

**Electronically Submitted Public Comments
May 27, 2021 Board Meeting**

Closed Session: Conference with Labor Negotiators - Government Code § 54957.6

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

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Amy Kramer	Why are we not talking about the 4x4 schedule - something that will heavily affect students' learning outcomes and knowledge retention? Understandably there is another info-session scheduled but this does not seem to address parent concerns or the dialogue that should be happening. Being told what is going to happen is very different than actually having a dialogue or forum.
Janelle Naess	1. School Board members should have a vote in school scheduling (not just Superintendent). Board members and Superintendent should listen to the parents when we say no 4x4. LBHS and Thurston need to go back to 6 classes per day, all year long for continuous learning. Also, the "Thought Exchange" conducted by Jason Allemann was not a thought exchange. It was an advertisement promoting the 4x4 schedule with prepared written statements and planted questions. Any questions or statements opposed were not accepted or relayed.
Kruse Family	We are against the proposed 4x4 schedule change for middle school. LBUSD has been among the highest rated schools in California, where the 6 course model has been proven to work year after year. Why are we thinking of shifting to a model that isn't proven to work for middle school aged kids. We don't feel the 4x4 model provides sufficient focus on academic courses that will prepare our kids better for higher learning. We need to move forward with some stability for our kids and stick with what has been proven to work.
Elizabeth	With respect to the 2021-22 student schedules I understand that no decisions have been made yet and various options are being looked at. Looking at the FAQs put out by the middle and high schools, one of those options is a 4x4 A/B Rotating schedule model. I am in support of the 4x4 rotating model. In reviewing the research and speaking with friends whose students have been on the block schedule, I believe my daughter would benefit greatly on the rotating model, if we are understanding it correctly. Longer classes allow for students to absorb more and ask more questions. In addition, they provide students the

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	<p>options to seek in class support. Whatever schedule the school(s) decide on my daughter will adapt. I'm not sure why parents feel the need to be so controlling about every aspect of their child's life. If children can't learn to adapt and change, they will have difficulty as adults. "Adaptability to change is itself a hallmark of successful education." Peter Hilton</p>
Michelle Foley	<p>In regard to the 4:4 schedule, this is not a proven successful schedule. These young teenagers need consistency in their subjects for any possible retention from year to year. Foreign languages and Math in particular are extremely concerning. Please DO NOT institute this schedule. year long classes are what has always been done in schools for decades, no need to make changes to a system not broken.</p>
Anne Morreale	<p>Your moto of every student every day needs to be re evaluated. We need a return to normalcy and stability not another shake up of the High School schedule. We need a return to 6 yearlong courses to provide the best environment for learning and retention. Of course the last waterfall schedule was not successful. Of course the students knew where they were going before the teachers. That's because they had to check every morning for the entire school year because it was never consistent. It was stressful, chaotic and class time was too long. An all ab block schedule would be more of the same. Everyday rotating and long classes that encourage lethargy. The schedule from 3 years ago worked well for everyone and our athletes made accommodations to work around missing class time. A valuable life skill in time management for our future adults.</p>
Ashley Samuelian	<p>Not a fan of the 4x4 semesters!</p>
Jeannie Joseph	<p>The majority of parents do NOT want Laguna Beach Unified to have a 4x4 schedule next year. It disadvantages students by reducing the amount they learn due to reduced curriculum, reducing the amount they retain due to lack of continuity, and they score significantly lower on standardized testing, so they are not prepared for high school, college and their future. Multiple studies have proven the disadvantages of 4x4: https://www.jefflindsay.com/Block.shtml Parents want a return to the normal schedule of 6 classes and 5 days per week. There is a petition with over 400 parent signatures against 4x4. The teacher's union voted to bring back a normal schedule, yet the principals of Thurston and the High School refused to offer them that choice last week, forcing teachers to vote for a 4x4 system they did NOT want. Parents also protested. Newport Beach similarly protested a 4x4 schedule</p>

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	<p>next year and the school listened and scrapped it. Please do something. The school is not listening to the science and the parents. Please vote for a normal school year next year, ie., 6 classes/5 days per week. If the schools continue to insist on instituting this educationally deficient hybrid 4x4 schedule, we will leave the district and go to private school to get a real education. Thank you</p>
<p>Terri Meisberger</p>	<p>Bell schedule for next year is another experiment. I was vehemently against the trimester schedule and not quiet about it. It is a mess. The learning loss exists and will be very apparent with ap test results and resuming class next year. Now a year later lbusd wants to try another experiment 4x4 or a/b. The timing of these proposals off a failed trimester experiment is honestly shocking. I understand wanting to try new things but seriously not after such a poor year. Our students deserve Year round core classes and APs. While a few unique students may benefit from time to take additional electives, many more students would benefit from shorter class periods so they can stay focused and year long in depth subject matter learning. By the way if finals are before xmas semester one will have 20 less instructional days (80) versus semester two (100). That's a huge difference and equality disadvantage to students. Lbusd needs to go back to 6 year long classes. Stop experimenting. Get the kids caught up in the learning depth and understanding of core subject matter first before running another experiment. The school board voted on trimesters why are they excluded on this new experiment? The board represents the community. The community is once again not happy with the lbusd. A student petition has over 400 signatures against 4x4. A protest with parents and students expressed no 4x4. Lbusd is going down the same path as trimester, please stop, please go back to 6 year long classes.</p>
<p>Jane Leary-Frock</p>	<p>The school board should be voting on the 4x4 schedule or any other proposed schedule change. The Superintendent should NOT have all the power.</p>

Public Hearing: Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan

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Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with the Boys and Girls Club of
Laguna Beach to Provide Supervised and Facilitated Play and Socialization Support
During Summer Academy in the NTE Amount of \$6,750

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Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Staci Bina, DBA The School
Well to Facilitate a Mindfulness & Yoga Play Classes During the 2021 LEAD
Readiness and Enrichment, Not to Exceed 60 Hours

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Consent Calendar Items C-X

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Board Member Discussion Regarding Resuming in Person Board Meetings

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Amy Kramer	Why would our board not return to in-person meetings when we have asked our students, staff, and teachers to all return to campus? The impact of community input is greater when demonstrated in a live, public forum. Using zoom to hide behind a camera is not effective for board members or the community to realize how decisions will impact students. Zoom is non-engaging, it is awkward, and provides a barrier to interactive communication. Bring back in-person, live board meetings. Covid is no longer a factor since most have been vaccinated and if someone feels concern about being exposed a mask can be worn by that person.
Michelle Foley	It's time. Teachers and students are in person so should you be.
Anne Morreale	It's time to come out of hiding and set an example of courage not fear

Authorization for Staff to Make Minor Revisions to Board Policies and Bylaws

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Communication by Board Members to Staff

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First Read of Board Bylaw 9200

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Discussion of Resolution 20-03 Granting Emergency Powers to the Superintendent, signed March 13, 2020

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Amy Kramer	The board members were elected by the community to represent their constituents and make decisions on policy. During the pandemic perhaps there was a lot of uncharted territory but since then we have made great strides in working through the difficulties. It is past time now for board members to stand back up and regain their authority and return the onus of power back to the board. We no longer need one person making decisions and must return to a more democratic form of representation for our district.
Michelle Foley	It's no democracy to have one person with all the power. This needs to be rescinded for the possibility of checks and balances. Never should have been done in the 1st place.
Anne Morreale	It's not an emergency when it's been over a year.
Jeannie Joseph	<p>The majority of parents do NOT want Laguna Beach Unified to have a 4x4 schedule next year. It disadvantages students by reducing the amount they learn due to reduced curriculum, reducing the amount they retain due to lack of continuity, and they score significantly lower on standardized testing, so they are not prepared for high school, college and their future. Multiple studies have proven the disadvantages of 4x4: https://www.jefflindsay.com/Block.shtml</p> <p>Parents want a return to the normal schedule of 6 classes and 5 days per week. There is a petition with over 400 parent signatures against 4x4. The teacher's union voted to bring back a normal schedule, yet the principals of Thurston and the High School refused to offer them that choice last week, forcing teachers to vote for a 4x4 system they did NOT want. Parents also protested. Newport Beach similarly protested a 4x4 schedule next year and the school listened and scrapped it. Please do something. The school is not listening to the science and the parents. Vote for a normal school year next year.</p>

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Board Member Request to Receive ParentSquare Messages

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Amy Kramer	It is outrageous that ALL board members are not provided the full account of any Parent Square or survey results. Who decided that the ones who are representing the community not be privy to the thoughts and comments from the very community that elected them? This stalling and thwarting the passage of communication must stop at once and ALL board members MUST be provided full account all surveys, thought exchanges, etc. immediately.
Michelle Foley	How can you board members do their jobs and speak up on the parents behalf without this?
Terri Meisberger	All board members need equal access to parent square especially thought exchange. How can they serve the community if only the "parent" board members have access. Board members should have access to thoughts exchange unedited comments as well as distict removed comments. They should have access to understand the complete picture not an edited one.
Jane Leary-Frock	Of course the board should have access to Parent Square! They need to be informed of what the parents say. Anything the assit superintendents and superintendent have access to should be available to the board.