



Los Alamitos Unified School District

Operations Steering Committee
October 15, 2025

MEETING SUMMARY

Assistant Superintendent Elvia Schnur, called the Operations Steering Committee to order at 6:02 p.m. via Zoom teleconference.

Attendees

Amy Coltey	Andrew Pulver	Andy McKown	Annie Aung
Annie Ryu	Beth Pearson	Brandi Murdock	Catherine Severin
Chelsey Lindbloom	Christiana Kraus	Cindy Jen	Cynthia Pollard
David Sacks	Diana Hill	Eddie Courtemarche	Edwin Munguia
Elvia Schnur	Emma Wood	Erin Fuller	Gary Willems
Hannah Abadi-Mueller	Jason Bruton	Jason Farvour	Jenapher Safranski
Jennifer Katz	Jenny Mojarro	Jenny Padilla	Joan Brown
Joanne Coudriet	Jody Spalasso	Jorge Gutierrez	Jo'Van Prater
Julia Stockman	Kathy Morelli	Kerri Pallone	Lauren Shah
Lauren Sosenko	Lindsey Dick	Martin Valenzuela	Mary Unangst
Matt Bragman	Mehul Parekh	Merwin Trinidad	Mike Lanza
Olivia Sease	Priscilla Hargraves	Rena Immer	Ryan Weiss-Wright
Sara Coley	Shoshana Dornblaser	Sonia Aldana	Stacy Sanchez
Susan Hsieh	Tamara Smith	Tanya Simundza	Tenele Bennett
Tiffany Penick	Tim Golden	Todd Schmidt	Wendy Hernandez
Wendy Wood			

Welcome

Elvia Schnur welcomed the committee. Dr. Pulver also greeted the attendees and introduced Board of Education members Diana Hill and Matt Bragman who thanked the committee members for their participation. A survey will be sent out after the meeting for to gauge interest in future topics for the next meeting.

Budget Update

Elvia Schnur reviewed the annual budget cycle which starts with planning and development of the budget. Unaudited actuals are finalized in the Fall which covers the results of prior fiscal year (2024-25). The First Interim will cover financial data as of October 31. The Governor provides a proposed budget in January for 2026-27. In March the Second Interim report is produced with financial data as of January 31. In April the LCAP and Budget Development begin. In May the Governor has the opportunity to revise the budget for 2026-27 which is used when finalizing and adopting the budget for the next fiscal year.

The 2025-26 Annual Budget Multi-Year Assumptions which are used to develop the budget were shared. The data includes the Cost of Living Adjustment, cost of employee retirement programs, state unemployment insurance, health benefits, enrollment projections, average daily attendance and unduplicated pupil percentage.

Elvia explained that although COLA is 2.3%, due to declining enrollment the net increase in funding is only 0.27% or \$275,000. Once the budget is enacted July 1, there may be some changes. Last July there was some additional UTK funding in the amount of \$836,000 due to the decrease in required student/teacher ratio to 10:1 resulting in a 1.08% increase in revenue which is nowhere near the COLA percentage. Enrollment has declined 84 students in 2025-26 while the projected decline was 180.

Elvia outlined the 2025-2026 new ongoing revenue, expenses and staffing reductions which have a net impact of (\$181,016) which is negative due to the cost of the Supplemental Retirement Plan. She also presented the 2024-25 estimated actuals versus the unaudited actuals for the unrestricted General Fund. Revenues ended higher than expected and expenses ended lower than expected resulting in a \$2.27 million higher fund balance than expected. Elvia reviewed the multi-year projections for the Unrestricted General Fund which is the data that is submitted to the state.

The next steps in the budget process are the presentation of the financial audit and the first interim report in December. The first interim report will reflect adjustments for staffing, enrollment and revenue. The second interim report will be presented in March 2026.

Children & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative (CYBHI)

Evelyn Garcia, Director of Student Services and Personnel, explained the Children & Youth Behavioral Health Initiative. This new Department of Health Care Services program, also known as the Capacity Grant, allows districts to receive payment for mental health services from Medi-Cal and private insurance. No copays, deductibles or fees are charged to families. This new reimbursement program allows the district to recover funds for services that were already being provided to students.

Evelyn also presented the new Student Strengths Survey. Students in 4th, 7th, and 10th grades will complete this survey which asks students to reflect on skills like managing emotions, setting goals, building relationships, and staying motivated. Students will take the survey at school once in the Winter and once in the Spring with the results being used to shape district goals through the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Facilities Projects Update

Edwin Munguia, Director of Facilities, Maintenance Operations and Transportation, shared pictures of the recently completed LAHS three-court gymnasium highlighting many features including the team rooms, weight room outdoor scoreboard. Additional renovations at the high school included the classrooms in the 500, 700 and PAC buildings where there were upgrades to flooring, paint and ceiling tiles among other improvements.

He also reviewed current and upcoming district facilities projects. A new PTA funded playground at McGaugh is currently under construction and scheduled to be completed in late 2025 at a cost of \$175,000. LAHS restroom renovations are DSA approved with the construction schedule pending review with the site. Most of the restrooms have not been touched in 20-25 years and the goal is to bring them up to code. At Hopkinson asphalt replacement is underway for the parking lot while playground paving is scheduled for Summer 2026. Additional deferred maintenance projects include asphalt maintenance and repairs, roofing repairs and replacement and replacement of aging HVAC units at various sites.

The next large project is the upgrade of the LAHS Performing Arts Center which is currently in the design phase. The current project scope includes additional seating, new lighting, upgraded power circuitry distribution, improved acoustics, new AV speakers/controls, additional restrooms, and building code upgrades required by DSA. The projected budget allocation is \$12 million. The plans are scheduled to be submitted to DSA new year.

Future projects at LAHS dependent on funding include: replacing red tile accents with brick veneer, renovation of sports practice fields, renovation of the fire lane/AAAA Promenade, lunch pavilion/outdoor student seating, exterior paint/campus branding and a full kitchen renovation.

Closing Remarks

Elvia Schnur and Dr. Pulver thanked the committee for attending and for their support of the district. Elvia Schur also indicated that a survey will be sent out regarding future meetings. Everyone's feedback is appreciated. The next meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2026.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.