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Highlights from the **January 13, 2026** Board of Education Workshop and Regular Meeting

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There were several notable moments during the January 13, 2026 Board of Education Workshop 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 - 1:03:00

McGaugh Elementary School

The McGaugh Sea Lions packed the house with energy during their annual Board of Education presentation. The evening kicked off with a powerful patriotic performance by the McGaugh Choir, setting the tone for a night full of school pride. Principal Wood, along with two fantastic student representatives, shared a snapshot of Sea Lion life and what makes the McGaugh community so special. The night also included some well-deserved recognition, honoring Hero of the Heart Jeanette Andruss, a dedicated volunteer, parent, and local journalist who gives so much to our schools, and celebrating Kerri Pallone, McGaugh's School Office Coordinator, as one of the District's Classified Employees of the Year.



Reports/Recognitions/Introductions:

- A. **Student Board Member Report: *Timestamp 2:35 - 9:50*** - During her report Brynn Schmidt highlighted:
- **Activities:** The Next Top Griffin competition and celebration of this year's winner, Arron Myers.
 - **Academics:** A spotlight on the highly popular Fire Tech and EMT Career Technical Education programs, including a recent hands-on field trip to the Fullerton Airport Mercy Air Helicopter giving students real-world exposure to emergency response careers.
 - **Athletics:** A highlight of the LAHS Boys Soccer team and celebration of a meaningful Senior Night, honoring student-athletes for their dedication and commitment.
 - **Arts:** *The Nutcracker in a Nutshell*, a beautiful collaboration featuring string and chamber orchestra students, alongside LAHS dance and drama, showcasing the power of interdisciplinary arts.
 - **Student Life:** The first-ever "Be Unified" Bocce Ball Tournament, bringing together Life Skills students and the Best Buddies Club in a celebration of inclusion, connection, and unified athletics.
 - **Student Spotlight:** Senior Dane Hoffman, an exceptional example of a well-rounded Griffin.
- B. **Superintendent's Report: *Timestamp 10:40 - 20:30***
- During his report, Dr. Pulver shared updates on recent District events and planning efforts, including preparations for the 2026–27 school year, Middle School Parent Information Night, and Universal Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Parent Information Nights. He also highlighted several upcoming events:
 - **Griffin STEAM Experience** on January 24 from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. for 7th- and 8th-grade students at Los Alamitos High School
 - **All-District Art Show** on January 24 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., open to all students and families
- Additionally, Dr. Pulver addressed K–8 summer school updates, sharing that the District will not offer a traditional K–8 summer school program this summer. The District will continue to provide 9–12 credit recovery summer school and Extended School Year (ESY) services for eligible students. He mentioned an email would be sent to all families this week with the update.

Information/Presentations: *Timestamp 47:30 - 47:45*

- A. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints for Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2025
- a. Dr. Weiss-Wright shared there were no complaints for this period.

Consent/Action Items: *Timestamp 47:50 - 1:11:00*

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

- The Board approved the ratification of an agreement with Superior Tree Care for shrub and vine trimming in the drive area and parking lot at Los Alamitos High School
- The Board approved an agreement with La Habra Fence Company, LLC. for replacement of the east driveway fence at Los Alamitos High School
- The Board approved the following supplemental materials: Standards Plus *High Impact Standards for ELA and Math*, Standards Plus *Pass the Task*, and LAHS Supplement Resource Compilation: *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)
- The Board provided approval to submit the Consolidated Application (CONAPP) for the Categorical Aid Program for 2025-2026 Winter Release
- The Board approved to pilot the Learning Genie Formative Assessment Tool in Los Alamitos Unified Universal Transitional Kindergarten Classrooms.
- The Board approved the acceptance of Bid No. 2526-01 and approval of agreement with Keystone Builders, Inc. for restroom renovations at Los Alamitos High School