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Highlights from the **September 10, 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 September 10, 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.

Workshop:

- **Girl Scout Troop 8186 - Little Free Library**

- We had the privilege of hearing from Girl Scout Troop 8186 as they presented their incredible Bronze Award project! Earlier this year, they installed a “Free Little Community Library” in front of Hopkinson Elementary School, and tonight they shared their journey and impact with us. To show their appreciation, the Board gifted the troop with books to add to the library.



- **2023-24 Unaudited Actuals: Mrs. Elvia Schnur, Asst. Superintendent Business Services**

- During the workshop, Mrs. Schnur provided the Board with an update on the 2023-24 Unaudited Actuals. Mrs. Schnur was happy to report that the Fiscal Services team has closed the books for the 23-24 fiscal year. She discussed the variances between the 23-24 estimated and unaudited actuals and highlighted multi-year budget projections.

Open Session - 6:00 p.m.

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Reports/Recognition/Introductions

Board President's Report: *Timestamp 3:40 - 9:25*

Mrs. Meg Cutuli

President Cutuli's report highlighted the District's Monthly Mental Health and Wellness Themes, beginning in September with "Making Connections/Start With Hello," aimed at fostering inclusivity and helping all students feel a strong sense of belonging within our school community. She also discussed the District's ongoing partnership with Stanford and the Challenge Success program at our secondary schools, which focuses on promoting student well-being and engagement. Additionally, she shared insights into the RULER program, developed by the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence, which is designed to enhance relationships and foster a positive school climate. She concluded by highlighting the LAHS College Mini Series and upcoming college info nights for both families and students.

Student Board Member Report: *Timestamp 9:30 - 19:10*

Joseph Claypool

Joseph's Board report highlighted:

- Academics: AP Calculus
- Activities: Teachers Tailgate at last Friday night's home football game
- Athletics: Girls Volleyball, who recently clinched the title of Whittier Classic Champs for the 3rd consecutive year!
- Arts: Los Al Improv and their upcoming show on Friday, September 14 in the LAHS Performing Arts Center
- Student Life: Home Football Games
- Student Spotlight: Kathryn Chin, Senior and Girls' Tennis Captain

Superintendent's Report: *Timestamp 19:45 - 30:15*

Dr. Andrew Pulver

Dr. Pulver's report emphasized the District's proactive safety measures, including the annual review of safety plans, regular lockdown drills, enhanced fencing, security cameras, and other key initiatives. He also highlighted the free tutoring services available to students in grades 4-12 through Varsity Tutors. These services offer 24/7 on-demand chat tutoring, essay review, and self-study courses. Students and families can easily access these resources by visiting the front page of our school websites or logging into their district account portal.

Consent/Action Items: *Timestamp 1:03:41 - 1:29:09*

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

- The Board approved the following supplemental materials:
 - *El escape cubano* by Mira Canion
 - *Strictly Strings Orchestra Companion* by James Kjelland and Jacquelyn Dillion
 - *Anxious People* by Fredrik Backman
 - The Board approved and adopted the following resolutions:
 - Resolution No. 2024-2025-08 Supporting SB1315 to improve and streamline the reporting process for California's Local Educational Agencies
 - Resolution 2024-2025-06 GANN Appropriations Limit for 2023-24 and 2024-25
 - Resolution 2024-2025-07 for specific credential authorizations for 2024-25
 - The Board approved and adopted the 2023-24 unaudited actuals
 - The Board approved scope amendment No. 3 to architectural services agreement with WestGroup Designs, Inc. for actual construction costs for the gymnasium project at Los Alamitos High School
 - The Board considered and approved the proposed amendments to the contracts of employment for the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent and Assistant Superintendents
 - The Board approved the Classified, Certificated and Administrative personnel reports as submitted
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Next Board of Education Meeting:

Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Workshop at 4 p.m.; Meeting at 6 p.m.

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