Los Alamitos Unified School District

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Highlights from the March 12, 2024 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 March 12, 2024 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. YouTube Link to View

School Report: McAuliffe Middle School

The McAuliffe Middle School community packed the Boardroom with students and staff for their annual presentation to the Board. Members of the McAuliffe choir delivered a beautiful patriotic rendition of the *Star Spangled Banner* and the McAuliffe orchestra followed with an incredible performance. Two McAuliffe ASB Ambassadors, along with Principal Mr. Courtemarche, delivered an insightful presentation about Eagle life. Additionally, we honored and celebrated McAuliffe's Hero of the Heart, Carla Lemus.









Classified Employees of the Year: Mrs. Mary McCullouch and Mr. Ramon Zavala

During the workshop, we honored two of our 2024 District Classified Employees of the year, McAuliffe Office Coordinator, Mary McCulloch, and District Network Security Analyst, Ramon Zavala.





Honoring Years of Service

The workshop came to a close with a heartfelt tribute to our Director of Information Technology, John Spiratos, as he prepares for retirement after dedicating 18 years of service to the District.



Open Session - 6:00 p.m.

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Board President's Report: Timestamp 2:10 - 14:15

Mrs. Meg Cutuli:

During her presentation, President Cutuli spotlighted the recent groundbreaking ceremony for Los Alamitos High School's new gymnasium and the ribbon-cutting event for the new ambulance simulator in the LAHS Fire Tech/EMT Class. Further, Mrs. Cutuli discussed the vibrancy of the arts within Los Al USD, emphasizing the success of last week's all-district band, orchestra, and choral festivals. Continuing her series on "What do Board Members Do?", she elaborated on the purpose of Board Meetings.

Student Board Member Report: *Timestamp 14:30 - 22:30* Joelle Kaiser

During her report, Joelle focused on:

- Activities: Kindness Week
- Academics: LAHS Open House/Showcase Night
- Athletics: Song and Cheer and their recent National titles
- Arts: Dance and their upcoming show, The Salon, debuting in April
- Student Life: Clubs and Community Service
- Student Spotlight: Ria Vicente, LAHS Senior

Superintendent's Report: *Timestamp 23:00 - 33:05* Dr. Andrew Pulver

During his report, Dr. Pulver emphasized recent achievements within the district and among personnel. These included McGaugh's Purple Star School recognition, Oak and McAuliffe's California Distinguished School honor, acknowledgment of our December and January Rock Stars of the Month, recognition of Noah Bragg with the ACSA Every Student Succeeding Award, accolades for PTA Reflections Award Winners, and the recognition of our Director of Special Education and Mental Health, Grace Delk, as the Orange County Special Education Administrator of the Year.

Presentation of Supplemental Materials: Timestamp 52:00 - 54:00

Deputy Superintendent, Mrs. Ondrea Reed, presented the following supplemental materials, which will be on preview at the District office for the next 30 days:

- Summer Scholars Language Arts & Mathematics for use by TK-5 all elementary sites
- "The Way to Rainy Mountain" by N. Scott Momaday for use by Los Alamitos High School English 3
 Students
- "Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass" by Fredrick Douglass- for use by Los Alamitos High School English 3 Students

Consent/Action Items: Timestamp 54:00 - 1:43:30

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

- The Board approved the following supplemental materials: *The Distance Between Us* by Reyna Grande and *Front Desk* by Kelly Yang
- The Board approved the <u>2023-24 second interim report</u>, <u>2023-24 revised budget and Certification of Financial Condition</u> as presented by Mrs. Elvia Galicia, Asst. Superintendent of Business Services
- The Board approved the first and second reading of 19 revised Board Policies. Revised Board Policies can be viewed in the meeting agenda
- The Board approved the 2024 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly election
- The Board approved an agreement with First Class Events to provide equipment and services for the LAHS Griffin Games Field Day
- The Board approved Classified Layoff Resolution 2023-2024-19
- The Board approved the District Plan for providing educational services to expelled students
- The Board adopted Resolution 2023-2024-20 authorizing moving the holiday observance of Lincoln's Birthday from Feb. 12, 2025 to Feb. 18, 2025

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