure a robust and rigorous distance learning experience for all students. We experienced the challenges of distance learning in spring 2020 and with preparation in the remaining time left before the start of the 2020-21 school year, we can refine the practices of distance learning and how to best serve all of our students from a safe distance, per CDC guidelines. We believe a focus in distance learning is the most effective use of our resources and is the necessary response to the worsening spread of the virus. We further urge revisiting this decision at least monthly and to continue discussions regarding bringing students back to campus when it can be done safely.

LHEA echoes the call of our parent organization, the California Teachers Association, in identifying three criteria that must be satisfied to justify a transition from distance learning to some kind of hybrid model.

They are:

1. A downward trajectory, or near zero incidence, of documented cases, hospitalizations, and positivity rates for at least 14 days in our local communities. This is the fundamental criterion from the [May 2020 CDC guidelines](#) for reopening the US economy, and it has been used by Governor Newsom and the California Public Health Department to evaluate county reopening plans in California.
2. A system to ensure widespread, accessible, and frequent testing of students and staff, as well as contact tracing and case isolation conducted by county health departments. Since up to [75% of infected people may not have symptoms](#), this is the only way to know if a student or staff member is infected and to adequately reduce the risk of community spread in our schools.
3. Implementation of fully-funded, doctor recommended COVID-19 prevention measures, including: smaller class cohorts and fewer total contacts, six-foot distancing, symptom screening, face coverings and personal protective equipment, adequate ventilation, hand washing, cleaning and disinfecting, and additional protection for those at greatest risk. Each of these is covered by the [Orange County Together: A Guide to Safely Reopening Schools in the Covid-19 Era](#).

LHEA recognizes the incredible burden that this places on all of our stakeholders. As educators, we fully understand the integral role that our schools maintain within the communities we serve, and we do not take this responsibility lightly. We stand ready to advocate for a safe return to school for our teachers, our staff and our students, to negotiate the impact of changing working conditions, and to ensure an invaluable and effective distance learning experience for all students.

We look forward to working with you in facing these challenges and with the many that are yet to come our way.

Sincerely,

Shannon Belknap, LHEA President