

Laguna Beach Unified School District
Board of Education
REVISED - Minutes of Regular Meeting
August 21, 2018

Call to Order

President Vickers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 4:30 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
 Carol Normandin
 Peggy Wolff

Member Absent: Ketta Brown

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

There were no public comments.

Adjourn to Closed Session

Member Normandin moved, Member Wolff seconded, to adjourn to Closed Session. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes to adjourn to Closed Session. Member Brown was absent. The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 4:30 p.m. to discuss the following:

- A. STUDENT PROMOTION/ACCELERATION/RETENTION APPEAL**
Education Code 60617
- B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL—EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9)
Name of case: OAH Case Number 2018050231
- C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL — EXISTING LITIGATION**
(Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9)
OCSC Case No.: 30-2016-00839939-CU-PO-CJC

Member Normandin moved, Member Perry seconded, to adjourn from Closed Session. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent. The meeting adjourned from Closed Session at 5:28 p.m.

Present at Board Meeting

Members Present: Jan Vickers
Dee Perry
Carol Normandin
Peggy Wolff

Member Absent: Ketta Brown

Employee Group
Representatives: Margaret Warder, President, CSEA
Sara Hopper, President, LaBUFA

Staff: Jason Vilorio, Ed.D., Superintendent
Alysia Odipo, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
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
Mike Morrison, Chief Technology Officer
Chris Duddy, Principal, El Morro Elementary
Mike Conlon, Principal, Top of the World Elementary
Jenny Salberg, Principal, Thurston Middle School
Jason Allemann, Ed.D., Principal, Laguna Beach High School

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.

Report on Closed Session Action

Closed Session Item A: On a motion by Member Wolff, seconded by Member Normandin the Board voted 4-0-1 in Closed session denying parent request for retention of student in kindergarten. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent

Closed Session Item: No report

Closed Session Item C: On a motion by Member Normandin, seconded by Member Wolff, the Board voted 4-0-1 in Closed session to approve the settlement agreement of OSCS Case No.: 30-2016-00839939-CU-PO-CJC.

Adoption of Agenda

Member Normandin moved, Member Wolff seconded, to adopt the agenda.

Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes to adopt the agenda. Member Brown was absent.

Recognition

None

Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)

LBHS student and ASB President, Cal Nielson, addressed the Board regarding the LBHS ASB Constitution, stating updates are in process, which include the election process for ASB officers. The goal of revising the constitution is to expand student decision making. The process for approval will include presenting to the current year's ASB board and student body for ratification.

LBHS student and ASB officer, Luke Goldsine stated the ASB officers would like a more inclusive voting process for the student body, which they hope to address through the revised constitution.

LBHS student and ASB officer, Sophia Ravenna, stated the current ASB Board has modeled the high school constitution after the federal government model, including the three branches: Executive, Legislative, and Judicial.

LBHS graduate and former ASB President, Joseph Ravenna passed out four copies of the draft constitution to the Board. He stated the current constitution was last updated in 2005. He has worked on the revisions with the current ASB Board. The intention is to provide more representation to the student body.

The following public comments were inadvertently left off of the original minutest presented to the Board for approval on September 11, 2018 and are submitted for re-approval of the minutes.

Jen Hoy addressed the Board stating she believes student voice is important and is proud of the student speakers.

Shadi Pourkashef addressed the Board regarding World Kindness USA and anti-bullying education. She stated the City of Laguna Beach is voting to adopt a resolution to be a World Kindness City. She requested to be placed on a LBUSD Board agenda for a 15-minute presentation on a global campaign for a united platform for kindness.

Michelle Monda addressed the Board regarding civic responsibility. She supports students who are working on the ASB Constitution.

Howard Hills addressed the Board regarding civic responsibility. He believes that civic education curriculum should be included in grades 5-12. He addressed the issue of the ASB Constitution and is proud of the student speakers and supports them. He commented on the process for the position of Student Board Representative who attends school board meetings.

Reports

LaBUFA Representative – Sara Hopper, President, LaBUFA

Ms. Hopper reported on the following:

- No report

CSEA Representative – Margaret Warder, President, CSEA

Ms. Warder reported on the following:

- Thanked the Board and administration for the high quality professional development being offered in preparation for the start of the new school year

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 Vilorio

- Thanked site staff and Ryan Zajda for all the work done at sites over the summer
- Acknowledged Peter Levi from the Anti-defamation League (ADL) for recognizing LBUSD with a No Place for Hate designation
- The leadership team had its professional growth workshop last week

Cabinet

Leisa Winston, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Public Communications

- Wrapping up hiring
- Presenting new and re-orientation meetings for all employees
- Preparing to welcome back all staff

Jeff Dixon, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

- Provided brief information on Proposition 5 and the negative impacts it would have on property tax receipts

Alysia Odipo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services

- Instructional services held the Path to Proficiency professional development last week and will hold Dyslexia training this week
- Data confirmation is in process

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Public Comment: None

- a. Approval of Minutes
 - i. July 9, 2018 Special Meeting
 - ii. July 17, 2018 Regular Meeting
- b. Approval/Ratification of Personnel Report
- c. Approval of Conference/Workshop Attendance
- d. Approval of Student Field Trips
- e. Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements – Resident Students To Other District
- f. Denial of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements – Resident Students From Other District
- g. Approval of Agreements for Contracted Services – Special Education
- h. Approval of Agreements for Contracted Services – Technology

- i. Approval/Ratification of Warrants #394622 through #394931 in the amount of \$2,416,986.69 Dates: 7/04/18 through 8/02/18
- j. Ratification of Certificated Payroll 1A in the Amount of \$383,269.97
Ratification of Classified Payroll 1B in the Amount of \$465,688.79
Ratification of Certificated Payroll 1C in the Amount of \$146,481.03
- k. Approval of Community Funded District 98-1 (Crystal Cove) Administrative Expense Fund Disbursements Totaling \$1,963.33
- l. Approval of Concordia University of Irvine Agreement for Student Teaching Services with Laguna Beach Unified from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2022
- m. Approval for Assignment of Certificated Personnel to Coach a Competitive Sport or Activity and Provide Physical Education Credit by Governing Board Authorization Under Education Code Section 44258.7(b)
- n. Approval for Superintendent Jason Vilorio, Ed.D., to Participate in the 2018-2019 Superintendents' Executive Leadership Forum (SELF) in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$1,800, which Includes an Annual Membership in the UC Davis California Institute for School Improvement (CISI)

Discussion: None

Student Board Representative Piper Warner, cast a provisional vote in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent.

INFORMATION ITEMS

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:

Lynn Rodriguez spoke as a LBUSD parent and an educator in another district. She believes that AP tests are not a reason to change. She stated the difference in the 80 day semester and the 100 day semester is a huge disparity. She also noted that homework and projects do not need to be assigned over the winter break, regardless of the calendar; real world lessons are just as effective.

Carol Reagan, parent, thanked the Board for having staff bring forward compromises in out year calendars. She reasoned that families cannot participate in the holiday season if students are preparing for finals before winter break. She said she's not sure that the students who support the change understand all the ramifications. Would consider option B as a fallback.

Tina Steinke, parent, stated 52% of parents oppose the proposed change and they are in charge of taking care of the kids. The Board should listen to the parents/taxpayers and not spend time focusing on children's opinions. She stated there are only 300 AP students and wanted to know what percentage of teachers have students in the district.

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

Natalie Newburry supports the proposed calendar for 2019-2020. She stated she has seen and heard a lot of misinformation in the community. She stated colleges do look at AP scores and traffic is no worse at the end of August than the beginning of September. She stated the goal for the change is to lessen stress on students. Additional factors for support include community college sessions starting before LBUSD students have completed the school year and students support the change and they should be listened to.

Dawn Hunnicutt spoke as the department chair for the English department. She stated 92% of the staff support the proposed changes. She attended the Challenge Success conference at Stanford, where research presented showed students are overworked and underprepared. Factors include stress, drug addition, suicide rates at an all-time high. She recommended parents read the book *Overworked and Underprepared*.

Jan Schrieber, parent.

Addison Briggs, Senior Class President, LBHS. She believes the current calendar is putting students at a disadvantage related to summer programs and job opportunities. She stated most colleges start earlier and sports programs are impacted already. She stated the academic advantages of the proposed calendar outweigh the cons.

Chris Tebbut stated he is neutral on the change. He trusts the committee to do the right thing.

Kimberly O'Brien-Young, parent. Previously opposed the change, but now supports. She has found this issue to be very divisive in the community. She met with the principal and assistant principal at the high school to review test scores. She stated this is a great district and she supports the Board in its decision.

Member Normandin moved to continue discussion. Member Wolff seconded.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner, cast a provisional vote in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent.

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

Moya Mitchell took offense to statement that parents oppose change because they want to be at the beach; however, after second thought understands there is nothing wrong with wanting to preserve the culture. Asked what "list" Dr. Vilorio was referring to that "we are always on the cusp of getting on." She listed potential stress for students in having to navigate holiday performances while preparing for finals. The holiday break can be used to redo work for increased credit and other options.

Susan Vaughn, parent. She appreciates the democratic process and others opinions. She believes teachers have the power and ability to hone in on stress and how students are reacting and can help evaluate and adjust. She is curious about how teachers will teach semester courses with the difference in 80 and 100 days.

Kevin Harrison stated there seems to be different definitions on what's good for kids. He noted the quality of life as being important. He questioned if change was being proposed for the sake of change.

Mark Kellum, parent. He is worried about what's going on. There is no agreement with the Board or what will be presented to parents and taxpayers of Laguna Beach. He commented on the petition on Change.org is being signed by residents of Laguna Beach. He commented on the district facing a loss of support by members of the community due to the calendar change. He suggested the district get rid of ski week. He doesn't understand why kids are worried about stress over the holidays, he does not know any that face stress. Can't imagine students attending school in August with the Festivals, beach and good weather.

Colleen Connelly does not see a clear path as to why this is being done. How does the district know it's going to work? If scores drop will the district change the calendar back? She stated the decision is based on opinions and not research or facts. She stated the survey that was done was not fair and the process has not been clear.

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

Ann Bergen, LBHS Teacher, stated the change is not about AP classes or tests, it is about missed opportunities for students and sited College and Career Advantage program has after school classes that LBHS students cannot attend, community college schedules, and UC schedules.

Chad Carter sees many benefits to the change and believes it is for all students. He commended the Board for looking at what can be done to help students.

Leslie Briggs, parent. Her family was previously on an August – May calendar and she believes it is superior in many ways. One example is an extra 100 instructional hours, which does make a difference. She is sad to hear that people think student voices don't matter. The decision should be about the students and the teachers.

Beth Van Es spoke on behalf of her daughter who asked her to attend. When kids reach high school, you feel their needs more saliently. She believes that kids should be listened to as a part of their social emotional well-being. She noted traffic has eased up this week already. She realizes the change won't eliminate stress and anxiety, but it will help. Many students are already at sports camp and preparing for schools and not at the beach.

Katherine Tran mentioned the petition on Change.org in opposition. She referenced the district survey as the method for gathering information. She stated she thought the proposed change was brought forward for the benefit of students and people should stick to the facts and research.

Cal Nielson, Senior at LBHS. He appreciates the passion brought by both sides. He supports version A of the calendar and believes it's a fair compromise and great for the students.

Luke Goldsine, student LBHS. Attended high school in Arizona previously, August-May calendar. He believes that is a better system. Students will persevere because they want to do well, but appreciate any help they can get.

Sofia Ravenna, student LBHS. Respects everyone for their opinions. Disheartened that student opinion is "less than" others.

Board Discussion

President Vickers reminded attendees this is an information item and no action would be taken. Member Wolff thanked everyone for sharing their perspectives. She shared she has received threatening emails and harassing texts. She stated she understands the Board is elected by taxpayers; however, the mission of the Board is to serve all students academically and their social emotional well-being with best practices. She stated she supports the amended version of the 2019-2020 calendar and version A for 2020-2021.

She listed many benefits that will be brought about by the change in calendar, which included:

- Reorganizing semesters so that the first semester ends at winter break (with 80 days backward from winter break) will positively affect 1800 students at Thurston Middle School and Laguna Beach High School. Students will finish the semester, they will have two weeks off, and the Board will make sure there is a policy that no homework is given during that time. Students will have a mental health break.
- The District operates within and functions with many other systems, including:
 - CIF
 - Community College
 - AP Testing College Board
 - Summer Program Offerings at Universities
 - College Orientations
 - Career Technical Education (CTE) Courses
 - Summer Camps
 - Summer Job Opportunities

- Students will end the school year earlier, which will allow them to access many opportunities in June, including college orientations, which tend to be the month of June
- Students will have more instructional days prior to high stakes testing and fewer classes after testing and less filler instruction
- Professional Development Days, which are important for all professionals, are built into the calendar; there will be fewer substitute teachers and students will have more consistent time with their teachers
- Research from Stanford University shows that adjusting the instructional year can distress students and is a worthwhile investment.

Member Normandin stated that all students should have the opportunity to take at least one AP class. She commented on the need to protect playtime, downtime, and family time. She asked for review and discussion of the amended 2019-2020 and version A of 2020-2021 for clarification. She stated the pageant will adjust as the school calendar adjusts. Summer does not go away, it shifts by one week. She trusts staff to do what's best for kids.

Member Perry prefers version B of the 2020-2021 calendar. She stated another possibility would be to keep the calendar as is and not allow homework over the winter break. Discussion was held on how having no homework would work for students when a course is in session. She stated she worries about stress on students before the holidays. She views the imbalance of the semesters as a detriment. She is in favor of ending school earlier in the year.

Student Member Piper Warner stated she has been in the District since kindergarten. She supports the change and believes student voice is important and should be listened to.

President Vickers stated there are currently four semester courses at the high school, all others are a year-long. Some of the semester classes are offered during the summer. She also stated there is a lot of information on the district website under FAQs. Questions may be directed to Mrs. Winston's office. The Board has allowed this process to be long and involved to allow more discussion and to gather more input from the community. Changes have been made to the proposed calendars based on parent and community input. The decision is not all about scores, and were not discussed in the committee meetings. Student voice is important to the Board. The overarching concern for Mrs. Vickers is the end of the year, and what students do that have value and meaning after the completion of testing.

Discussion on how the dates were selected for the calendar based on counting back 80 days from the start of winter break, with the least amount of days as possible before Labor Day.

Dr. Vioria stated all AP teachers were surveyed regarding homework. All except for two would make adjustments. One of those two does not have summer assignments and therefore would not make any changes.

The Board reviewed version B of the calendar in depth for clarification. Two Board members prefer version A and two Board members prefer version B.

The Board will bring back the amended version of the 2019-2020 calendar and version A and B of 2020-2021 for further discussion and action in September.

Dr. Vilorio and Mrs. Winston verified with members of the festival and pageant, our students will not lose access to scholarships. They have asked for as much notice as possible if the calendar change is adopted.

The Board took a five-minute break.

Presentation on Social Emotional Support (SES) Services Overview and Update

Dr. Keller's presentation included information on California's Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Guiding Principles, the SEL Framework, and the SEL Resource Model. He also presented information on the student risk screening scale K-3 and the co-vitality strength scores for all four sites.

Board Members stated they were impressed with the progress and appreciate the work on suicide prevention. Discussion was held on what other districts do. The Board believes staff is doing well in meeting the needs of students. The Challenge Success Program the district is participating in will be a great resource.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of First Amended and Restated Master Joint-Use Agreement for the Use of Shared Sites Between the Laguna Beach Unified School District and the City of Laguna Beach

Mr. Dixon introduced the item for Board approval. The \$25,000 fee that was in the previous agreement would be eliminated. In return the City will pay for a School Resource Officer for the district.

Public Comment: None

Member Normandin moved approval, member Wolff seconded.

Board questions regarding the use of the district parking lot. Mr. Dixon stated that is controlled by the district through the use of facilities process.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner, cast a provisional vote in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between the Laguna Beach Police Department and the Laguna Beach Unified School District to Provide a School Resource Office (SRO)

Mr. Dixon introduced the item for Board approval.

Public Comment: Kathleen Kane lives on Manzanita. She is concerned with overflow parking and student speeding. She would like an adult to oversee some of the off-campus student activity. She praised Mr. Dixon for his follow-through.

Member Normandin moved approval, member Wolff seconded.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner, cast a provisional vote in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent.

Approval of Resolution #18-06: Establish Interfund Transfers of \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Special Reserve for Non-Capital Outlay Fund for 2018-19.

Mr. Dixon introduced the item for Board approval. Mr. Dixon stated approval of this resolution will enhance fiscal strength and will be reflected in the first interim report.

Public Comment: None

Member Normandin moved approval, member Wolff seconded.

President Vickers called for a roll call vote.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner, cast a provisional vote in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent.

Approval of Independent Contract with Burnham Benefits Insurance Services to Provide Consulting and Brokerage Support for District Employees' Health Benefits for October 1, 2018 Through September 30, 2019 with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of \$60,000

Mrs. Winston introduced the item for Board approval stating this is an annual renewal.

Public Comment: None

Member Normandin moved approval, member Wolff seconded.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner, cast a provisional vote in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent.

Approval for Purchase of TechSmart Coding and Computer Science Pilot for Elementary School Level in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$17,000

Dr. Odipo introduced the item for Board approval, stating approval of this pilot will allow for uniform computer science curriculum.

Public Comment: None

Member Normandin moved approval, member Wolff seconded.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner, cast a provisional vote in favor. Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent.

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

Member Wolff attended the Challenge Success Leadership Forum.

Member Normandin attended the Challenge Success Leadership Forum and shared materials to be distributed to other Board members.

Member Normandin requested an updated be provided to the Board in the Weekly Update on the investment put into the performing/visual arts program.

Member Perry requested staff review the arts plan. She also requested the LBHS students working on the ASB Constitution come back and present to the Board again.

Mrs. Vickers stated the Board has no authority over the student constitution. The students should present their constitution to Dr. Allemann when they are ready.

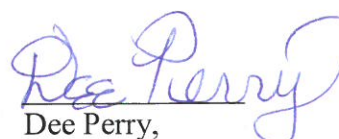
President Vickers stated the Board will discuss Proposition 5 at the next meeting.

Adjournment

Member Normandin moved to adjourn. Member Perry seconded.

President Vickers announced the next regular meeting is September 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. There is a Special Meeting to Board Goals and the Superintendent Evaluation on August 30 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion carried 4-0-1 to adjourn the meeting. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown was absent. The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.


Dee Perry,
Clerk of the Board
September 25, 2018