

# B ard Highlights

Highlights from the **May 9, 2023** Board of Education Meeting

**Board of Education: Megan Cutuli • Marlys Davidson • Scott Fayette • Chris Forehan • Diana D. Hill**

There were several notable moments during the May 9, 2023 Board of Education meeting. The timestamps with each highlight will help you navigate directly to the point in the recorded meeting.

**Workshop - 4:00 p.m.**

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**Workshop Presentation: *Timestamp 1:00 - 25:00***

**Facilities Update/Summer Projects:** Mr. CJ Knowland, Director of Facilities, Maintenance, Transportation

- During the presentation, Mr. Knowland provided the Board with an overview of the facility projects the district has taking place over the summer. The majority of the projects will be taking place at Los Alamitos High School including various classroom renovations, roof replacements and preparing for the second gym.

**Open Session - 6:00 p.m.**

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**Board President's report: *Timestamp 6:15 - 13:30***

**Mr. Chris Forehan**

Mr. Forehan's Board President's report highlighted the four A's with a specific focus on the arts. President Forehan highlighted the importance of students being involved in activities outside of the classroom. He featured some recent media attention the Los Alamitos HS Drama students have received over their upcoming wins at the State Thespian Festival and their road to attending nationals this summer in Indiana. Drama students and their teacher, Mrs. Castiglione, were recently featured on ABC7 news and Fox 11's Good Day LA. You can watch the segments by clicking on the links: [Good Day LA: Los Alamitos HS raising money for Thespian Festival](#), [ABC7: High School actors prepare for International Drama Festival](#)

**Student Board Member Report: *Timestamp 13:45 - 33:40***

**Alexa Dharmapalan**

Highlights from Alexa's report included:

- Academics: AP, SAT/ACT and CAASPP Testing wraps up this week
- Activities: Upcoming end of the year activities including Prom on May 20, Baccalaureate on June 1, and graduation on June 6
- Athletics: Congrats to the 2023 Surf League Champions: Girls Beach Volleyball, Boys and Girls Swim, Softball, Girls Track and Boys Golf
- Arts: Highlights from the LAHS Dance and Improv shows, upcoming LAHS Choir Pops Show on May 11-13
- Student Spotlight: Joelle Kaiser - Alexa officially "passed the gavel" to Joelle Kaiser who was selected to serve as the 2023-24 Student Board Representative



## **Superintendent's Report: *Timestamp 34:00 - 53:45***

### **Dr. Andrew Pulver**

Dr. Pulver began his report by acknowledging the District's core value of creating a culture of care and kindness for all students. Dr. Pulver acknowledged recent concerns from students and families and discussed the ways the District is continuing to provide training and resources for our staff, engaging students in activities that promote diversity and inclusivity, and implementing school-wide initiatives that address issues related to racism and discrimination.

Dr. Pulver reiterated the District's commitment to continuing to hear the voices of our student, staff, and families so that our schools are a safe space where all students feel they belong.

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### **Information/Presentations: *Timestamp 1:39:00 - 1:45:00***

- **The California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter 324's Initial Proposal for 2023-24 to Los Alamitos Unified School District:** Mr. Mitch Banales, CSEA President
  - CSEA Chapter 324 proposed to meet and negotiate on Article VI – Hours, Article VII – Leaves, Article XV – Rules of Application for Salary Placement, Article XVI – Salary and Fringe Benefits and Article XVII – Term of Agreement.
- **Los Alamitos Education Association (LAEA) Initial Proposal for 2023-24 to Los Alamitos Unified School District:** Mrs. Lori Avalos, LAEA Lead Negotiator
  - LAEA proposed to open negotiations for the 2023-2024 school year on Article V – Hours of Employment and Duties.
- **The Los Alamitos Unified School District's Initial Proposal for 2023-24 to the Los Alamitos Education Association:** Dr. Joe Fraser, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources
- **Presentation of Textbook:** Mrs. Ondrea Reed, Deputy Superintendent
  - Mrs. Reed presented the following textbooks, which will be on review at the District Office for the next 30 days.
    - Modern World History, Houghton Mifflin Harcourt
    - Ways of the World 5th Edition, Bedford Freeman & Worth

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### **Consent/Action Items: *Timestamp 1:45:20 - 2:14:10***

Below is a brief summary of the items the Board took action on:

- The Board approved adoption of Retirement Resolutions
- The Board approved the *Thief of Always* by Clive Barker to be used by upper elementary and middle grades
- The Board approved the first reading of the following revised Board Policies
  - Board Policy 0430 - Comprehensive Local Plan for Special Education
  - Board Policy 0450, Comprehensive Safety Plan
  - Board Policy 5125, Student Records
  - Board Policy 5131.7, Weapons and Dangerous Instruments
  - Board Policy 5142, Safety
  - Board Policy 3250 Transportation Fees
  - Board Policy 3515 Campus Security
  - Board Policy 3540 Transportation
  - Board Policy 3460 Financial Reports and Accountability
- The Board approved the acceptance of a bid for the roof and gutter replacement at McAuliffe Middle School
- The Board approved the acceptance of a bid to purchase produce for the District's Food Service Program
- The Board approved a new classified job classification and description for K-16 Key Personnel
- The Board approved a revised job description for Speech Language Pathology Assistant

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**Next Board of Education Workshop/Meeting:**

**Tuesday, May 23, 2023 at 4 p.m.**

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