



Board Highlights

October 12, 2023

Communications

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Finneran acknowledged the passing of Lompoc High School Teacher Samantha Kerr and commended the response by staff throughout the District in supporting the Lompoc High students and staff. She addressed some challenges in the District including the accessibility of student transcripts and how they are being rectified. Dr. Finneran also shared many positive happenings within the District.

Board Member Reports: All board members took part in the evaluation of the superintendent. The Board members were very active in the District visiting schools, attending events such as the LHS production, "Of Plastic Things and Butterfly Wings," the CHS Aquarium Open House and the LHS Scholar Reception among others.

Reports

Classified Personnel Update: Lacy Gillespie, Director Classified Personnel presented the report. There have been 14 new permanent employees hired in the classifications of Paraeducator Special Ed., Paraeducator, Office Assistant and Custodian. There are 27 Paraeducator Spec. Ed. openings with 14 qualified applicants ready to interview and another recruitment ready to test, 10 Paraeducator openings with 21 ready to interview and 2 Paraeducator Bilingual openings with 6 applicants who have passed the written test and ready for oral appraisals.

2022-2023 Annual Suspension Report: Christopher Holmes, Director of Pupil Support Services, presented the report. The majority of suspension occur at the secondary sites. The District continues to focus on addressing student behavior. The goal is to reduce the number of suspensions by increasing the social emotional awareness of students, using incidents of inappropriate behavior as teaching points and implementing restorative practices rather than punitive discipline.

Board Consents / Action Items

The Board approved 17 consent items including:

- Approval of MOU between LUSD and the Santa Barbara County Office of Education (SBCEO) for the Teacher Induction Program for new teachers and their mentors.
- Approval of two overnight field trips, Cabrillo High Future Business Leaders of America will attend the Annual Leadership Development Institute in Santa Clara and tour the UC Santa Cruz and UC Berkely campuses. Lompoc High California Scholarship Federation students will tour UC Davis, UC Berkely and Stanford universities.

The Board approved 4 action items including:

- The adoption of a Resolution naming the month of October Disability Pride Month
- Approval of the job description for the newly approved position of Instructional Specialist - Visual and Performing Arts (VAPA)

Discussions

Mission/Vision Statement Review: Dr. Finneran presented draft 3 of the statement. The draft is available to the public as an attachment to the online agenda. She highlighted that a motto is still being sought. Several options are on the draft, other options are being accepted.

Board Member Self-Evaluation Report: Board President Franky Caldeira shared the process and summary of the self-evaluation report. The report is available in the online agenda.

Public Hearing

ESSER III Funds for Lompoc Unified School District:

Brian Jaramillo, Assistant Superintendent, Education Services, presented information on the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) funds. There are three different sections in the plan, strategies for safe in-person learning, addressing lost instructional time and an, "other," category. A large portion of the funds are earmarked for the TK-K construction. This project was chosen as a positive way to help LUSD students moving forward.