

LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 500 N. Walnut St.
 La Habra, CA 90631
 March 11, 2010

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| 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, Susan M. Hango, at 5:30 p.m. There being no Public Comment, Trustees adjourned to Closed Session. |
| Board Members | <p>Board Members Present: Susan M. Hango, President Paul S. Rodriguez, Member Cindy Frisbie Hecklau, Member</p> <p>Board Members Absent: Sharon H. Brown, Vice President Linda Navarro Edwards, Clerk</p> |
| Administrators | Administrators Present: Susan Belenardo, Superintendent |
| Second Call to Order Regular Meeting | Board President, Susan M. Hango, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:15 p.m. |
| Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag | Board President, Susan M. Hango, asked student, Jackson Bridgeford, to lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag. |
| Report from Closed Session | Board President, Susan M. Hango, reported that in Closed Session, Trustees had voted to non-elect select certificated employees for the 2010/2011 school year. |
| Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of: February 18, 2010 | The minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2010 were unanimously approved by Trustees on a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Cindy Frisbie Hecklau. ¹ |
| Correspondence | None |
| Superintendent's and Trustees' Report | <p>Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, was pleased to acknowledge Las Positas School for their most impressive validation visit in the process of becoming a California Distinguished School. She explained that visitors were "blown away" by what they witnessed in the way of the rigor of the instructional program, the positive interviews of staff and parents as well as the students' use of academic language when describing their learning. We will anxiously await validation of Las Positas School as a California Distinguished School!</p> <p>She then introduced some very excited visitors from El Cerrito School who came this evening with their version of a game show, "Are You Smarter Than An El Cerrito Student?" Alfonso took the lead as he Emceed the show as Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade students demonstrated their knowledge of reading comprehension and the important part it plays in their learning. Teacher, Mrs. Marshall was the only participant stumped by the tough questions Alfonso posed to the group. These young students showed they are active learners!</p> <p>She also reported that Caldwell, Flores and Winters have agreed to take a pre-opinion poll in the LHCSD attendance area and report back to the Board. Also, a preliminary draft of the Fullerton Joint Union High School District calendar was reviewed which shows school beginning August 30, 2010 with an extra 3 days off at Thanksgiving and a possible 4-day weekend at Memorial Day. This is a proposed calendar and could change prior to adoption by FJUHSD. LHCSD will then forward the calendar to the bargaining units for approval.</p> <p>District recently received confirmation from Standard & Poors of an A+ Bond rating.</p> |
| General Matters: Action Item: Consent Calendar | <p>Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as presented on a motion by Cindy Frisbie Hecklau, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approval of Staff Development for designated employees to attend conferences/workshops as attached to these minutes.² ➤ Approval of Memberships as attached to these minutes.³ ➤ Approval of Extra Pay to select employees as attached to these minutes.⁴ ➤ Approval of Personnel Change of Status as attached to these minutes.⁵ |

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| Information Item: Enrollment Report | Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, reported that although there have been several moves in and out, enrollment is up 2 students over the last report but still about 100 fewer than last year at this time. All Kindergarten classes are within the legal limits with 1 st and 2 nd grades averaging between 20 – 26. 30 students is the target for 3 rd – 5 th grades and averages are within that range with some higher classes in 5 th grade. Overall, the average for grades 4 – 8 is 30.1 students. For Special Education, there is a decrease in student participation in the primary grades due to the ExCEL model. The pre-school numbers have increased possibly due to early identification. |
| Information/ Action Item: Resolution #1-2010 Calif. Education Coalition for Health Care Reform | Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, explained that a coalition has formed to support a closer watch on the costs of insurance to ensure more cost containment. Organizations such as ACSA, CASBO, CSEA, CTA and County Superintendents are members of this coalition which has developed the proposed resolution requested through MEBA, the current insurance pool for LHCSD. On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Cindy Frisbie Hecklau, Trustees unanimously adopted Resolution #1-2010 supporting the California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform to contain health care costs in 2010-2011 as attached to these minutes. ⁶ |
| Instruction and Personnel Information Item: Classified Resignations | Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, apprised Trustees of two classified resignations. |
| Information Item: Middle School Science and Social Studies Course Update | Middle School staff and Administrators were present to update Trustees on the success of the structuring of Science and Social Studies courses offered at Imperial and Washington Middle Schools. With the challenge of offering double core subjects to students that have not scored proficient, and still provide instruction in the required Social Studies and Science Standards, staff described the process they used to structure ½ year standards based courses in both subjects providing these students with the necessary knowledge base. |
| Business Matters: Action Item: Expenditure's Report | Trustee Cindy Frisbie Hecklau, reported Expenditures dated February 26, 2010 signed by Susan M. Hango beginning with check #30-056859 and ending with check #30-056915 totaling \$163,754.60 from the General Fund, \$64.34 from Child Development, \$420.62 from Deferred Maintenance and \$1,750.00 from Bldg. Fnd Bond (S-2002A) with a Grand Total of \$165,989.56 and Expenditures dated March 11, 2010 beginning with check #30-056916 and ending with check #30-057002 totaling \$193,991.58 from the General Fund, \$1,806.79 from Child Development and \$27.08 from Deferred Maintenance with a Grand Total of \$195,825.45. Trustees unanimously approved the Expenditures' payments as presented with a second by Paul S. Rodriguez. |
| Action Item: Certification of Second Interim Financial Report | Director of Fiscal Services, Karen Kinney, provided a PowerPoint presentation of the Second Interim Financial Report. Based on the direction from Trustees at the work/study session held on February 18, 2010, she reviewed all aspects of the report and addressed any questions. On a motion made by Cindy Frisbie Hecklau, and a second to the motion by Paul S. Rodriguez, Trustees unanimously certified the Second Interim Financial Report per State criteria/standards, and approved budget transfers and adjustments in added/less income for select budget categories for 2009/10 as attached to these minutes. ⁷ |
| Other Business from the Board | Paul Rodriguez commented on his experience walking with the validation team at Las Positas and stated how impressed they all were with what they saw and stated it looks positive for a successful validation. The Superintendent will be sending a letter to the staff on behalf of the Board commanding Las Positas for a job well done. Congratulations were offered to Celso Rodriguez for being named Teacher of the Year. Discussion was held as to the District role in the community collaborative. |
| Adjournment | There being no further business meeting items before the board, Board President, Susan M. Hango, adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m. |
| Board Minutes Approved: | March 25, 2010 |

Susan Belenardo, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board

¹ Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of March 11, 2010

² Staff Development

³ Independent Contractor Agreements

⁴ Extra Pay Approval

⁵ Personnel Change of Status

⁶ Resolution #1-2010 California Education Coalition for Health Care Reform

⁷ Second Interim Financial Report/Budget Transfers