

LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010
CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 PM – 6:00 PM
MINUTES

Board Room, Education Center
11321 Bullis Road
Lynwood, California 90262

The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 26, 2010, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. to conduct closed session from 5:00 pm-6:00 pm by the President, Mr. Solache. All board members were present as well as the superintendent, except Mrs. Lopez, who was absent.

ROLL CALL:

José Luis Solache, President
Oscar Espinoza, Vice President
Maria G. Lopez, Clerk - Absent
Rachel Chavez, Member
Alfonso Morales, Esq., Member
Mr. Edward Velasquez, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

Administrators Present:

Paul Gothold, Chief Academic Officer
Peter Wong, Acting Business Manager/CFO

Eric Hall, Fiscal Advisor, LACOE
Bill Trejo, Attorney (Leal & Trejo)

PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS - None

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Espinoza, second by Mrs. Chavez, to adjourn the meeting into closed session at 5:01 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

4. GOVERNING BOARD

- 4.2 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (GC 54956.9(b)(3)(A) Significant Exposure to Litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:
- 4.3 Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (GC 54956.9)
 - : Claim No. 09-73093
- 4.4 Not Approved - Pulled by Staff –
 - Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (GC 54956.9)*
 - Case No. 2010050740*

12. ADMINISTRATION

- 12.1 Public Employee Appointment/Employment
- 12.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release
- 12.3 Public Employee Complaint
- 12.4 Conference With Labor Negotiator
 - Agency Designated Representatives: Jose Urias
 - Employee Organizations: LTA, CSEA #116/SEIU Local 99

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OPEN SESSION 6:00 PM

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The regular meeting of the Board of Education held on October 26, 2010, was called to order at 6:04 p.m. to conduct the regular business meeting, by the President, Mr. Solache. All board members were present, including the superintendent, except Mrs. Lopez, who was absent.

ROLL CALL:

José Luis Solache, President
Oscar Espinoza, Vice President
Maria G. Lopez, Clerk - Absent
Rachel Chavez, Member
Alfonso Morales, Esq., Member

Mr. Edward Velasquez, Superintendent and Secretary to the Board

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Lynwood HS Representative Vanessa Serrano
Presentation of Colors: Lynwood Unified School District Color Guard

4. GOVERNING BOARD

4.3 Request Approval of Agenda for the Regular Board Meeting of October 26, 2010

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Chavez, to approve/amend the agenda for the meeting of October 26, 2010 - item #7.10 amended; item #7.16, withdrawn by administration. Motion carried 4-0.

Minutes Request Approval of Minutes, Regular Board Meeting October 12, 2010

Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Morales, to approve the Minutes for the regular meeting of October 12, 2010. Motion carried 4-0.

5. REPORTS

Student Representative Reports

Lynwood High School - Vanessa Serrano
Firebaugh High School - Ismael Delgado
Lynwood Adult School - Joana Monroy
Vista Continuation High School - Tania Arraujo

The student reports are attached as part of the minutes

Mr. Espinoza commented that in listening to the student reports, there are a lot of good things and activities going on at the schools, and you are doing a good job.

Mr. Solache thanked the student leaders for doing a good job and thanked all the students for being involved and doing a good job as it is good to know so many good things are going on in the schools and we wish the newspapers would cover these type of things.

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Superintendent's Report

Mr. Velasquez, Superintendent, reported he attended the State of the City Address held on October 21, and he publicly wants to thank the city and stated it is critical that we work together for our children and community. He thanked the city for the invitation and the great job they are doing. He also thanked security and the school sites and students at the schools for the Shake Out drill that was held. He was at the Command Post and at 10:21 made sure that all staff and students at schools were evacuated and by 10:40 they all reported in and all was all clear and everyone accounted for. He stated the schools are prepared but they need additional work, and he will be working on this and with the emergency bins that are in place and need updating.

Board Member Reports

Alfonso Morales No Report

Rachel Chavez Mrs. Chavez reported she has already voted and will not be here on election day and but hopes that the community considers the needs of the district and children and supports us.

Maria Lopez Absent

Oscar Espinoza Mr. Espinoza asked that everyone just go Vote!
He reported that there have been many bullying instances reported nationally this year and asked that everyone be vigilant and for adults to keep an eye on bullying and to make sure that we take care of our students on campus.
He commended the student representatives for their reports and sees that great things are happening in the schools and stated that one of the best ways to communicate information is in the student newspaper and wants staff to look into this area. Regarding the Great Shake Out, he stated we don't think about this until it is happening – and if it is severe staff and students may need to stay on campus until it is safe, and cells may not work, that is why you need to be prepared with enough water and food supplies for two days.
The Alumni Reading night will be held at Firebaugh HS this Thursday and seniors from all schools that need help can attend. Alumni and staff will be available to assist. He reported Mr. Harvey held test preps at Firebaugh HS and all seniors need to attend. The district is conducting senior grade checks so they can get help with this. Also there are a number of programs that are free for students to participate.
Public forums will be held at school sites regarding the Bond issue and urged everyone to attend the forums.

José Solache Mr. Solache reported there is a security issue in general. There was an incident at Firebaugh HS and Vista and staff dealt with it right away and we are addressing the matter. We received calls from the community but we had responded immediately. We have a working relation with the Sheriff that is not official but we will continue to look into this as well as the graffiti in the city which we are addressing.

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Board Member Reports

José Solache The president reported the board had a preview of the website and it will be available very soon for communication with the community. Mr. Solache reported that six security officers that were laid off are being brought back and also lead teachers being brought back to help with academic issues at the school site in order to provide quality education for our students and we need to let our students that know that things will get better. It will get better for all of us. Also, regarding bullying, it happens and we need to challenge parents to educate our children and students need to go to any teacher or any adult as there is no reason why any student should go through this as everyone is equal. We are working with principals to have a mock election at every school and engage students to vote – and make sure you vote.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

No action or discussion is permitted on any item not included on the posted agenda per GC § 54954.2 (a). No action may be taken and no discussion held on items raised by the public except as provided in GC § 54954.2 (b).

6. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

Elizabeth Logan, Teacher, Rosa Parks ES

Ms. Logan commented she attended a state council meeting where they were told that districts are supposed to get \$3 million for teachers and other educators to be used expressly for teachers. Also, we need a reduction of students in classes to be able to better help our students in the public schools as the charter schools will take over and they are not as successful as they say and they can take the best students and leave us with strategic needs. You need to bring back people that were laid off and you need money to support teachers.

Fannie Jones-Hundley, Teacher at Vista

Ms. Jones-Hundley thanked the board and superintendent for the extra security. She expressed concerns about the sale of candy at the student store; students not getting back to classes on time due to sale of products and they are losing instructional time; also regarding a list of who has access to change student grades at the secondary level

Nick Liberato, Teacher LMS

Mr. Liberato stated we have a new superintendent and hopes we can come together. He invited the board and superintendent to come to LMS and see what we are doing and expressed concerns for the need of the librarian, community liaison, and counselors. He stated they are understaffed and has ideas to cut costs without lay off.

Mariaelena Nunez, Parent, LMS

Mrs. Nunez reported she came here several days to ask for help with her son and is still waiting for help from teachers and the people that have said they will help. She asked that they help her to do it for her son so he can get ahead with his studies. She commented that her son and these children are the future of tomorrow.

Michael Jochum, Teacher

Mr. Jochum expressed concerns regarding item #7.3 Supplemental Intervention Programs and stated we have had this in the past with students getting a grade by being placed where they do not do the work like in regular school. He asked they not allow this and make them work and take the test at the end of the year and let them know they have to do the assigned work and perform during the school year.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

Sylvia Ortiz, Parent, LMS

Ms. Ortiz stated she was here to speak against #7.16, but that was withdrawn. She reported her son is attending LMS this year and she had tried to place him at another school, but was on a waiting list and went ahead and sent him to LMS. She stated she is very pleased with LMS and feels it has turned around, and she does monitor the classrooms and asked the teachers to contact her and they did. She stated she has only good things to say and that she believes in incentives for students as she feels they work.

Judy Vega, SEIU Representative

Ms. Vega reported she is here to thank the district and new administration regarding reinstatement of positions in their bargaining unit as any employee absent affects the district but any person we elect has the responsibility to see what they are doing and make them responsible so the future will be brighter for our students.

Lyn Robles, Parent, FHS

Ms. Robles commented that there is progress and it is good to see, and is here to thank you for the full time nurse, counselor, security, and homeroom; but has concerns about security with the incident from last week. She feels we need people on campus to intervene, and need a sheriff or an armed person on campus. We were glad to see you – and proud of Mr. Mazon and Mr. Reed for getting involved. She stated they have lot of college activity that needs to be brought into the home rooms.

The superintendent, Mr. Velasquez introduced new employee, Linda Ellis, Director, Special Education, and reported she is from San Francisco USD with a lot of experience. Ms. Ellis thanked the board for their confidence and for giving her the opportunity to work with this incredible community, as she saw great things happening here and people who care about the students in this community. She is very honored and proud to be part of the team. Thank you for the opportunity - and stated, don't judge me by what is said, judge me by what I do.

Mr. Solache on behalf of the board, stated we welcome you with open arms as this community has a lot of needs in the special needs area and looks forward to your leadership. This community welcomes you and wishes you success in Lynwood

Mr. Velasquez introduced Mr. Guriel Crosthwaite, Director of Elementary Reform. He stated he had no part in recruiting him, as he saw the job application on line. He is a very proud elementary principal of Montebello USD and a Harvard graduate. The superintendent thanked the committee members who conducted the interviews and referred the final candidates – He welcomed Mr. Guriel to Lynwood and is proud you are with us.

Mr. Guriel thanked the board and superintendent and is very excited to be part of Lynwood as he grew up in Bell Gardens and is happy to have the opportunity to come here. He reported that this morning he visited five schools and has seen good things happening in the schools – these are all the right reasons for being here and putting kids first. He comes here with a lot of excitement and energy and looks forward to being part of the team and working here. Thank you for the opportunity.

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6. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Solache commented that the board does not engage in discussion regarding issues expressed and if there is a question, staff will get back to you.

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mr. Espinoza, to approve the consent agenda with corrections as noted. Motion carried 4-0.

All Items on the Consent Agenda will be approved with one motion, which is not debatable and which requires a unanimous vote for passage, and if any member of the Board, the Superintendent, or the public, so requests, an item shall be removed from this section and placed in the regular order of business following the approval of the Consent Agenda.

7. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 7.1 Request Approval for Payment of Annual Fees of the Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID) Program Membership for 2010-2011 School Year to be paid to LACOE in the amount of \$3750.00.
- 7.2 Request Approval for Linda Ellis And Lavyddya Anderson to Attend the Special Education, *Both Sides of the Equation* Workshop on October 19, 2010
- 7.3 Request Approval to Enter Into an Agreement with Ana Pacheco to Provide Parent Training at Keller Elementary School, Between November 2, 2010-May 31, 2011, in the amount of \$600 from Title I fund.
- 7.4 Request Approval for Lynwood High School Students to Attend the Junior State of America (JSA) Fall State Convention on November 20-21, 2010, in the amount of \$485 from transportation fund.
- 7.5 Request Approval of a Memorandum of Participation with Downey-Montebello Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) to Participate in the Pace School Program in the amount of \$12,000 from Special Ed fund.
- 7.6 Request Approval to Enter Into an Agreement With Rossier Park a Non-Public School Beginning October 25, 2010 to June 30, 2011, with cost NTE \$30,496.68, from Special Ed funding..
- 7.7 Request Approval to Enter Into an Agreement with School Loop to Purchase a Web-Based Subscription from October 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011, with reimbursable costs of \$8,400 from E-Rate fund.
- 7.8 Request Approval for Lynwood Middle School 9th grade Students to Participate in Educational Incentive Field Trips for 2010-2011 School Year at no cost to the district.
- 7.9 Request Approval/Ratification to Renew Accelerated Reader Subscription with Renaissance Learning for Abbott Elementary School for 2009-2010 School Year in the amount of \$4,112.30 from Title I fund. The decision was made by site councils at the schools and are being honored for this year; however, currently the programs are being evaluated.

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CONSENT AGENDA

7. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 7.10 Request Approval to Enter Into An Agreement with International Center For Education and Sports (ICES) and Think Together, Community Based Organizations (CBO's) to Support Lynwood Enrichment Afterschool Program (LEAP) for The 2010-2011 School Year Amended to ICES only \$382,500.00 from LEAP/ASES Grant funding (Delete "Think Together - \$191,250.00.)
- 7.11 Request Approval/Ratification to Enter Into an Agreement with Halel School of Music to Support Lynwood Enrichment Afterschool Program (LEAP), from September 1 to October 13, 2010, with a total of \$30,187.50 from LEAP funding.
- 7.12 Request Approval to Accept the After School Education and Safety Program Grant Award for 2010-2011 School Year in the amount of \$1,759,550.00 Income to the District.
- 7.13 Request Approval of Supplemental (Hourly) Intervention Programs for Fall 2010, Spring 2011 and Summer 2011, in the estimated amount of \$300,000.00 annually from Intervention Supplemental Hourly funding. The superintendent reported that he does not believe in easy grades and assured the board that the work will be up to standards. Mr. Espinoza commented that staff make sure we have the things we are offering - the homework hot line, what is the telephone number or where are the homework centers. The teachers want rigor and to hold students accountable for their learning, make sure we have a report on this to know what is happening.

9. PERSONNEL ITEMS/CERTIFICATED

- 9.1 Certificated Personnel Schedule, No. 10-11-06 (Approval of Resignations, Special Assignments, Changes in Status and Appointments)
Page 2 of 6, #6, corrected from secondary school to elementary school.
Mr. Solache stated he is happy to see we are bringing back some teachers that will be continuing their leadership positions.
- 9.2 Request Approval/Ratification of Intern Teaching Agreement Between Lynwood Unified School District and California State University, Dominguez Hills, From August 1, 2010 through June 30, 2013 at No Cost to the District

10. PERSONNEL ITEMS/CLASSIFIED

- 10.1 Classified Personnel Schedule No. 10/11-06 (Approval of Leaves, Resignations, Special Assignments, Changes in Status and Appointments)
Pull page 2 of 4 to closed session
- 10.2 Approval is Requested for the Attendance Incentive/Perfect Attendance Stipend for Classified Employees (CSEA/SEIU) Non-Represented Confidential and Supervisory) for Maintaining A Minimal Absence Record (Use of Two or Less Sick Days Per Fiscal Year) as Per Contractual Obligation and District Past Practice for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year in the Amount of \$250.00

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DISCUSSION/APPROVAL AGENDA

7. ACADEMIC SERVICES

- 7.14 Request Approval for Notice of Public Hearing of Sufficient Instructional Materials, Williams Settlement for 2010 – 2011

Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Espinoza, to open the public hearing at 7:20 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Arturo Ramos expressed concerns that two weeks ago he got a copy of the Williams Complaint regarding teachers that were not permanent teachers and the district did not respond properly. Also that last year books were moved from locations in order to pass inspection, so he hopes you have the books and teachers in place as much time is being spent promoting Measure L.

Joaquin Mesinas stated he hopes this time we do everything right and the children are getting books and clean class rooms, and if Measure L passes that you provide everything for the kids.

Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Espinoza, to close the public hearing at 7:23 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

- 7.15 Request Approval of Resolution No.10-11/17, Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Espinoza, to approve Resolution No. 10-11/17. Motion carried 4-0.

- 7.16 Request Approval of Resolution No. 10-11/18 of the Governing Board of the Lynwood Unified School District Pertaining to the Petition for the Pinnacle Charter Academy

This report was not approved - withdrawn by administration.

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

- 11.3 Request Approval of 2008-09 Medi-Cal Billing Services Agreement With Paradigm Healthcare Services

Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Morales, to approve 2008-09 Medi-Cal services agreement in the amount not to exceed \$10,000.00. Motion carried 4-0.

- 11.4 Request Approval of Resolution No. 10-11/16 to Adopt the Gann Limit Appropriation Calculation for 2009-10 and Estimated Appropriation Limit Calculation for 2010-11

Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Espinoza to approve resolution No. 10-11/16. Motion carried 4-0.

- 11.5 Request Approval to Accept First Reading for Board Policy BP3513.1 for Use of Cell Phones and the Option of a Set Stipend for Reimbursement

Reading Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Chavez to accept first reading of the Board Policy No. BP 3513.1. Discussion was held regarding the amount of the stipend. Mr. Velasquez reported that this plan is unlimited and is less expensive. Mr. Espinoza asked for a list of staff that have telephones and asked about the rules on excessive use or abuse, and what happens. Mr. Wong reported there are about 30 phones issued to employees and he is monitoring the bills to make sure they are not excessive, and some employees need the phones after work hours in case of emergencies. Also, a stipend in the amount of \$50 is provided to employees. Mr. Solache stated he needs to be available to staff and to constituents, and it is efficient for him to be able to do text messaging when in meetings, etc. He also has his own personal cell phone for personal calls. Motion carried 4-0.

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DISCUSSION/APPROVAL AGENDA

11. BUSINESS SERVICES

11.6 Request Approval for Contract Services With Hancock, Gonos and Park, Inc.

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Chavez, to approve agreement with Hancock, Gonos and Park, Inc.

Mrs. Chavez asked for a report on the status of the projects and what was done, also had concerns about a payment TBD.

Mr. Hall, Fiscal Advisor, LACOE, reported there is a report of the activities to justify the expenditures for the past several years available that can be given to the board. This item is on contingency so if nothing is done, there is no pay. Mr. Hall supports this contract, as it is not a construction company issue, this is the state audit of school districts and it is wise to have someone on board to fight the state on money they want to take back - they want \$8 million back. Mr. Morales stated it is not really TBD as there is a set price depending on how much he saves us, so there is an incentive and there is a specific range noted. Motion Carried 4-0.

11.7 Request Approval for Bond Financial Advisory Services for the Prospective \$45 Million General Bond Measure L on the November 2, 2010 Ballot

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Chavez, to approve Urban Futures, Inc., for bond financial advisory services for Bond Measure L with fees at \$70,000 per issue, \$3,000/year for continuing disclosure services plus expenses.

Motion carried 3-1 abstention. Roll Call:

Mr. Morales	Yes
Mrs. Chavez	Yes
Mrs. Lopez	Absent
Mr. Espinoza	Yes
Mr. Solache	Abstain

11.8 Request Approval for Fall Festival/Community Event

Motion by Mr. Espinoza, second by Mr. Morales, to approve the Fall Festival Event to be held at Lynwood HS at no cost to the district. Motion carried 4-0.

INFORMATION

- 7.17 Williams Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report to Los Angeles County
Office of Education for the Period of July 1, 2010 – September 30, 2010
Accepted for information.

Information

CLOSED SESSION

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mr. Espinoza to adjourn the meeting
Into closed session at 7:44 pm. Motion carried 4-0.

RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened into open session at 8:25 pm.
All board members present returned into open session.

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Report Out of Closed Session Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

Items Taken to Closed Session:

- 10.1 Classified Personnel Schedule No. 10/11-06 (Approval of Leaves, Resignations, Special Assignments, Changes in Status and Appointments)
Motion by Mrs. Chavez, second by Mr. Morales, to approve
page 2 of 4. Motion carried 4-0.

CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

4. GOVERNING BOARD

- 4.2 Conference With Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (GC 54956.9(b)(3)(A) Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 54956.9:
The board received information from legal counsel.
- 4.3 Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (GC 54956.9)
Claim No. 09-73093 The board voted 4-0 to approve settlement
- 4.4 Conference With Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation (GC 54956.9)
Case No. 2010050740 – Not Approved, pulled by staff

12. ADMINISTRATION

- 12.1 Public Employee Appointment/Employment
On a vote of 4-0, the board appointed:
George Guerrero, Principal, FHS
Les Mazon, Assistant Principal, FHS
Julie Chavez-Bayles, Acting Principal, Wilson ES
Katherine Aguirre, Principal, Mark Twain ES
Jose Urias, Director, Student Services
Nancy Nolasco, Director, Human Resources
Simmie Coffey, Coordinator, Special Programs
- 12.2 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release – No action
- 12.3 Public Employee Complaint – No action
- 12.4 Suspension or Expulsion of a Pupil(s) - No action
- 12.5 Conference With Labor Negotiator - No action
Agency Designated Representatives: Jose Urias
Employee Organizations: LTA, CSEA #116/SEIU Local 99 – No Action

14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS: - None ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Regular Board Meeting, November 9, 2010

15. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Morales, second by Mrs. Chavez, to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm.. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully Submitted,

Edward Velasquez
Superintendent

Attest:
Maria G. Lopez, Clerk