

Public Comments Submitted Electronically for the
October 10, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

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Action Item: Approval of the Laguna Beach High School Pool Modernization Conceptual Plan

Name	Comment
No Name	<p>I'm so happy to see this moving forward - a 45 meter pool and additional deck space, new showers and separate restroom facilities for students and community members! The presentation at the last meeting was very well done. Way to go Laguna Beach Board and Administration for wanting to do what's best for students and remembering the number one reason that you chose to serve (at least I hope the students are the reason you chose to serve).</p>
Gary Kasik	<p>LBUSD Board Members,</p> <p>I'm not able to attend the 10/10/2024 board meeting that includes Action Item 10 - Approval of the Laguna Beach High School Pool Modernization Conceptual Plan. I support increasing the size of the current pool and modernizing the facilities. I would urge the board to reconsider approval of the current proposal until presented with a cost/capability comparison that reduces the expense associated with the actual building(s). Additionally, to move forward with the conceptual design absent an agreement (at least directionally) with the city for community participation could likely result in overspending that impacts other programs.</p> <p>No costs were presented with this conceptual design and questions regarding costs from the prior study sessions are yet to be posted. Based on previous information and comparable projects the total cost of \$20 million can be estimated split \$5-6M for the actual pool (deck, equipment, lighting, etc) and \$10-12M for the buildings (\$3-5 other). If a slightly smaller pool avoids relocating the bath house and saves millions, this proposed design gains 5-8 meters of water at a tremendous cost. Don't get lost in "the land of large</p>

	<p>numbers”, \$20 million is a great deal of money that could provide considerable student benefits.</p> <p>A 35-40M pool meets the original objectives set out from the board. It addresses the ideal configuration for CIF water polo, supports multiple team practices, and expands the number of swim lanes. It is a very common size for high schools, is frequently being constructed, and is operationally efficient.</p> <p>Importantly, I urge you to delay action until city direction is more determined. I know you dismiss it, but I’ll remind you of the city’s unanimous vote to pursue, with priority, a community pool. The city has started their FMP process and it kicks off in earnest in two weeks. Several aspects of the proposed building and the pool size itself remain predicated on city program participation. I (and many others) will continue to campaign with the city for a dedicated community pool.</p> <p>The main point here is one of timing. The city process is clearly behind the district in planning for a pool. I would offer that the district has some culpability in that delay for not involving the city sooner in their FMP related pool plans. The city was, and is, the larger user of the current facility and was not part of the original planning committee. You can’t turn the clock back but you can add a few weeks or months to let them catch up. It would resonate extremely positively across all residents who want to see an improved relationship between the two elected entities.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration.</p>
<p>Jakki Tonkovich</p>	<p>Hi - love the pool. Wish it would be 50 meter. Have a swimming daughter and would love for her to be able to swim in town vs out of town. My real question is related to the when the tennis team plays. Both women's and men's tennis team when playing LBHS games have to use the pool bathrooms. And when the pool gets locked they have to find the closest one on campus. This happens a lot during matches where there is a 20-30 min pause to get to the open restroom. Is it possible for any of the bathrooms that face the courts to have a door on the court side? I think that would be a great</p>

	addition for the tennis team - since I do not believe they are moving the courts now.
Emily Rolfing	Thank you to the board, district, and their partners for the engaging presentation on the pool modernization and facilities master plan. I am encouraged that the new design will support our LBHS aquatic athletes, give other LBHS athletes the ability to use and cross train, as well as our younger Laguna Beach athletes and community members. I think it is important that we move forward with a plan that invites the community to use the facility.