

**Public Comments Submitted Electronically for the
August 27, 2026 Regular Board Meeting**

Public Comment - Items not on the agenda, within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board

Name	Comment
Michelle Highberg	Device Protocols
former teacher and parent	Member Perry it seems very inappropriate that you and your running mate are using a tactic of implying there are many parents with students who have been ignored by district staff usually in bullying situations. As has been your practice for many years Dee you throw out an accusation and indicate you have had many calls---when asked to actually quantify (which is an interactive practice between board members recommended by CSBA) you evade answering. Most likely because it was one case at that time. Definitely bullying has been an issue here and most places for many years. Hills and Morgan bullied previous board members and continue doing so to Jim and Joan. You are using your seat to be as negative about the district as possible---as you have done for years. Always looking for the short fall. BTW two people who share a site and signage and Instagram together are a SLATE. Member Morgan you harp on how you are there to represent the voters of Laguna Beach who are all your constituents. Baloney! Running a campaign based on misrepresenting the district as failing and lacking transparency and accountability---never with specifics only with your opinion--the only people you can claim to represent are the few thousand who actually voted for you! Do the math---the percentage was small. And we have heard a number of those say after witnessing you as a board member are sorry they voted for you. And stop using your board report as a bully pulpit to sound like you know best.
parent and community member	Sheri what do you think gives you the position to lecture during your board report on appropriate use of social media---or your take on it. The irony of what you have done in posting and comments at board meetings and school

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	meetings for years with harsh criticism of ANYTHING you did not agree with and now to try and shame others for posting what they observe reflects the utmost disrespect for others opinions.. You campaigned on scare tactics and doom and gloom information about a failing district. You spoke of transparency and yet have conducted business in private with others in your majority and then denied it. Truth will win out and we only need to endure you until the 2028 election. The chaos you have brought to the district will take time to recover from---what a legacy. BTW please stop talking about your children, your trips, your foster dogs---anything that is not directly related to district business. It is egoist and frankly tiresome. Dee word spreads quickly in our small connected town---needing a police escort to attend a district staff candidate forum after school. How sad is that and if you are so afraid you need to step down.
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Action Item: Approval to reschedule the November 5, 2026, Board Governance Meeting to November 19, 2026

Name	Comment
Involved and Interested Community Member	Why do you even need two Board meetings in November. Give staff a break!
parent and community member	Good so it can start fresh with a new board.

Information and Discussion: Wildfire Preparedness Report

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Involved and Interested Community Member	I'm sure this will be a fabulous presentation. LBUSD has done so much in the last 10 years on their safety plans and improvements.

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Michelle Highberg	Requesting that the NO COST Emerald Ribbon Project-a digital detox family planting fire stop event is included. We want to begin it at Thurston. It is a multi year project led by Kris Spitaleri and Dale Ghere. Approved by Chief King. Plants donated. Admin by Just Gather. Nonprofit collaboration via Sparkswise, OCMTBA, Laguna Canyon Foundation, OC Parks and Crystal Cove.
former teacher and parent	This report showcases how much work this district has done since the 1993 fire. This covers the 5 Superintendents and leadership staff up to 2024 and all the members of the school board during that time. The work with the city, LBFD and LBPB was extensive and reassures the community that safety including from wildfire threat is a top priority in LBUSD. Going forward it is imperative to have the bond extension pass to provide the funds for further building fire protections.
parent and community member	Reading the report it is evidence of all the due diligence and work that has been done by Superintendents, various boards, staff in conjunction with the city, LBFD and LBPB since the fire of 1993. There are some recommendations to codify and formalize practices but it should be clear to the community that safety including from wildfire has been a priority of this district and its leadership for many, many years. I sincerely hope that the current board majority can refrain from trying to make it look like they have uncovered deficits and are now going to be the ones who address this---as the report makes clear that is not the case.

Information and Discussion: Information and Discussion on Local Control Accountability (LCAP) Revised Approach

Name	Comment
Involved and Interested Community Member	Thank you for taking these steps and recognizing the error of past ways; especially the comment last year by Mr. Roychowdhury that "if it's not in the LCAP, it's not in the budget." So very wrong and misleading. I have heard many

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	staff complaints about him and not knowing how to operate under a basic aid district. His staff is unhappy!! Maybe once he becomes familiar with how the LCAP should work, things will get better???? One can hope, right?
former teacher and parent	This report seems very similar to the previous LCAP process likely because the steps are ed code mandated. It is concerning that there seems to be an indication of the shift of where the dollars are allocated. A starting point and as always, the three identified student groups as underserved have been the focus of the previous LCAP and LBUSD has disaggregated the data to find the gaps. Most significant is the definitive roles of the Superintendent and other staff as the key to researching the data and evaluating the programs while the Board is clearly defined as reviewing the provided information and asking questions. This seems to indicate something like the two-board member led Arts Ad Hoc will not find it as easy to dictate an added high-level staff position directly opposed by the VAPA staff.

Action Item: Approval of Consent Calendar Items B and C

Name	Comment
former teacher and parent	How many classes was Alexis Karol teaching? Where was she on the salary schedule.
parent and community member	Was the interview process repeated as was stated at the last meeting? It was quite alarming to hear that two community members were on the interview panel for this position. That is quite out of best practice model and I would be certain that LABUFA was not ok with this development. What comes next--community members on interviews for teaching positions or principals? Terrible

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Action Item: Approval of the 2026-2027 Ad Hoc Arts Committee

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Global Citizen	Please do not approve this ad hoc arts committee. We just hired a highly qualified Visual and Performing Arts Coordinator who is well respected, well connected in our community, and has the expertise to lead this work. That's exactly why we hired a VAPA Coordinator. We don't need two board members inserting themselves into the day-to-day development of our arts programs. That's not the Board's job, and it certainly isn't necessary when we have someone exceptionally qualified to do it. Let's trust the professional we hired. Give them the space to solicit feedback, work collaboratively with their trusted colleagues and loyal community members, develop programs, and do what they were hired to do. No more standing or ad hoc committees with this board majority!
Involved and Interested Community Member	PLEASE GIVE ALEXIS KAROL a chance to succeed without micromanaging her and criticizing everything in her first year in the role. The only reason Sheri and Dee want to move this committee forward again is to direct the work of the position. STOP and let her do her job. She was on the committee. She understands what the two Board members said. Give her time and space to make things happen. PLEASE!!!!
Michelle Highberg	Love this committee for nonprofit collaboration.
former teacher and parent	This was supposed to be a one off to appease the needs of Perry and Morgan to go to the community to get their opinions on our art programs. It carried too much weight over the current staff and resulted in a new Coordinator position. This should be disbanded not continued. It sounds like it will be monitoring programs but also redoing the application process so the members may not be the same. Most concerning is the indication this will not be a fiscal impact as any administrative staff time is covered under existing position duties. Wait a minute---if a staff member is assigned to do the agenda, recordings and minutes for an ad hoc then

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	what is that staff member not doing? And ad hocs are not normally agendized, record or have minutes. So, is it ad hoc or standing? This is a poor look for collaborative board governance. BTW both the Transportation Ad Hoc and the FMP ad hoc should be disbanded as they have done the stated work.
parent and community member	This ad hoc was formed at the request of Morgan and Perry based on both of them but mostly Perry asserting for several years that our programs in the VAPA areas were lacking. The district staff has shown by data and by taking Perry on site visits to observe that the offerings were rich and inclusive. Perhaps the hand selected members of the ad hoc that were from the arts community were not aware of how much interaction between the schools and the community arts programs already existed but our staff knew. Staff was an after thought for the committee and yet they are the ones who have connected with the art museum, LCAD, LOCA, and others. We have had students work shown in galleries in town and of course in the Festivals. Now the ad hoc did it work, got a new costly coordinator through on a 3-2 vote and should be done. The district staff does not need outside oversight. Let those in charge monitor and evaluate. No need to continue this ad hoc but it is really an ad hoc if now there will be agendas, recordings and minutes?