



Los Alamitos Unified School District

Operations Steering Committee
October 16, 2024

MEETING SUMMARY

Assistant Superintendent Elvia Schnur, called the Operations Steering Committee to order at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.

Attendees

Ada Jaspers	Adelita Montero	Amy Coltey	Andrew Pulver
Ashley Davitt	Ashley Rogers	Beth Pearson	Bill DeWitt
Blake Hyepock	Chelsey Lindbloom	Christiana Kraus	Cindie Hoefflin
C.J. Knowland	David Sacks	Eddie Courtemarche	Elvia Schnur
Emma Leach	Erin Fuller	Evelyn Garcia	Fawn Farner
Geoffrey Works	Hayden Moy	Jacob Arnold	James Alvarado
Jason Farvour	Jeannette Andruss	Jenapher Safranski	Jennifer Katz
Jenny Padilla	Jenny Wampler	Jessie Standlea	Jodi Hutchinson
Jorge Gutierrez	Julia Stockman	Katherine McMonegal	Kathy Morelli
Kerri Pallone	Lakisha Quiller	Lindsey Dick	Marlys Davidson
Matt Bragman	Matt Maya	Meggan Berthold	Melissa Majak
Merwin Trinidad	Michelle Anderson	Nimesh Udani	Ryan Weiss-Wright
Sarah Coley	Scott Fayette	Shamali Golea	Shoshana Dornblaser
Stephanie Tellez	Tina Fenner	Trisha Murphy	Wendy Hernandez
Wendy Wood			

Welcome

Elvia Schnur welcomed the committee. Dr. Pulver also greeting the attendees and Board of Education members Marlys Davidson and Scott Fayette. Mrs. Davidson and Mr. Fayette thanked the members for attending and giving the District an opportunity to share information with them.

Facilities Projects

C.J. Knowland provided updates on current facilities projects. Construction of the new gymnasium at Los Alamitos High School began last January and the structural steel will soon be completed. Despite challenges with soils issues, the project remains on schedule. C.J. shared a drone video of the two phases of the concrete panel lifts. He also shared photos of the concrete panels being poured and the construction of the stitch columns that tie the concrete panels together.

The synthetic turf at Los Alamitos High School has been replaced, but the resurfacing of the track has been delayed due to material delays. This work is now scheduled to begin on November 15 and will be completed by November 26.

This summer the 600 Building classroom renovations were completed which included upgraded finishes, audio visual upgrades, roof replacements, and polished concrete floors in the Art

classrooms. Some classrooms in the 750 Building were re-oriented, placing the teaching wall on the larger wall of the classroom. Also, the built-in computer tables were replaced with more flexible furniture that can be rearranged as needed. One of the computer labs has been repurposed into a STEM lab space with an open floor plan, polished concrete floor and additional power.

This summer roofs were replaced on the Performing Arts Center (PAC), 800 building, 600 building and 150 building at LAHS. Several corroded fire alarm and electrical conduits were discovered in the roof replacement process. They have been replaced improving the integrity of those systems.

Also completed this summer was the replacement of the stage floor in the LAHS PAC. Additional improvements slated for the PAC are being identified through working group meetings with a theater consultant and LAHS staff. The project has also been walked with an architect who is drafting a proposal for the project. Items identified that do not require DSA input are: new dimmable house lights over seating area, stage lighting, new DMX data distribution and replacement of over stage work lights. A pre-application meeting with DSA will be scheduled to ensure compliance for the remaining improvements such as: room acoustics (wall treatments, ceiling treatments), motorized stage lighting rigging over audience requiring extensive structural engineering, new/upgraded AV equipment, new/refurbished seating, additional restrooms at exterior wings of PAC.

Additional staff restrooms will be built on the second and third floors of the STEM building by repurposing two storage closets. The project was rebid after reducing the scope with the low bid coming in at \$394,515 compared to the previous bid of \$530,200. The project will begin during Thanksgiving break and will be completed by the end of Winter break.

Several deferred maintenance projects currently taking place. The gymnasium floor at Oak Middle School is being replaced. This project started in September and is scheduled to complete in November. The demolition is complete and the new flooring is now being installed. At McGaugh Elementary School the gymnasium roof and windows are being replaced. This project also started in September and is expected to be completed in November with the new roof currently being installed and the new clerestory window system being fabricated.

Additional facilities projects coming up are:

- LAHS Track Resurfacing
- LAHS PAC Upgrades and Improvements
- LAHS Remaining Classroom Renovations
- LAHS STEM Staff Restrooms
- Hopkinson Asphalt Replacement
- McGaugh PTA Funded New Playground

Budget Update

Elvia Schnur reviewed the annual budget cycle which begins with the adoption of the budget and LCAP in June. In July and August, the closing process begins for the prior fiscal year resulting in the Unaudited Actuals which is presented to the Board of Education in September. The next step is putting together the First Interim Financial Report as of October 31 which is board approved in December. In January, the Governor's Budget Proposal is released providing districts with assumptions for the next fiscal year. In March the Second Interim Financial Report as of January 31 is presented to the Board. In April the LCAP and budget development begin for the next fiscal year using the January version of the Governor's Budget. In May the Governor's

Budget may be revised since more accurate projections would then be available to be used to create the next LCAP and budget.

Elvia presented the 2024-2025 Annual Budget Planning Assumptions. She also shared enrollment and ADA (Average Daily Attendance) data showing a gradual decline since fiscal year 2018-19 as well as a reduction in the ADA rate. This is true across the state as many districts are experiencing declining enrollment.

Elvia reviewed the 2024-25 LCFF funding which comprises 93% of the general fund revenue. She shared how the base grant per ADA is adjusted for COLA, Grade Span Average, Supplemental Grant, Concentration Grant and TK Add-On. Los Alamitos USD's low Unduplicated Pupil Percentage results in lower funding than many other districts. LCFF per-ADA funding increased from \$11,604 in 2023-24 to \$11,728 in 2024-25. However, the three-year average funded ADA decreased from 8,938 to 8,648 resulting in an LCFF reduction of \$2,292,808.

Variances between the budget and Unaudited Actuals can be due to many factors including:

- Unanticipated revenues
- Expenditure allocations or budgets not completely expended
- Unexpected or unforeseen expenditures
- Purchase Orders issued before June 30 while work or goods are received after July 1
- Expenditures planned are deferred to a future year

Elvia shared the revised 2025-26 Budget Reduction Plan which will result in \$2,645,000 in savings. She also presented the Multi-Year Projections which are presented to the state and the County Office of Education who provide oversight.

Student Outcomes

Dr. Pulver shared the District Priority Goals and spoke of the focus on social/emotional and mental health that has been emphasized in recent years. In addition to that support, staff focus will continue to be teaching and learning, instructional practices, common assessments and student data. He also shared that for a second year, the LAHS graduation rate was 100%. LAUSD has accomplished this without a continuation high school using intervention systems to support students in need.

Despite being the lowest funded unified district in the county, over the past 20+ years Los Alamitos USD has consistently ranked in the top three in Orange County on state assessments. The support the district receives from parent involvement such as PTA, Friends groups, boosters and many others, enables the district to provide additional resources to students.

Of all 2024 graduates, 94% attended post-secondary education and 3% of the class joined the military. All elementary schools have a K-3 Intensive Reading Lab. All schools are California Distinguished and Gold Ribbon. The district has been named to the AP College Board Honor Roll for eight years. There have been more than 75 Division 1 Scholar Athletes in the last five years, over 306 Sunset League Championships and over 21 CIF Championships. The Song Team and Griffin Student Section are national champions. There are 17 Career Technical Education Courses at LAHS. The district offers a five-year comprehensive professional development plan for teachers new to Los Al.

LAHS students completing UC/CSU A-G requirements in 2024 was 81%. This has been a gradual increase since 2013 when 70% of students met these requirements. Students who

complete A-G entrance requirements while in high school are twice as likely to graduate from college. Of the 2024 graduating class, 88% completed an AP, CTE or dual enrollment course. Students who are connected to school have better attendance, better grades and share that they are happier at school. In 2024 84% of students were connected to activities, arts or athletics.

Closing Remarks

Dr. Pulver thanked the committee for attending and for their support of the district and the students. Elvia Schur also thanked the committee and encouraged anyone with suggestions for future topics for future meetings to contact her.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.