

# B ard Highlights

Highlights from the **December 16, 2025** Board of Education Organizational and Regular Meeting

**Board of Education: Marlys Davidson • Diana Hill • Chris Forehan • Farnaz Pardasani • Matt Bragman**

There were several notable moments during the December 16, 2025 Board of Education Organizational and Regular 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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**Workshop: Timestamp 1:00 - 52:00**

## **McAuliffe Middle School**

The McAuliffe Choir and Orchestra opened the Board meeting with a patriotic performance that showcased the talent and pride of McAuliffe students. Following the performance, two ASB representatives shared the student report, offering insight into campus life and student leadership. Principal Eddie Courtemarche then highlighted the learning taking place at McAuliffe, including academic growth, enrichment opportunities, and the strong sense of community on campus. The presentation concluded with the recognition of McAuliffe's Hero of the Heart, Ruth Anne Kurkjian, honoring her dedication and lasting impact on the school community.





**Organizational Meeting: *Timestamp 1:35 - 4:20***

- A. **Election of Officers to Serve During 2026:** Mrs. Diana Hill was selected to serve as President and Mr. Chris Forehan as Vice President for 2026.
- B. **The Board approved the dates, times, locations of**
- C. **[Regular Board Meetings and Workshops during 2026](#)**

**Reports/Recognitions/Introductions: *Timestamp 4:35 - 37:00***

- A. **Recognitions of 2025 Board President - Mrs. Marlys Davidson**
  - The Board expressed heartfelt appreciation to Mrs. Marlys Davidson for her dedicated service and thoughtful leadership as Board President over the past year, highlighting the many accomplishments achieved by the District under her leadership during the past calendar year.
- B. **Student Board Member Report:** During her report Brynn highlighted:
  - **Activities:** ASB hosted basketball intramurals, giving students a fun and inclusive way to get involved on campus.
  - **Academics:** Cocoa and Cram provided students a chance to reset and prepare during finals week.
  - **Athletics:** Girls Golf finished a strong 9–1 season with personal bests and great team support.
  - **Arts:** The LAHS Dance Team presented The Blind Tiger, featuring dancers at all levels.
  - **Student Life:** ASB hosted the first Senior Movie Night with support from LAEF.
  - **Student Spotlight:** Senior Amelia Jen, active in multiple clubs and campus organizations.

**Information/Presentations: *Timestamp 55:00 - 2:13:45***

- A. **Los Alamitos High School Performing Arts Center Renovation Update - Westgroup Designs:** The Performing Arts Center renovation project has been reassigned to architectural firm [Westgroup Designs who provided an update on the project.](#)
- B. **Introduction to Middle School Academy:** Deputy Superintendent Ondrea Reed introduced [two new Los Al USD Academies at Oak and McAuliffe Middle Schools](#) for 6th grade students, launching at the end of January 2026. The Academy's focus on ELA and math and are designed to support students academically and personally as they transition from elementary to middle school and beyond.
- C. **Presentation of Supplemental Materials: *High Impact Standards for ELA and Math***
- D. **Presentation of Supplemental Materials: *Standard Plus Pass the Task***
- E. **Presentation of Supplemental Materials:** How to Make Filthy Water Drinkable by Michael Pritchard (TED Talk), What is Biodiversity, American Museum of Natural History (Article), and Living on One Dollar by Chris Temple, Sean Leonard, Sean Kusanagi (Documentary)

**Consent/Action Items: *Timestamp 2:13:45 - 2:45:30***

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

- The Board approved *College Algebra and Trigonometry, 7th Edition* for use at Los Alamitos High School
- The Board approved Supplemental Resource Compilation (1-6) for use in Los Alamitos High School History and the Future Class, Grades 9-12
- The Board approved the 2025-26 First Interim Report, 2025-26 revised budget and certification of financial condition as presented by Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Mrs. Elvia Schnur, which can be viewed on our website: [2025-26 First Interim Report](#)
- The Board approved the authorization to piggybacking on Pacific Grove Unified School District's 2025 ServSmart contracts
- The Board approved purchasing two Quick Café MiniMAX units, two Solar Garage Charging Stations, and one EV3 Cruisin' Café from ServeSmart K-12 Products.

**Organization Meeting Continued: *Timestamp 2:45:33 - 3:05:00***

The Board approved the 2026 Board Representative Assignments