

# B ard Highlights

Highlights from the **January 16, 2024** Board of Education Organizational and Regular Meeting

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

There were several notable moments during the January 16, 2024 Board of Education Organizational and Regular meeting. The timestamps with each highlight will help you navigate directly to the point in the recorded meeting.

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

[YouTube Link to View](#)

**School Reports: *Timestamp 1:00 - 30:00***

### **McGaugh Elementary School**

Our Sea Lion community filled the Board room, learning about the incredible happenings inside and outside the classroom at McGaugh. From a patriotic performance of “My Country Tis of Thee” by the Sea Lion Choir to Principal Wood’s wonderful presentation, with help from our awesome fifth-grade student representatives, and honoring the McGaugh Hero of the Heart, Emmy Harris – Rah McGaugh!

**Recognition: *Timestamp 30:00 - 40:00***

- McGaugh Elementary School Hero of the Heart, Emmy Harris



**McGaugh Student Representatives**



**McGaugh Hero of the Heart**



**McGaugh Choir**



**McGaugh Staff**

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**Board President's Report : *Timestamp 1:30 - 6:00***

**President Meg Cutuli**

During her report, President Cutuli reflected on the answer to a question she receives often from the public on the topic of "what does a Board Member do?" She explained that a Board Member sets the vision for the District. Board Members also ensure fiscal accountability of the District, and provide community leadership as advocates for students, staff and families.

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**Student Board Member Report: *Timestamp 6:10 - 13:00***

**Joelle Kaiser**

During her report Joelle highlighted:

- Academics: LAHS Media Center extended hours
  - Activities: "Cocoa and Cram" activity exclusively for Freshman hosted by LINK Crew prior to the winter break
  - Athletics: LAHS Boys Basketball, next game Jan. 26 at 7 p.m. in the LAHS gym
  - Arts: Orchestra's "Nutcracker in a Nutshell" concert
  - Student Life: Winter Break student highlights including the Jazz Band's trip to New Orleans and ASB's team bonding trip to Disneyland
  - Student Spotlight: LAHS Senior Jamisen Penick
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**Superintendent's Report: *Timestamp 13:30 - 20:45***

**Dr. Andrew Pulver**

During his presentation, Dr. Pulver spotlighted the Los Al USD Rock Star of the Month program, a monthly initiative that recognizes one certificated and one classified "rock star" in the District. These honorees, nominated by their peers each month, receive special gifts, including a hand-painted rock crafted by our middle school students. He also highlighted our 2024 Employees of the Year. He mentioned that the 2025 Teacher of the Year will be revealed in the upcoming months, and a celebration for all Employees of the Year is scheduled for an upcoming Board of Education meeting this spring. Dr. Pulver closed by highlighting the upcoming LAEF Royal Gala to be held on Friday, February 2, 2024 where Randy and Diana Hill will be crowned 2024 King and Queen.

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**Information/Presentations: *Timestamp 43:20 - 45:00***

- The Board approved the presentation of the following supplemental materials that will be on public preview at the District Office for the next 30 days.
    - *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande for use by Los Alamitos High School English II and II Honors
    - *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang for use by Los Alamitos Students in Grades 3-8
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**Consent/Action Items: *Timestamp 45:15 - 1:00:30***

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

- The Board approved the second reading of the following revised Board Policies:
    - Revised Board Policy 5113, Absences and Excuses
    - Revised Board Policy 5145.12 Search and Seizure
  - The Board approved the first reading of the following Board Policies:
    - Revised Board Policy 1113 District and School Websites
    - Revised Board Policy 3551 Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Fund
    - Revised Board Policy 6159.2 Nonpublic, Nonsectarian School and Agency Services for Students with Disabilities
    - New Board Policy 5141.5 Mental Health
  - The Board approved to submit the Consolidated Application (CON-APP) for Categorical Aid Program for 2023-24 winter release
  - The Board approved the adoption of Resolution No. 2023-2024-17 authorizing signatures of designated district personnel and Board President
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