

Board Highlights

Highlights from the **August 25, 2026** Board of Education Meeting

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There were several notable moments during the August 25, 2026 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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Introductions: *Timestamp 1:00 - 8:30*

- The Board officially introduced Dr. Dan Bennett as Los AI USD's new Director of Technology and Career Technical Education (CTE). In his new role, Dr. Bennett will lead the District's Technology and CTE programs, supporting innovation across our schools and expanding career-connected learning opportunities for students.

Workshop - Emerging Technology: *Timestamp 9:00 - 41:00*

- Dr. Bennett presented an update on Emerging Technology, highlighting the work of the 2025–26 AI Task Force and reviewing key components of the District's proposed Emerging Technology Board Policy, which was on the agenda for a first reading and approval.



Open Session - 6:00 p.m.

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Reports/Recognition/Introductions

Student Board Member Report: *Timestamp 2:15 - 15:20*

Newly appointed Student Board Member Emma Jimenez delivered her very first Board report, sharing highlights across all Four A's:

- **Activities:** Freshman Orientation welcomed incoming Griffins with LAHS Link Crew helping students make connections and get comfortable on campus before school began.
- **Academics:** First-day highlights included a special milestone for seniors as they celebrated their "last first day" with photos and traditions.
- **Athletics:** Girls Flag Football kicked off competition this week, with the Griffins back on the field and ready for an exciting season ahead.
- **Career Technical Education (CTE):** Griffin News, a student-produced elective where students write, produce, and create content while building real-world skills.
- **Student Life:** *Griffins United*, this year's theme that divides students and staff into Red, Blue, Gold, and White teams for friendly competitions and team-building throughout the year.
- **Student Spotlight:** Kiran Zacheis, a standout example of the Four A's. Kiran is the president of MUN, competes in Cross Country, is a four-year member of Jazz Band, serves as a trumpet instructor, and will have completed an impressive 13 AP courses during his years at LAHS!



Superintendent's Report: *Timestamp 16:15-33:00*

Dr. Andrew Pulver

Dr. Pulver's report highlighted the following:

- **Friday Night Lights, Staff Tailgate and Future Griffins:** The first home football game brought the Los Al USD community together, beginning with the first annual all-staff tailgate and continuing with Future Griffins Night, where students from across our elementary schools joined in the Friday Night Lights fun.
- **Joint Meetings with Our Cities:** District and Board representatives throughout the year meet with leaders from the City of Los Alamitos and City of Seal Beach through ongoing joint working groups. These strong partnerships help keep everyone aligned on topics impacting our schools and community, including e-bike safety, traffic, school safety, and more.
- **Welcome Back Video:** Dr. Pulver also shared the District's 2026–27 Welcome Back video, celebrating our staff, students, and the start of another great year in Los Al USD.

Information/Presentations: *Timestamp 1:07:50 - 1:08:35*

- Presentation of Supplemental Materials
 - Deputy Superintendent Mrs. Ondrea Reed, presented the following supplemental materials, which will be on public preview at the District office.
 - *Language Essentials for California Lessons* - for use by K-8th grade EL students
 - *"Lumpia" by Aimee Nezhukumatathil (short story)* - for use by LAHS 9th-12th Grade English Classes

Consent/Action Items: *Timestamp 1:08:35 - 1:45:20*

Below is a brief summary of the items the Board took action on and approved.

- Agreement with The Flippen Group, DBA Capturing Kids' Hearts, to provide Coaching for Greatness staff development for coaches and Visual and Performing Arts Directors.
- Amendment of a Memorandum of Understanding between Cypress College and the North Orange County Community College District and Los Alamitos Unified School District to participate in the Cypress College Cyberpatriot Program.
- An agreement with Verde Design, Inc. for architectural and engineering services for the synthetic turf multi-use field project at Los Alamitos High School.
- Adoption of Resolution No. 2026-2027-02 authorizing the Los Alamitos Unified School District to participate in and pursue claims relating to social media addiction and video game addiction litigation, and authorize the Superintendent or designee, in consultation with legal counsel, to take such actions and execute such documents as are reasonably necessary to implement the Resolution.
- The Contingent Fee Contract for Legal Services with Bullock Legal Group, LLC, Jeremy Fietz, Attorney at Law, and the Law Office of David Bush for representation of the Los Alamitos Unified School District in social media addiction and video game addiction litigation, and authorize the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement and any documents necessary to effectuate the representation.
- [The Los Alamitos Unified School District Branding and Visual Identity Package](#) as presented.
- The consideration and approval of the contracts of employment for the Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, and Assistant Superintendents and revised Administrative Salary Schedule for the 2026-2027 school year.
- First reading of [new Board Policy 0441 - Emerging Technology](#) following the guidance of the California School Boards Association (CSBA) recent Policy Updates and recent laws.
- The Board approved the following supplemental materials and textbooks:
 - *Ultimate Review Packet - AP Business* (2026)
 - *The Practice of Statistics 8th Edition*
 - *Business Principles with Personal Finance for the AP Course, First Edition*
- Agreement with Westgroup Designs for architectural and engineering services the Performing Arts Center Project at Los Alamitos High School.

Next Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, September 15, 2026

Workshop at 4 p.m.; Meeting at 6 p.m.

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