

Laguna Beach Unified School District

Board of Education Minutes of Regular Meeting July 17, 2018

Call to Order

President Vickers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 5:00 p.m., at the Central Offices for Laguna Beach Unified, 550 Blumont, Laguna Beach, California.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Quorum was established.

Members Present: Jan Vickers
 Dee Perry
 Ketta Brown
 Carol Normandin
 Peggy Wolff

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

There were no public comments.

Adjourn to Closed Session

- No Closed Session

Present at Board Meeting

Members Present: Jan Vickers
 Dee Perry
 Ketta Brown
 Carol Normandin
 Peggy Wolff

Employee Group
Representatives: Margaret Warder, President, CSEA

Staff: Jason Vilorio, Ed.D., Superintendent
 Leisa Winston, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Public
 Communications
 Jeff Dixon, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
 Victoria Webber, Executive Assistant
 Irene White, Director, Special Education
 Michael Keller, Ed.D., Director, Social Emotional Support
 Ryan Zajda, Director, Facilities
 Chad Mabery, Director, Assessment and Accountability

Pledge of Allegiance

President Vickers led the Board, staff, and members of the audience in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Adoption of Agenda

Member Brown moved to adopt the agenda. Member Normandin seconded.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes to adopt the agenda.

Recognition

None

Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)

Mrs. Sheri Morgan addressed the Board regarding district hiring practices.

Reports

LaBUFA Representative –

- N/A

CSEA Representative – Margaret Warder, President, CSEA

Ms. Warder reported on the following:

- Summer school
- Attending CSEA conference in Sacramento
- Upcoming professional development opportunities

Organizations

- N/A

Board Members

Board members reported as follows:

Member Wolff

- No report

Member Normandin

- No report

Member Brown

- No report

Clerk Perry

- No report

President Vickers

- No report

Superintendent Vioria

- No report

Cabinet

Leisa Winston, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Public Communications

- Introduced Dr. Chad Mabery, the new Director of Assessment and Accountability
 - Dr. Mabery addressed the Board briefly and is looking forward to serving in LBUSD

Jeff Dixon, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

- No report

Alysia Odipo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services

- N/A

CONSENT CALENDAR

Member Brown moved approval of Consent Calendar items Member Normandin seconded.

Public Comment: None

Discussion:

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. June 19, 2018 Special Meeting
 - ii. June 26, 2018 Regular Meeting
 - iii. June 28, 2018 Special Meeting
- b. Approval/Ratification of Personnel Report
- c. Approval/Ratification of Conference/Workshop Attendance
- d. Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements – Resident Students To Other District
- e. Approval of Acceptance of Gifts – Checks Totaling \$217,370.00
- f. Approval of Agreements for Contracted Services – Special Education

- g. Approval of Agreements for Contracted Services – Technology
- h. Approval/Ratification of Warrants #294422 through #394621 in the amount of \$830,420.47 Dates: 6/13/18 through 7/03/18
- i. Ratification of Certificated Payroll 12A in the Amount of \$2,330,121.80
Ratification of Classified Payroll 12B in the Amount of \$763,450.32
Ratification of Certificated Payroll 12C in the Amount of \$32,514.03
- j. Approval to Renew Site License and Service Agreement with SchoolsFirst Federal Credit Union for the Automated Teller Machine Located at the Front of the District Office Through July 31, 2021
- k. Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Dr. Jerry Weichman for Parent Education in the Laguna Beach Unified School District for the 2018-2019 School Year in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$3,000.00

Discussion: President Vickers appreciated the detailed minutes for the June 19, 2018 Special Board meeting regarding the proposed calendar for 2019-2020.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

INFORMATION ITEMS

Presentation by the Laguna Beach Chief of Police Regarding a Memorandum of Understanding Between the Laguna Beach Police Department and the Laguna Beach Unified School District to Provide a School Resource Officer

Chief Laura Farinella addressed the Board seeking support for a Memorandum of Understanding to further the partnership between LBUSD and the LBPD in providing a dedicated school resource officer to Laguna Beach Unified School District. “A dedicated SRO on a school campus is a best practice for school safety. Having a dedicated SRO provides ongoing consistent relationship with students and faculty that will enhance school security as well as focus on early education prevention and intervention on an ongoing basis.

The goal of the SRO is to reduce crimes committed by juveniles and young adults through mentorship and education. Relationships can be built which breaks down walls and provides an opportunity for informal counseling to occur. The SRO will also build relationships with school administration and teachers, working as a team to identify issues before they grow, which builds a stronger school and community.

Worked with superintendent and team to outline an operational MOU that formalizes the relationship between both parties and to develop mission goals and objectives. The goals and objectives include, but are not limited to:

- Reducing and preventing acts of violence
- Maintaining a safe and secure environment for learning
- Reduced criminal offenses committed by our youth

- Establish rapport with student population
- Establish rapport with parents, faculty, and administration
- Additional duties and functions
 - Attend athletic events and functions as requested by the school district
 - Provide instructions related to cyber and anti-bullying, drug and alcohol abuse, social media responsibility, school and personal safety and other relevant topics
 - Engage students, guide and mentor
- Consistent point of contact will enhance school safety while providing a positive role model, partner and liaison in partner solving”

Public Comment:

Mr. Bruce Moore opposed the proposal for an SRO on school campus.

- Will not be any safer
- Why only one officer for one school and not four
- More conduct will be criminalized. More families in the district will end up in the criminal justice system for assault issues, drug issues, vandalism issues that could be handled at the school

Carolyn Anderson supports the proposal for an SRO. She works on a high school that has an SRO and feels safer and believes it works.

Ms. Jacquie Schaeffgen supports the proposal for an SRO.

Board Comments and Questions:

- Must an SRO carry a firearm? Yes, according to police policies and protocol.
- Will the SRO cover all school sites? Yes. The SRO will start at the high school and navigate throughout all schools on a varying and rotating schedule. There is currently a juvenile detective on campus part-time, the desire is to have a full-time officer.
- The intention is to provide education, guidance, prevention, and intervention.
- Would the principal still be the lead at the school site in these matters? Yes
- Is there special training for SROs? Yes, there is an SRO association and SRO special training and courses.
- Two people from the school district will sit on the interview panel to select the right person.
- The SRO would be a police officer. How is it distinguished to use Education Code and Board Policy when appropriate as the first line instead of classifying as violence or a criminal activity?
 - De-escalation techniques are used first, prior to any type of force
 - The SRO will work in concert with teachers, coaches, and administration to determine the best way to proceed.
- Chief Farinella suggested presenting a matrix to the Board in a year to quantify the activity over the year.
- Discussion continued on a variety of “what if” scenarios.

- Does this fit into the district's overall plan to best serve our students? This is viewed as another piece of providing support. Irrespective of the uniform these are caring adults and another piece to providing social emotional support to our students.
- Student data will not be entered into the police data base, unless it is an official crime. Nothing will be entered by the SRO into the school district data base.

2019-2020 Student Instructional Calendar

Mrs. Winston presented a recap of the process, timeline, and priorities of the calendar committee as well as board meeting dates that have addressed the proposed 2019-2020 calendar. In addition, she presented an amended proposed calendar per Board direction and an outline of start dates, end of semester 1 dates, and end of school dates through the 2022-2023 school year.

The following people spoke in opposition of the proposed calendar change:

- Mr. Mark Kellam had concerns regarding student safety on the busses longer and increased traffic, stated vacations would be ruined, the festivals would lose money, students would lose money who could not work the entire summer, and the elementary and middle school students would not benefit from the change. He believes the proposed calendar is driven by a minority of people from the high school. Laguna Beach is unique.
- Ms. Moya Mitchel believes some of the high school concerns are valid and commented on the following areas: To meet the transcript deadline for seniors, implement a senior deadline where seniors finish the school year sooner. Why doesn't LBUSD have its own CTE program instead of working with Capistrano Unified? The program has worked so far for LBUSD students, why do the dates need to change? Academic break is not necessary in December. Helicopter parenting and catering to children is not needed. The high school teachers who support the change, how many of them live in LBUSD boundaries? Do they have children in other schools that would allow the teachers to benefit from being on the same schedule as their children? The issue is about the Laguna community and history.
- Mr. Jeff Roedersheimer has a child who is in fifth grade. His concerns included the effects of the change of current and future students and parents. He believes more community members should be involved in the decision making. He questioned why the topic was being brought up again when it was discussed five or six years ago. He referenced schools in Ohio starting after Labor Day, AP being a for-profit company, senior students finishing school earlier than other students, vacations being affected, early release, and focusing on the whole student.
- Mr. Collin Goddard son graduated from LBHS. He stated the proposed calendar change would increase traffic issues, cause his family to miss Labor Day celebrations and was unclear as to the motivations for wanting the change.
- Ms. Kimberly O'Brien-Young. Supported the proposed change until she saw the out year proposals. She is opposed to starting two weeks prior to Labor Day, which was on a future potential calendar.

Member Brown moved to continue discussion. Member Normandin seconded.

The motion carried 5-0.

- Ms. Carolyn Anderson opposes the proposed calendar siting traffic issues, elementary students on buses too long, and the semesters not being even. She also stated if the goal is to reduce student stress over the holidays, tell teachers not to issue homework. She stated it is not less stressful for students to end the semester break before the holidays.
- Ms. Jennifer Sweet is an employee in LBUSD and a parent. She served on the calendar committee and while consensus was reached to submit the proposed calendar, she opposes the change, but appreciates the process.
- Mr. Kevin Harrison finds the proposal unnecessary and absurd stating the majority of schools start after Labor Day.
- Ms. Ann Morrealle opposes the proposal. She stated all kids are different and stress is how we all learn to live with life. Why do we feel like we can't have stressed kids?

The following people spoke in support of the proposed calendar change:

- Ms. Dawn Hunnicutt, LBHS Teacher, provided some additional facts: 46 out of 50 high school teachers support the change in the calendar, which is 92% of the teaching staff. Of those who are in support, 26% are AP teachers. The teachers who are parents of school-age children, most attend schools in LBUSD. The teachers who teach semester courses are willing to collaborate and adjust their curriculum.
- Ms. Jacque Schaeffgen has two high school students, one in another district who starts earlier and she sees the benefits of the proposed schedule. She noted that schools and parents do not control the AP test schedule or the athletic schedules. She also noted the request is for a one-week change and summer will not be lost. Her daughter works for the festivals and goes back to school earlier and attendance at the festivals is low during the last few weeks.
- Ms. Sheri Morgan served as a member on the calendar committee. Respects and appreciates the process and the time spent by committee members, staff, and Board members. She believes that after going through the entire process, the proposal considered what is best for students academically and emotionally.
- Ms. Monica Silva has a high school student who supports the proposed change. Ms. Silva does not support those who oppose the proposal because of vacations, beach, or traffic. She supports the facts that support instruction and is proud that LBUSD puts students first.
- Ms. Mary Joe Winefordor stated the students need to be listened to. The students voted and the majority supported.

Board member discussion:

Member Wolff supports the proposed calendar. She stated no one is scheming. The calendar will rotate and is planned based on what is best for all students. She clarified the first semester is set at 80 days and the second semester at 100 days due to testing. The summer is not being taken away, but adjusted slightly. She supports as a parent and a Board member.

Member Brown supports the proposed calendar for 2019-2020. She clarified comments regarding CTE classes: Some courses are held on the LBHS campus; however, we do not have enough students to host our own program. She said the calendar was selected based on best instructional practices. Professional Development days were reviewed and aligned. For the out-year calendars, as Labor Day moves the calendar moves and that is where a lot of the adjustments come in. She knows this is a hard decision and puts in trust in the professionals who work with students. She believes the district has been transparent through this process and will continue to be.

Member Perry stated there are compelling issues for supporting the change such as community college classes starting earlier. She would like to see more information on having seniors finish the school year earlier than other students. She asked for other calendar options to be presented.

Dr. Vioria stated that there is no flexibility of the 180 day mandate in California.

Member Normandin asked for information on the traffic study the City had conducted. She stated the City trolleys start two weeks earlier than they used to and that trolleys are cut in August as the influx of traffic slows.

President Vickers stated the revised schedule provides eight instructional days. She also noted there is research regarding ending before winter break and the benefits for students.

She reiterated the goal for the proposed change is to start five days before Labor Day to allow students to end the semester before winter break with a full 80 days.

She asked that staff bring back additional options through the 2023-2024 school year based on a start date of five days before Labor Day.

No changes need to be made to the newly proposed (revised) 2019-2020 calendar.

This topic will be placed on the August 21 Board meeting agenda as an information item.

Fourth Quarter Report of Uniform Complaints for the Williams Case Settlement

Mrs. Winston reported there were no complaints filed for the quarter.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Resolution #18-05: Resolution of the Board of Education Acting as the Legislative Body of Community Facilities District No. 98-1 of the Laguna Beach Unified School District Authorizing the Levy of Special Taxes Within Community Facilities District No. 98-1 for Fiscal Year 2018/19

Mr. Dixon introduced the item.

Public Comment: None

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

President Vickers called for a roll call vote.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

Approval of Contract Agreement for Challenge Success School Program for the 2018-2019 School Year in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$17,000

Dr. Vioria introduced the item. The Challenge Success School Program will work with staff on best practices to continue to support students and support of the whole child.

Public Comment: None

Board Members asked if this program offered parent education. Staff answered yet.

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Discussion: If approved, a team of district staff, students and a parent will participate in the kickoff program at Stanford.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with the Institute of Multisensory Education for a Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham On-Site Training for up to 29 Staff Members to be Held September 17-21, 2018 in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$30,000

Dr. Vioria introduced the item. By holding the training at the District instead of staff attending an off-site training, more staff can be trained at one time.

Public Comment: None

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Board members were appreciative and want to make sure parents are made aware.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

Approval to Purchase *CodeHS* Online Curriculum Pilot for Advanced Placement Computer Science A Course in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$4,000.00

Dr. Vioria stated the computer science principles course finished this year. This curriculum has been reviewed by the teacher and accepted by the AP College Board.

Public Comment: None

Board Questions/Comments: Is this the capstone class for the College and Career Advantage pathway? Yes. What other programs were reviewed? One other program and the teacher preferred this program.

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

Approval to Contract with Timothy Smith to Paint a Mural at Laguna Beach High School in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$8,000.00

Mr. Dixon stated this mural was brought forward under the No Place for Hate initiative to showcase some extracurricular activities. The artist collaborated with AP art students.

Public Comment: None

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

Approval of One-Year Extension of Contract with Golden Star Technology, Inc., (GST) for the Procurement and Installation of Classroom TV Monitors and Equipment

Mr. Dixon stated this is the fourth renewal from the 2014 bid.

Public Comment: None

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Discussion:

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

Approval of Contract With File Keepers, LLC, to Perform Document Scanning, Conversion, and Shredding Services Per The Unit Cost Fee Schedule for an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$50,000 for Fiscal Year 2018-19

Mr. Dixon stated that our current vendor, AMI, was purchased by File Keepers, LLC. The contract maintains the same terms and conditions.

Public Comment: None

Board Members asked about timelines and process.

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

Board Member Requests for Items for Next Meeting, Requests for Information, or General Comments

Member Normandin shared a gunlock she had received from the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention. She shared information from the Orange County Department of Education on student confidentiality, ACLU Board Policy models, and commented on the process for policy review.

Member Brown thanked staff for all the work and information on the calendar process.

Member Perry thanked staff for all of the calendar information and Mrs. Normandin for the ACLU information. Member Perry attended the CSBA Leadership Institute in San Francisco and gave an overview of conference, specifically the STEAM focus.

She commented that she and President Vickers visited summer school dyslexia programs with Irene White, Director, Special Education.

President Vickers visited the Cove Gallery and thanked them for the collaboration with Ms. Beaudry-Porter.

Adjournment

Member Normandin moved to adjourn. Member Brown seconded.

President Vickers announced the next regular meeting is August 21, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. There is a Special Meeting to review Board Policies August 15 at 9:00 a.m.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.


Dee Perry
Clerk of the Board
August 21, 2018