

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD OF EDUCATION/SUPERINTENDENT RETREAT
Tuesday, November 23, 2010 – 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, November 23, 2010, was called to order at 5:00 pm. by the President, Mr. Solache. All Board Members were present, including the superintendent.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT;

Mr. José Luis Solache
Mr. Oscar Espinoza
Mrs. Maria Lopez
Mrs. Rachel Chavez
Mr. Alfonso Morales, Esq.

Administrative Staff Present:

Paul Gothold, Chief Academic Officer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mrs. Lopez

5. PUBLIC INPUT – None

CLOSED SESSION/RESTRICTED AGENDA

Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.5

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Lopez, to adjourn the meeting
Into closed session at 5:01 pm Motion carried 5-0.

4. GOVERNING BOARD

4.1 Board of Education Goals and Objectives To Be Conducted in Executive Session
No Action to be taken.

OPEN SESSION

The meeting reconvened into open session at 8:00 p.m.
All board members present returned into open session.

6. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Velasquez
Superintendent

Attest:

Maria Lopez, Clerk

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Tuesday, November 16, 2010 – 6:00 pm

MINUTES

The special meeting of the Board of Education held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010, was called to order at 6:00 pm. by the President, Mr. Solache. All Board Members were present, including the superintendent.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT;

Mr. José Luis Solache
Mr. Oscar Espinoza
Mrs. Maria Lopez
Mrs. Rachel Chavez
Mr. Alfonso Morales, Esq.

Administrative Staff Present:

Paul Gothold, Chief Academic Officer

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag: Mrs. Rachel Chavez

5. PUBLIC COMMENT –

Val Zolfaghari #4.2, Elizabeth Logan #4.2, Fannie Jones Hundley #4.2,
Michelle Harnage #4.2

Val Zolfaghari,

Mr. Z commented that he objects to the approval of #4.2- the LTA MOU because 1)the members were not informed of the results of the election; 2)there are serious challenges and wants you to wait for the challenges to decide what to do. He stated the votes were counted last Friday and today is Tuesday, so it is not appropriate to approve.

Elizabeth Logan,

Ms. Logan commented she is opposed to #4.2-MOU and stated they were not notified and the MOU is not clear and they need to check further and they were to have another meeting after the general meeting and are asking for a new election. She asked the board to wait for us to check to see what is going on, and not to take action tonight, as there will be serious challenges, and wait until they iron things out.

Fannie Jones Hundley

Ms. Jones-Hundley commented she objects to #4.2 – the MOU, as she has many concerns regarding different color ballot used; the MOU was already signed by the superintendent; what is PARS; could not hear the information given at meeting held at Lynwood MS; received many versions of MOU; and the last one voted on sees a change on the last page of MOU signed DO and 1-g. She asked that the board not approve this tonight.

Michelle Harnage

Ms. Harnage stated she opposes #4.2 because it will be very stressful to teachers, with concerns regarding expenses because of furlough days to be taken in March, April, May to save some jobs, not getting a stipend, and not being able to get a guarantee that there won't be more cuts. She commented that Classified took furlough days and then they still got many cuts. She asked to sit down and talk to see what can we help you with.

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DISCUSSION/APPROVAL AGENDA

4. GOVERNING BOARD

#4.1 Request Approval of the Special Meeting Agenda of November 16, 2010

Motion by Mr. Espinoza, second by Mrs. Chavez, to approve the agenda for the special meeting of November 16, 2010 as being duly posted.

Mr. Solache asked to verify that the agenda was posted on time. The answer was in the affirmative. Motion carried 5-0.

#4.2 Request Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between the Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) and Lynwood Teachers Association (LTA) Tentatively Agreed on October 29, 2010

Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Espinoza, to approve the MOU between LUSD and LTA tentatively agreed on October 29, 2010.

Mr. Solache asked the superintendent regarding the comments made, if he had received notice from LTA that this MOU had passed. Mr. Velasquez answered that he did receive notice and so did Dr. Willis, with the vote being 304 yes -196 no.

Mr. Solache commented that it is important that we do not engage in the union business, but if the union has a different direction, legally we will comply but we are moving forward because we have a time line and if things change we will take other action.

Mrs. Lopez asked the superintendent if this is on a voluntary basis, that whoever wants to retire can do that . He responded that it is optional, it is a choice.

Mrs. Chavez stated that she is surprised about the dissent heard tonight as they were informed by the negotiating team at the end of October that a tentative agreement was signed on October 29 by the superintendent and it was going for vote by the membership. A vote was taken on November 9-10 and the results of this were sent and we heard that it was 304 ayes and 196 nays and the ayes have it and though this is very simplified it is happening all over. She visited Washington and heard they have to take eight furlough days working for the state. Regarding the irregularities commented on, if there are challenges these are union matters. We can only go on what the district has received.

Mr. Solache stated we can only move forward with what we have but if there are challenges, we will re-visit this as I respect the union process but for now we need to move forward and we hope the union works this out.

Motion carried 5-0.

#4.3 Request Approval of Resolution No. 10-11/20, To Authorize Entering Of An Agreement With Public Agency Retirement Services (PARS) To Implement A Supplemental Teacher Early Retirement Incentive Program

Motion by Mrs. Lopez, second by Mr. Morales, to approve Resolution No. 10-11/20, entering into an agreement with PARS to implement a supplemental teacher early retirement incentive program.

Motion carried 5-0.

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6. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Chavez., second by Mr. Morales, to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Velasquez
Superintendent

Attest:
Maria Lopez, Clerk