Los Alamitos Unified School District

Board Highlights

Highlights from the **November 17, 2026** Board of Education Meeting

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

There were several notable moments during the November 17, 2026 Board of Education meeting. The timestamps with each highlight will help you navigate directly to the point in the recorded meeting.

Workshop - 3:45 p.m.
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Marlys Davidson - Celebrating Board of Education Term of Service 2018 - 2026
Los Alamitos Unified School District hosted an open house reception to honor and celebrate Board of Education member Marlys Davidson as she concludes eight years of dedicated service on the Board. The reception brought together current and former Board members, District staff, educators, friends, and community members to recognize her leadership, commitment, and many contributions to Los Alamitos Unified. Throughout her years of service, Mrs. Davidson has been a dedicated advocate for students, staff, and families, leaving a lasting impact on the District. We extend our sincere appreciation for her years of service and wish her all the best as she concludes her time on the Board.



Open Session - 6:00 p.m.
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Reports/Recognition/Introductions
a. Student Board Member Report: *Timestamp 1:25 - 10:00*
Student Board Member Emma Jimenez delivered her Board report, sharing highlights across all Four A's:

- **Activities:** LAHS celebrated Día de los Muertos with activities highlighting Hispanic culture and traditions. Students enjoyed chalk art created by the Chalk Club, churros, and decorating photo frames to place on the ofrenda. It was a meaningful celebration of culture and diversity on campus.
- **Academics:** LAHS is launching a new Student Senate, bringing together representatives from more than 75 student clubs to share ideas and feedback directly with administrators. The goal is to strengthen student voices and turn their feedback into meaningful action on campus. Plans also include a new club newsletter to encourage communication and involvement.
- **Athletics:** LAHS highlighted the incredible season of its Song and Cheer programs, including the St. Jude Cheer Clinic in October. The Song program continues to excel beyond campus, with athletes participating on the U.S. Junior National Pom Team. Up next are USA Regionals on December 6.
- **Arts:** The LAHS Dance Program showcased *One Day Closer*, featuring a variety of dance styles, including tap and aerial dance. Through creative choreography and emotional performances, students brought unique stories to life while highlighting their incredible talent and artistry.
- **Student Life:** LAHS kicked off basketball season with Midnight Madness, bringing together student-athletes and alumni for a night of friendly competition and Griffin pride. Highlights included a Boys Lacrosse vs. Baseball basketball game, a dunk contest, and a basketball tic-tac-toe challenge, with the main event featuring LAHS basketball alumni competing against the current Boys Basketball team.
- **Student Spotlight:** Senior Bella Marsh was recognized for her outstanding involvement across campus. From managing Los Al Athletics social media and contributing to Griffin News and sports broadcasting to participating in Unified PE, Bella helps share student stories, celebrate Griffin athletics, and build meaningful connections among students. Her dedication reflects the spirit of involvement, inclusion, and leadership at LAHS.

b. Superintendent's Report: *Timestamp 10:20 - 21:20*
Dr. Pulver's report highlighted the following:

- **September Rock Stars of the Month:** Celebrating our September Rock Stars, Della Cowan, Information Systems Specialist (Classified), and Nicole Manly, Education Specialist at McAuliffe Middle School (Certificated), for their outstanding contributions to Los Alamitos Unified.
- **2027 Teacher of the Year Banquet:** Celebrating Los Alamitos Unified Teacher of the Year Megan Avalos, who was also named one of six OC Teachers of the Year and a finalist for California Teacher of the Year.
- **Virtual Academy Parent Information Night:** Los Alamitos Unified hosted a Parent Information Night on Wednesday, November 18, giving families the opportunity to learn more about the District's plans for a new Virtual Academy, tentatively launching in the 2027–28 school year.
- **Thank You, Marlys Davidson!** Expressing our heartfelt gratitude to Board Member Marlys Davidson for 33 years of dedicated service to Los Alamitos Unified, including 25 years as a teacher and eight years as a Board of Education member. Thank you for your incredible commitment to our students, staff, and community.
- **Getting to Know Our New Board Member:** Welcoming Anne Mulhearn, our incoming Board of Education member representing Trustee Area 1, who will be sworn in at the December 15 Organizational Meeting. Anne is a dedicated community leader and longtime school advocate, having served as President of Friends of LAE, a PTA Board member, and a Girl Scout Troop Leader. She is passionate about supporting students, strengthening community partnerships, and promoting academic excellence and student well-being.
- **Happy Thanksgiving!** Wishing all of our Los Alamitos Unified students, families, and staff a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with gratitude, joy, and time with loved ones. We hope everyone enjoys a restful and well-deserved break!

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c. Recognition of Marlys Davidson-Board Member Term of Service 2018-2026: *Timestamp 22:00 - 1:07:30*
Board President Diana Hill and Superintendent Dr. Andrew Pulver, alongside fellow Board members, formally recognized Mrs. Davidson for her remarkable 33 years of service to Los Alamitos Unified, including 25 years as a teacher and eight years on the Board of Education. The District expressed its heartfelt gratitude for her dedication, leadership, and lasting impact on our students, staff, and community.



Consent/Action Items *Timestamp 1:59:45 - 2:09:16*
The full list of all consent and action items approved by the Board **can be viewed on the link to the agenda found on the District website**. The Board pulled the following items:

- Consent Item 12 (g): The Board moved to pull and put on a future agenda.
- Consent item 13 (a): The Board approved an Educational Partnership agreement between Los Alamitos Unified School District and REACHUniversity, to provide classified employees with a job-embedded program to complete their degree and/or obtain their teaching credential.

Consent Item 12(g) was pulled from the agenda and will be brought back at a future meeting. All other consent and action items on the agenda were approved.

Next Board of Education Organizational Meeting: Tuesday, December 15, 2026 at 6 p.m.
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