

Board Highlights

Highlights from the **November 18, 2025** Board of Education Meeting

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There were several notable moments during the November 18, 2025 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.

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Lee Elementary School Report - Timestamp: 1:15 - 46:00

The Board of Education meeting opened with strong Leopard pride as the Lee community filled the room. The Lee Choir began the evening with a patriotic performance focused on gratitude. Principal Willems and two fifth-grade student representatives shared key highlights from the school year, emphasizing what makes Lee a special place to learn and grow, including their schoolwide focus on building trust among students, staff, and families. The presentation also recognized this year's Heroes of the Heart, the Lee Master Gardener Volunteers, who make the Lee Garden such a treasured part of campus.



Open Session - 6:00 p.m.

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Student Board Member Report: Timestamp 2:05 - 12:05

Student Board Member Brynn Schmidt delivered her monthly report, highlighting the Four A's across LAHS:

- **Activities:** Brynn shared highlights from Red Ribbon Week, where ASB and student clubs led campus events encouraging healthy choices and a drug- and alcohol-free lifestyle.
- **Academics:** The Model United Nations (MUN) program was highlighted for its focus on global issues, diplomacy, collaboration, and public speaking. Students serve as country delegates and attend conferences throughout the region.
- **Athletics:** Brynn highlighted the Boys Varsity Water Polo team for a strong season, noting their early morning practices, teamwork, and consistent effort throughout league play.
- **Arts:** Brynn highlighted the Drama Department's production of *The Addams Family*, recognizing the work of students onstage and behind the scenes with sets, costumes, and technical production.
- **Community:** Brynn highlighted the Pals of Los Al Youth Sports Day. Students of all abilities participated in this second annual event, supported by LAHS ASB leaders along with the Los Al Police Department and OC Fire Authority.
- **Student Spotlight:** Brynn concluded her report by recognizing senior Tara West for her academic success, involvement in SoundTrax, and internship with the athletic training team, noting her as a strong leader in the Griffin community.

Superintendent's Report: *Timestamp: 12:05 - 28:00*

Dr. Andrew Pulver

Dr. Pulver's report highlighted:

- **LAEF Innovation Grants:** Through the generosity of our community, the Los Alamitos Education Foundation was able to fund 70 Innovation Grants totaling over \$154,000 and impacting all Los AI USD campuses.
- **Celebrations:** Dr. Pulver highlighted the many celebrations that have taken place across the District over the past month including:
 - **September and October Rock Stars of the Month**
 - **OC Teacher of the Year and ACSA State Awards**
 - Lori Avalos, English Language Arts teacher at McAuliffe Middle School was celebrated at the annual Orange County Department of Education Teacher of the Year gala at the Disneyland Hotel
 - LAHS Assistant Principal Cara Vienna who was awarded the ACSA County and State Administrator of the Year!
 - Angelina Riegelhuth, who graduated in June 2025 and was selected as the district's "Every Student Succeeding" honoree, earned the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Region 17 award for the 2025 Every Student Succeeding program
- **P.E.A.C.E. Week Video:** Debuted [our annual video highlighting P.E.A.C.E. Week](#) filmed and edited by the incredibly talented students in our LAHS Advance Film, Focus Studios class.

Information/Presentations: *Timestamp 49:30 - 52:50*

- **Presentation of Textbook**
 - College Algebra and Trigonometry, 7th Edition, this textbook will be on preview at the Los Alamitos Unified School District Office
- **Presentation of Supplemental Materials**
 - Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Ondrea Reed presented the following proposed supplemental resources for the Los Alamitos High School History and the Future course for grades 9–12.
 - *The Social Dilemma (Netflix), How Boredom Can Lead to Your Most Brilliant Ideas – TED Talk, How Social Media Apps Use Design Tricks to Hook You – PBS, The Future U.S. Army: Futuristic Weapons from DARPA – National Geographic, Augmented Reality (AR) vs. Virtual Reality (VR) – MagicSchool AI, and Artificial Intelligence – MagicSchool AI*
- **Presentation of Dashboard Local Indicators: Teaching Assignment Monitoring Data**
 - Mrs. Melissa Davis, Director of Education Services, presented the state-required data confirming that teachers are properly assigned and credentialed, ensuring compliance and that students are taught by qualified educators.

Consent/Action Items: *Timestamp 54:20 - 1:35:35*

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

- The Board moved to approve the first reading and waived the second reading of revised Board Policies 11.a through l, n, p and q. Board Policies [can be viewed on the agenda link under Action Items](#).
- The Board moved to approve the first reading of revised Board Policy 5131, Conduct and revised Board Policy 6158, Independent Study
- The Board moved to table the approval of the first reading of revised Board Policy 5141.5 Mental Health
- The Board moved to adopt Resolution 2025-2026-05 on Board Compensation for Missed Meeting, Resolution 2025-2026-06 by the Board of Education of the Los Alamitos Unified School District to authorize closing funds, Resolution 2025-2026-07 authorizing the projects and filing of applications for funding under the state school facility programs, and Resolution 2025-2026-08 for procurement of technology equipment pursuant to public contract code section 20118.2 as allowed by E-rate
- The Board approved transitioning to a new architect for the Los Alamitos High School Performing Arts Center and approved an architectural services agreement with Westgroup Designs to support the upcoming renovation of the facility.
- The Board moved to approve to hold the annual organizational meeting on December 16, 2025
- The Board moved to approve rate increases for substitute positions in classified service and the approval of the Student Supervision Assistant classified salary schedule

Next Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, December 16, 2025 - Workshop/Meeting at 4 p.m.

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