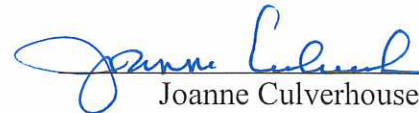


LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 Meeting was conducted via Zoom Webinar
 500 N. Walnut Street
 La Habra, CA 90631
 September 24, 2020

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 Christeen Betz, Chief Business Official David Soto, Director of Technology
Formal Call to Order	Board President Sandi Baltes made the Formal Call to Order at 5:00 p.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 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:07 p.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 Cynthia Aguirre, and a second to the motion made by John A. Dobson, Trustees unanimously adopted the Agenda for September 24, 2020.
Approval of Minutes of the Regular Meeting	On a motion made by Ofelia Hanson, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved the minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 10, 2020. ¹
Correspondence	No Correspondence.
Public Comment	Executive Assistant Gina Cosyilion read the public comments: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kandace Gutierrez – Commended the District for actions taken during the pandemic and would encourage the District to consider an additional monitoring period before reopening schools. • Michaela Estrada – Encouraged the District to require teachers to fulfill instructional minutes.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regina Cuadra – Inability to readily access Board agendas and meeting link. All public comments received are attached to the meeting minutes.²
Consent Calendar Action Item	<p>On a motion made by John Dobson, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Educational Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Education Services³ <p style="text-align: center;">Business Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Business Services⁴ ➤ Expenditures⁵ ➤ Field Contracts⁶ <p style="text-align: center;">Personnel Services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Separations⁷ ➤ Change of Status⁸
GENERAL MATTERS Action Item: Personnel Commissioner Reappointment/Board Appointee	On a motion made by John A. Dobson, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved Mrs. Sharon Brown as its intended appointee to the Personnel Commission. ⁹
Information Item: Reopening and Safety Plan Update	Dr. Mario Carlos and Cabinet presented the Reopening and Safety Plan Update to the Board of Trustees. The plan included the preparation for reopening timeline and the next steps for reopening.
INSTRUCTION AND PERSONNEL Action Item: Approval of Learning Continuity Plan	On a motion made by John A. Dobson, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved the Learning Continuity Plan. ¹⁰
BUSINESS MATTERS Action Item: Approval of 2019-20 Unaudited Financial Report	On a motion made by John A. Dobson, and a second to the motion made by Adam Rogers, Trustees unanimously approved the 2019-20 Unaudited Financial Report. ¹¹
Board/Superintendent Comments	Trustees thanked staff for making the best out of the current situation and added they have empathy for every member of our community. Dr. Joanne Culverhouse thanked Trustee Dobson for attending the Town Hall meeting and clarified the meeting was for staff. She added there are other Town Hall meetings scheduled for the community in the coming weeks.
Adjournment	Board President Sandi Baltes announced that the next regular meeting will be held on October 8, 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 Adam Rogers, and a second to the motion by John A. Dobson the meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m. by roll call vote.
Board Minutes Approved:	September 24, 2020


Joanne Culverhouse, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

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- ¹ Approval of Minutes
 - ² Public Comments
 - ³ Education Services
 - ⁴ Business Services
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 - ⁹ Personnel Commissioner Reappointment/Board Appointee
 - ¹⁰ Learning Continuity Plan
 - ¹¹ 2019-20 Unaudited Financial Report

Public Comments
September 24, 2020

1.

Dear La Habra City School District School Board Members,

I am a parent whose sons attend two different LHCS D schools. I would like to commend you for the actions you have taken during this pandemic for keeping our children, teachers and administrators safe. Our family has decided to go with the Hybrid model once it is safe to go back to school. I do know that in person learning is ideal for young minds as well as their social emotional wellbeing. I would like you to please consider an additional monitoring period before reopening the schools for in person learning. During this pandemic there has been several holidays where we have seen the cases for COVID-19 spike. Considering we just celebrated Labor Day I think it would be prudent to wait an additional monitoring period to observe any spike in cases. In reviewing the numbers on John Hopkins and the Orange County Health Care Agency for Orange County it appears our 14-day average may have increased as well. Los Angeles County is extending their monitoring period due to a rise in cases from the holiday weekend. I just feel it is better to err on the side of caution, then to have to reclose schools. In closing I want to thank you and all of the teachers for all off the work you have done in improving distance learning this time around. You have made caring for the health and wellbeing of our children and teachers' top priority and for that I applaud you.

Thank you for your consideration,

Kandace Gutierrez

2.

Dear Superintendent Culverhouse and LHCS D Board Members,

I hope this letter finds you healthy & safe. During these new instructional times I know it is hard to accommodate everyone's wants and needs but I would like to voice a concern that I have mainly for elementary students.

I am a product of LHCS D, my son briefly attended, and my nephew is now a 1st grader (blended model) in the district. When people ask about the district as a whole I usually beam with pride. However, during this transition to distance learning I feel this district is doing a great disservice to some of the students by not fulfilling instructional minutes. I teach in another district where I am on live 4 days a week for the full 240 minutes and one minimum day. During asynchronous work, the kids are logged on with camera and mic off completing the work. They are still logged on with me because I am expected to answer any questions and guide them just like in the classroom. Many teachers are done with their instructional day everyday by 11 am with asynchronous work to fill their day. This is putting a great expectation of equality which is not present. Parents are working from home or in the office unable to help their child during the day. Parents have other children to care for and cannot sit with their primary student all day. The district should be requiring teachers to be on live for the full 230 minutes for 1-3 and 240 for 4-6. To log off at 11 am everyday for asynchronous work is unsuccessful and not a way I would teach my students let alone let my son be taught in that manner.

It is impossible to make everything equitable during this time, but you can start by having a teacher with the students everyday for the full requirement even if that involves many minutes of asynchronous instruction. Kids need to see their teachers to be able to ask questions, guide them through this online

platform, and just know they are there for anything. Parents need supervision of their students while they try to work from home, care for others, and manage everything going on in the home.

Thank you for your time and I hope you look into this problem

Feel free to contact me for open dialogue on how to make this learning experience more successful.

Michaela Estrada
4th Grade Teacher

3.

Dear Dr. Culverhouse, LHCS D Board and staff,

I am writing in regards to the handling of notifications of upcoming board meetings and agendas. In order for a parent to access how to watch a board meeting they must first go to the district website, second click Administration , 3rd click the Board of Education, 4th scroll past photos of the board members, then under the Board agenda click the next Board meeting date and download it in its entirety. In this case the Board meeting agenda for tonight was posted 9/23/2020 and is 165 pages in length. As of 12pm 9/24/2020 it is still not listed on the district calendar as a Board meeting. The only people that would have had knowledge of this meeting are those present at the 9/10/2020 meeting and saw on the bottom of the agenda the next regular scheduled board meeting would be 9/24/2020 at 6pm. Once the agenda is downloaded in the 1st paragraph it states "The public may view this meeting by accessing the following link lahabraschools.org/live"

What they fail to mention is that the "link" needs to be copied or pasted into their browser and will only be active when the open session begins. If there is any delay in streaming of the open session the person will be redirected back to the board agenda with no idea of why the "link" isn't working. With everything being digital now for almost 6 months, it is ridiculous how inaccessible these streams of board meetings are for the public. There are many frustrated parents trying to access information that is hidden within only a downloadable document embedded on the district website. Furthermore, in order to stream previous meetings one must find the link on David Soto's YouTube channel or wait until after the next month's board meeting for the minutes to be posted on the website to find out what happened. Parents are just wanting to have easier access to be part of the process and have up to date information on the district website, especially those that are not following the district on social media. I am a very active parent within the district. My primary language at home is English and I am relatively tech savvy. If I am frustrated by this situation, I can't imagine how disheartening this would be for parents whose second language is English and may not know any other parents within the district that can guide them through the process of navigating through the website. Thank you for hearing our concerns.

Sincerely,

Regina Cuadra, parent at Ladera Palma