

**Electronically Submitted Public Comments  
December 17, 2020 Board Meeting**

Closed Session - Closed Session Agenda Item: Public Employee Performance Evaluation and Goal Setting - Superintendent

<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Celeste Gilles	I have searched online for this case and can not find anything. Why is Jason being sued and do the stakeholders have a right to know about this lawsuit. I know it's not the first time I have asked, but again, where is the transparency with this school board?

Items not on the agenda, within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board

<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>
anonymous	<p>It looks like the chances of our secondary schools opening up with the current OC public health rules are next to none...the likelihood of OC returning to the purple tier any time soon is not probably not possible for a very long time either. I understand that the COVID rates keep increasing but I also understand that the schools that opened are still open. Why? Because the Governor's office knows it's incredibly important for kids to be in school, otherwise he would have shut them down in this last lock down. So, what are we doing to fight for our kids to be in school? There's no science in why the schools that went back to school can stay in school, but our poor kids have to remain at home. What are we doing as a school board and a superintendent to fight for our kids? Can't we request a waiver? We are doing serious harm to our kids; they've been at home for almost a year now!</p> <p>Can you please either add an agenda item so the community can discuss this with you this Thursday or address and answer our questions submitted through this forum.</p>
Christina Henderson	I'm concerned about the coordinated letter that was sent regarding a request to return to distance only learning. I strongly feel distance learning is hurting our children. Especially the children who have parents who both work. I am interested to hear our boards response

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	<p>to this letter from the Orange County Chapter Presidents and sincerely hope you do not honor their request. Thank you!</p>
<p>Janelle Naess</p>	<p>In looking at goals: Goal 1- increase student academic ... emotional... We can just stop right here. 100% not happening with zoom school. Goal 2- college readiness... my senior son has ONE class right now for only 12 weeks. Not enough time to get through a whole year of material. Goals 3/4: Learning environment/safe clean school. LBUSD received millions of dollars to prepare for in person school. Please send that money back since we are not in school. Goal 5: engaged in the learning process - 100% not happening.</p> <p>On another note, do you have a plan/time frame for teachers to get the vaccine? Please share.</p> <p>Lastly, kids need to be in school ASAP. School is essential. Nov. 29th quote from Dr. Fauci "Close the bars and keep the schools open". Bars are now closed, so open the schools. And please trash the previous plan...teachers teach both classes every day, five days a week. Students in class social distanced. Cameras on. Virtual students watch camera. So simple!</p>
<p>Stacy Barlow</p>	<p>OPEN THE SCHOOL FOR IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION FOR ALL KIDS!! This zoom school is beyond harmful for the teenagers who are learning NOTHING. They must all be allowed in person instruction ASAP.</p>
<p>Celeste Gilles</p>	<p>What are you all doing to make sure that LBUSD Secondary schools can open as soon as possible? In Dr. Vilorio's email sent via Parent Square on 11/17/20 he stated "I am appealing to OCHCA to grant us a variance to allow secondary schools to reopen as planned next week. I am also requesting that we be provided the updated timelines under this revised "emergency brake" framework in the event they do not grant our request to reopen secondary schools...". Is there any update? Why has there been no communication from Dr. Vilorio to the school population since? Parents want updates! Also, it is my suggestion that at every single</p>

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	<p>board meeting until ALL LBUSD kids are back in school, the discussion that they are not in school and what you all are doing about should be an agenda item.</p>
<p>Concerned Resident</p>	<p>The Learning Center at LBHS and TMS is a huge liability. We have been issued a stay at home order and staff and students are at being put at risk daily. Our students in the learning lab are not in special day classes and could be taught virtual until our community is allowed to open. The stay at home order states to work from home if able, this is a situation that students and staff are able! A student at LBHS was covid positive and the class remained opened, why was this considered low risk contact? Our hard working staff should not be put in the position to work in person at this at this time. Please consider closing these locations until it is safe to do so.</p>
<p>Liesa Schimmelpfennig</p>	<p>Dear Board, a formidable number of parents of secondary school students are outraged that we did return to live learning when we had the chance. We signed up for the trimester system with the assurance that we would transition back to live learning once the county moved into the red tier. The many calls and letters both to you and to Mr. Valoria left us with more questions than answers. You and Valoria did not follow the recommendations of the health agencies, instead you told us that a transition back to live learning would be "a disruption" to the students. This is a glaring contradiction to the playbook! Wasn't that the whole point of the trimester system? It leaves us to speculate that you were not ready to open, that you did not "lead" your teachers and that you did not follow the science. Only public records will give us the truth. And this would be negligent.</p> <p>Is anyone out there in your safe bubbles considering the well being of our teens who have not been in school since March? What will will happen when the county moves into the red tier again? Will you all decide, including teachers, that is it too disruptive? Does anyone understand that remote learning cannot replace live learning? How can our tiny district show so little passion and care for education and the development of</p>

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	<p>our teens.</p> <p>We were heart broken about our kids not returning to live learning on November 23rd. Why didn't the Board call an emergency meeting early November to Discuss the prediction of a second surge and how this might impact the reopening on November 23rd? Where is the leadership, ingenuity and passion? We were a A WEEK away from reopening!!!! This could have been prevented.</p> <p>What reassurance can you give us that you will do EVERYTHING in your Power to get these kids back to some kind of meaningful engagement with their peers and teachers? This includes negotiating with Health agencies. This should be the number one priority on your agenda, not conferences, pay raises, etc. What will it take for you all to listen and to do the right thing? Parents are mobilizing, informing themselves and ready to do what it takes.</p>
anonymous	<p>I feel that the learning centers being open at the high school and middle school during such a dangerous time in the pandemic is reckless and irresponsible. There have already been 2 outbreaks and it is not safe. Students and teachers should not be put at risk when everything can be done virtually. The benefits of the learning centers are definitely not outweighing the dangers. Please just close everything down until we are out of the purple tier and stay at home orders have been lifted.</p>

**Consent Calendar Items C-N**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Janelle Naess	E. Conference travel by super - Adamantly opposed! He can Zoom in just like the students are doing for this fake LBHS school.
Stacy Barlow	E. OPPOSE conference travel by super. He can ZOOM just students are doing.

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Celeste Gilles	<p>Item E: Are you all tone deaf?? Like really? Why in the world is this district paying for our superintendent to travel during a global pandemic, when your teachers won't even return to the classroom to teach the students. This has to be some sort of joke! I am absolutely against the district spending any travel money for Jason to attend a conference. There is this thing now called Zoom - all of our secondary students are forced to use it everyday, Jason can use it for a conference. Or not attend the conference at all if he doesn't like Zoom!</p> <p>Item N: Why are you just now approving a program now for the 20-21 school year, when the 20-21 school year is more than 1/3 complete? Are you only paying 2/3 of the cost of the program?</p>
Janelle Naess	<p>E. Approval of Conference/Travel by the Superintendent Someone I know just drilled down to see this is NOT Conference Travel as per the Agenda. It's registration fees for virtual conference. Please update agenda. Also, I would only approve this expenditure if the conference is over the holiday helping the superintendent figure out how to open Thurston and LBHS for in-person learning in January. Or, just have the superintendent call all the other public and private schools in our area who are open and learn from them. That would be free.</p>

**Action Item: Approve Temporary Increase to Certificated Substitute Rate of Pay**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Stacy Barlow	Absolutely approve rate pay so laguna can get substitute teachers.

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Action Item: Approve Living Fit Nation Agreement for Additional Student COVID Testing with Laguna Beach Unified School District from September 1, 2020 to June 10, 2021

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Janelle Naess	The covid testing right before school was supposed to open in November resulted in 11 positive cases. I heard from several parents 2-4 of those were false positives after retesting the students. Was the school notified? Shouldn't the school send out updated numbers? Have you lost confidence in the company you hired to conduct covid testing? Why is there a covid dashboard when there is no school?
Stacy Barlow	Approve ASAP

Action Item: Approval of Contract with Caduceus Medical Group for On-Demand Video Screening and COVID-19 PCR Testing for Students and or Staff with Laguna Beach Unified School District from December 18, 2020 to June 30, 2021

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Stacy Barlow	Approve
Celeste Gilles	Why would the district pay for this service between when 12/18/20-1/4/21 when school is not in session? It seems like the contract should start on 1/4/21?

**Annual Organizational Meeting**

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**Board Member Requests for Information and Suggestions for Items for  
Future Meetings**

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Stacy Barlow	Provide the children of Laguna Beach with an authentic education which they deserve!!
Celeste Gilles	I am not sure why you all stopped reading comments that have been submitted by the public, but the public has a right to know. Just as if the meeting were live and a member of the public were speaking before you, the comments should be read during zoom meetings. If your argument is that it takes too much time, well sorry! Everything has changed in 2020, and taking too much time is just part of the deal!
Concerned Resident	Closing the Learning Lab please see above comments. Thank you for your consideration in this manner.
Janelle Naess	Please add to next school board agenda to discuss re-opening plan for Thurston and LBHS. That needs to be on every agenda until that happens. Thank you!
Liesa Schimmelpfennig	Dear Board, why is the reopening of our secondary schools not in every agenda? I believe it is the most important item and yet you continue to focus on matters that do not address the current crisis. This is an embarrassment to our community. It is talk of the county that LBUSD did not successfully open its secondary schools when we were allowed to do. This was negligence and Incompetence.