LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Laguna Beach, California

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
September 24, 2013

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Landsiedel at 5:00 p.m., at the Central Offices for Laguna Beach Unified, 550 Blumont, Laguna Beach, California.

Roll Call to Establish Quorum

Quorum was established.

Members Present: William Landsiedel
Betsy Jenkins
Ketta Brown
Theresa O'Hare

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

There were no public comments on closed session items.

Adjourn to Closed Session

It was moved by Member Brown and seconded by Member O'Hare to adjourn to closed session. Motion carried 4-0. The meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:01 p.m. to discuss the following:

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION
Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) of Government Code §54956.9. One potential case.

Board Clerk Vickers arrived at 5:03 p.m.

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Member Brown to adjourn closed session. Motion carried 5-0. The Board adjourned closed session at 5:57 p.m.

Call to Order – Regular Session

President Landsiedel reconvened the meeting and called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Present at Board Meeting

Members Present: William Landsiedel
Jan Vickers
Ketta Brown
Betsy Jenkins
Theresa O'Hare

Employee Group Representatives:	Linda Barker, President LaBUFA Elizabeth Phillips, Vice President, CSEA
Staff:	Dean West, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Darlene Messinger, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services Kathy Kessler, Interim Executive Director, Human Resources Sean Colt, Chief Technology Officer Shannon Soto, Director of Fiscal Services Joanne Culverhouse, Principal, LBHS Jenny Salberg, Principal, Thurston MS Ron LaMotte, Principal, Top of the World Chris Duddy, Principal, El Morro Kevin Yates, Public Communications and Relations Liaison Victoria Webber, Administrative Support
Student Representatives:	Annie Brown and Natalie Kimball

Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Landsiedel invited Annie Brown, Student Representative, to lead the Board, staff, and members of the audience in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Report on Closed Session

President Landsiedel announced that the Board took no action in closed session.

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Member Jenkins and seconded by Member Vickers to approve the agenda as presented.

Discussion: None

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0 to adopt the agenda.

Special Recognitions

Superintendent Smith introduced the new Assistant Superintendent of Instructional Services, Darlene Messinger and welcomed her to the District.

Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)

Mr. Bruce Hopping addressed the Board, stating he wanted to make sure the Board was aware that many of his previous comments are official proposals to the Board, made on behalf of his foundation, and he would appreciate an official response.

Mr. Hopping provided informative comments on the Founder's Surfing program that began in 1978. He reminded the Board that several years ago, he suggested the high school establish a K-12 learn to swim program. He also addressed student self-esteem and hygiene topics.

Reports

Student Representatives – Annie Brown and Natalie Kimball provided the Board with an informative update on events at the high school, which included the following:

- Mrs. Brackez, the new assistant principal is getting to know students
- A new dance teacher, Mrs. Hampton, has been hired
- Grade level PLC meetings have begun, and teachers are discussing matching the Habits of Mind to tasks
- ASB "Club Round-up" held September 10 during lunch
- Spirit week is October 14-18
- Homecoming pep rally and game will be October 18 and the Homecoming dance will be October 19. The student body voted and the dance will be a semi-formal event this year
- Fall sports update included highlights

LaBUFA Representative – Linda Barker, LaBUFA President
Ms. Barker's updated included:

- Acknowledgement and thanks to Ms. Melinda Grace for all of her hard work on health benefits and information meetings
- Welcomed Ms. Messinger
- Provided updates from teachers on the Common Core. She will continue to provide updates at each meeting.
- Stated elementary students are off to a great start at El Morro and Top of the World

CSEA Representative – Elizabeth Phillips, CSEA Vice President
Ms. Phillips updated the Board on the following items:

- CSEA members voted to approve their contract on September 11, 2013
- CSEA members voted to ratify the MOU for health and welfare
- Attended the CSEA/District roundtable and nutrition staff meeting meetings and found them informative and productive
- Noted PLC meetings are in progress
- October "Boo gram" and raffle fundraiser is coming soon
- 6th grade science camp is next week
- Acknowledged the fantastic attendance at all back-to-school nights
- Mentioned students have options to participate in the Boys and Girls Club and Homework Club

PTA Representative – Kathleen Fay, Council President
Ms. Fay acknowledged the many county, state, and federal requirements that the District and educators in general must meet and reminded the Board of the broad partnership the PTA and the District share.

School Power – Robin Rounaghi, Executive Director
Ms. Rounaghi remarked on Lynn Gregory's speeches at back-to-school night's, which encouraged donations. So far, the response has been very generous. Dodgeball teams are filling up and the event will have live radio coverage.

Board Members
Board members reported as follows:

Member Jenkins
- Shout outs to:
  - Irene White for obtaining a new grant
  - Kevin Yates for the great publications she has provided
  - Principals for always doing dynamic work and supporting the students and the PTA
- Reported on the OCDE redistricting nominations committee election

Member O'Hare
- Asked for clarification of availability of teams for Dodgeball tournament. Elementary teams are only teams currently sold out
- Reported on ROP meeting stating that ROP teachers have received a Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) in the amount of 7% after several years of cut backs. Step and column increases are still frozen.

Member Brown
- Thanked staff for their participation in back-to-school night. Every teacher she visited was fantastic!
- Shared an overview of an editorial from the LA Times on the Common Core State Standards
- Shared an overview of an article from TIME magazine entitled "What Every Child Can Learn from Kentucky"

Board Clerk Vickers
- Attended back-to-school nights. Principals, teachers, and staff were fantastic!
- Kudos to Irene White for her work on the alcohol steering committee
- Kudos to Lynn Gregory for the genuine speeches she gave at the back-to-school night at each site
- Requested staff investigate the possibility of recognizing the surf team per Mr. Hopping's request
- Commented on the new "30-day" transfer rule for high school sports

Board President Landsiedel
- Announced the annual journalism fundraiser for the high school

Superintendent

Superintendent Smith:

- Recognized ROP staff as an important part of the high school program , stating their COLA increase was the first in many years.
- Echoed kudos to Irene White for her work on the drug and alcohol committee
- Reported on the joint District/SchoolPower meeting that was held on September 24 and thanked all attendees
- Provided an update on personnel issues:
  - Hired new dance teacher, Samantha Hampton
  - Interviewed finalists for new teacher at Top of the World
  - Reviewed applications for Common Core site leads in preparation for interviews on September 25
- Thanked Irene White for her coordination of Orange County Department of Education (OCDE) staff with Laguna Beach Unified to support and maintain the PBIS program
- Highlighted her visits to Thurston Middle School and El Morro Elementary, stating teachers were energetic and fully engaged. She was able to witness consistency of teaching across the grade levels
- Attended phenomenal back-to-school nights
- Developing new Common Core videos and is excited to finalize them and have them available for parents
- Stated she is very fortunate to be in Laguna Beach and thanked the Board and staff

Assistant Superintendents

Darlene Messinger stated she is excited to be a part of Laguna Beach Unified and thanked everyone for the warm welcome.

Dean West:

- Reported staff met timelines for implementation of new HR 2.0 program and offered thanks and praise to Melinda Grace, Raymond Lee, and Chris Shea for their work on the project
- Reported he would be meeting with Jack O'Connell and Kevin Gordon regarding Proposition 39 funding

Kathy Kessler, Interim Director, Human Resources:

- Kudos to Melinda Grace for coordinating health insurance meetings and open enrollment
- Substitute positions are posted
- Completed hiring process for executive assistant to the superintendent: Pending Board approval, Mrs. Webber has accepted the position

Consent Calendar

President Landsiedel called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. It was moved by Member Jenkins and seconded by Member Brown to approve the consent calendar, minus item a.

Discussion:

Member Jenkins asked for clarification on the contract for Laura Rivas.

Board Clerk Vickers asked that the section of the personnel report regarding Science Camp and ASB camps be revised to correct the dates.

a. Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2013 (Regular Meeting)

b. Personnel Report – as corrected

c. Conference/Workshop Attendance

d. Field Trips

e. Interdistrict Attendance Agreements – Resident Student(s) to Other District(s)

f. Agreements for Contracted Services – Special Education

g. Acceptance of Gifts-Checks and In-Kind Donations Totaling $771.98

h. Warrants #377316 through #377395 in the amount of $243,963.38
Dates: 8/20/13 through 8/30/13

i. Ratification of Certificated Payroll 2A in the Amount of $155,581.22
Ratification of Classified Payroll 2B in the Amount of $315,302.17
Ratification of Certificated Payroll 2C in the Amount of $87,164.06

j. Community Facilities District 98-1 (Crystal Cove) Administrative Expense Fund Disbursements Totaling $1,500.00

k. Quarterly Investment Report

l. Agreement for Contracted Services with Laura Rivas to Provide Parent Counseling Groups Using the Parent Project, Jr. Loving Solutions Curriculum and Parent Project Secondary Curriculum Titled "Changing Destructive Adolescent Behavior" for the 2013-2014 School Year with a Not-to-Exceed Amount of $7,000

m. Memorandum of Understanding Between the Donegan Burns Foundation and the Laguna Beach Unified School District for the Provision of an Intensive After School Literacy Intervention program

Motion carried 5-0.

President Landsiedel called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar, item A. It was moved by Member Jenkins and seconded by Member Brown to approve the consent calendar.

Discussion:

Member O'Hare pulled the item as she wished to abstain from voting as she was not present at the September 10 meeting.

Motion carried 4-0.

INFORMATION ITEMS

MONTHLY BUDGET UPDATE – Dean West, Assistant Superintendent, Business
Mr. West presented the monthly budget update and provided information to the Board regarding the financial activity of the District.

Discussion/Public Comment: None

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE – Sean Colt, Chief Technology Officer
Mr. Colt provided an update on the current status of the wireless network project stating that half of the required equipment had been received and the balance was due shortly.

Discussion/Public Comment: None

ACTION ITEMS

RESOLUTION 13-07: RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT FOR NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH –Sherine Smith, Superintendent
Staff requests Board approval of Resolution 13-07 in support of National Bullying Prevention Month.

It was moved by Member O'Hare and seconded by Member Brown to approve Resolution 13-07 in support of Bullying Prevention Month.

Discussion/Public Comment: None

A roll call vote was taken:

President Landsiedel	-	Yes
Clerk Vickers	-	Yes
Member Brown	-	Yes
Member O'Hare	-	Yes
Member Jenkins	-	Yes

Motion Carried 5-0

PUBLIC HEARING – LAGUNA BEACH FACULTY ASSOCIATION AND LAGUNA BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT'S JOINT PROPOSAL FOR A SUCCESSOR COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT – Kathy Kessler, Interim Director, Human Resources

In accordance with Board Policy 4104, the Laguna Beach Faculty Association and Laguna Beach Unified School District's Joint Proposal for a Successor Collective Bargaining Agreement is presented for public review and comment.

The public hearing was opened at 7:02 p.m. No members of the public addressed the Board.

The public hearing was closed at 7:03 p.m. Mrs. Kessler thanked the Board.

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 1200 (CHAPTER 1213/1991), GOVERNMENT CODE 3547.5 AND CCR, TITLE V, SECTION 15449; 2012-2013 AND 2013-14 NEGOTIATED AGREEMENT WITH CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION/CSEA – Kathy Kessler, Interim Director, Human Resources

Mrs. Kessler presented the item and requested the Board of Education approve the 2012-13 and 2013-14 Agreement negotiated by the designated representatives of the Classified School Employees Association/CSEA and the Laguna Beach Unified School District.

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Member Brown to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement with the Classified School Employees Association (CSEA).

Discussion/Public Comment: None

Motion carried 5-0.

President Landsiedel called for a motion to adjourn. It was moved by member Vickers moved and seconded by Member Brown to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education.

The motion carried by a vote of 5-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Jan Vickers
Clerk of the Board
October 8, 2013