

LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT
11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier, CA 90603

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 5, 2012

CLOSED MEETING	President Barber called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier. President Barber declared the meeting recessed to closed session at 6:31 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	President Barber reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:30 p.m. The flag salute was led by Mr. Bill Hinz, Board of Trustees Clerk. Trustees Present: Darin W. Barber, William A. Hinz, James A. Najera, Fred W. Schambeck, and Anastasia M. Shackelford. Trustees Absent: None. Staff Present: Patricia A. Howell, Superintendent; Tiffany Rudek, Assistant Superintendent for Instruction; and Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services.
REPORTING OUT ACTION (IF ANY) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION	None.
INTRODUCTION/ WELCOME	President Barber welcomed CSEA President Darleene Pullen, LJEA Co-President Allison Fonti, and guests.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE	Mr. Barber thanked the Macy PTA for their communication and acknowledged receiving a thank you card from an employee for sending flowers.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the February 7, 2012, agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the minutes from the January 10, 2012, Board meeting.
TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA	None.

TIMELY INFORMATION
FROM THE BOARD
AND
SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Howell acknowledged Leslie Mangold and Laurie McGuyre, third grade teachers from Meadow Green Elementary School, for preparing the bulletin board in the Board Room.

The Incoming Kindergarten Parent meeting is set for Thursday, March 8, at 6:30 p.m. at Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School.

The 7th Annual Lowell Joint Education Foundation Golf Classic and Dinner is on Monday, March 12. Registration for the Golf Classic begins at 9:30 a.m. and the Shotgun Start (scramble format) will begin at 11:00 a.m. The dinner will begin at 5:00 p.m. at the Friendly Hills Country Club in Whittier. There is also a silent auction planned for the evening. It is not too late to register for either of these events.

Mrs. Shackelford and Dr. Howell shared that Academic Excellence Day will be held on Saturday, March 10, 2012, at Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School. There are approximately 400 students participating this year. Dr. Howell thanked the Board Members and staff members for volunteering. Opening Ceremonies begin at 8:15 a.m.

Lastly, Dr. Howell stated that Tuesday, March 6, the District will be administering the California Standards Test for the 4th and 7th graders. The students will be taking the writing portion of the test.

Mr. Shawn Gatewood, Director of Maintenance and Operations, introduced Rodney Hall, night custodian of Jordan and Macy Elementary Schools, to the Board of Trustees. Mr. Gatewood shared that Mr. Hall successfully foiled a robbery attempt at Jordan Elementary School. Rodney was able to apprehend the suspect and called the police. Mr. Barber thanked Mr. Hall for going above and beyond the call of duty and thanks to his heroism, no vandalism or theft occurred. Mr. Hall was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Mr. Barber shared that Jordan Elementary School held their monthly Awards Assembly on Friday, March 2. Students were recognized for exhibiting the best character education of honesty and truthfulness. *Stoves on Strike* is on Wednesday, March 14, at McDonald's near Sam's Club. Please join us as monies raised support the PTA's efforts to provide fieldtrips and music programs for the students. On Tuesday, March 20, the PTA will have their monthly meeting at 8:45 a.m. Lastly, mark your calendar, for Saturday, March 24, 2012! Jordan PTA is hosting their Annual Spring Carnival.

SCHOOL REPORTS

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Mrs. Shackelford shared that on Thursday, March 8, Olita Elementary School will be visited by *Science on the Go* for an exciting assembly on rocks and minerals. These assemblies are always a favorite, as the students get to touch and feel the realia for the topic they are learning about. On Friday, March 9, the third graders will take a field trip to Heritage Park. During this adventure students will learn about the community and its history. There are many opportunities for hands-on learning as they explore what life was like before all of our modern-day conveniences. Students will make butter, dress in clothes of that time period, and learn about early American culture. Over 40 Olita students are looking forward to Academic Excellence Day coming up on Saturday, March 10. Our students competed within to determine the competitors for Spelling, Math, and Oral Interpretation. Our spelling bee was held in the same format as AED, and students interested in Oral Interpretation performed a poem in front of their peers. We are all excited to be a part of this outstanding tradition! McDonald's fundraiser was held last week for Stoves on Strikes.

Mr. Najera stated that El Portal Elementary School had a birthday party on March 2, celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday and they had a special lunch menu of Green Eggs and Ham. Students were allowed to dress up as their favorite Dr. Seuss character and wear their Cat in the Hat hat and white gloves. Students read their favorite Dr. Seuss books with their big/little buddies during the day. This has become one of our favorite parties at El Portal. The fourth grade students will take their writing portion of the STAR test on Tuesday, March 6. It is hard to believe that it is that time again. We have 16 SOAR sessions in place which began on February 28 and will continue every Tuesday and Wednesday for the entire month. We are trying to master all of the grade-level standards that didn't meet the District goals of 75 percent on the Mid Year. March 9 will be El Portal's second annual K-2 Shamrocks and Spuds celebration. Students will begin the celebration with a Readers' Theater, then rotate through seven different stations, eat Tater Tots, find their gold coin, paint their shamrock, and then have a dance finale on the blacktop. The annual Mother Daughter Tea, for all fifth-grade girls will be held on March 29 this year.

Mr. Hinz stated at Macy Elementary School on Friday, March 2, Macy honored those students who were best able to meet the Character Education Theme of Honesty and Truthfulness at its monthly Award Assembly. In addition to the character education awards, Macy awarded 18 certificates to the Science Olympiad Team. These 18 students received gold!! Macy Olympians also took second place overall in the Pasta Car Race. On Wednesday, March 14, fifth graders are excited about their Rancho Soñato field trip from the Orange County Department of Education's Inside the Outdoors Program. Rancho Soñato is an environmental education facility located in the Santa Ana Mountains, where students explore local ecology in a pristine environment. Macy is excited about having its Annual Fun Run on Friday, March 23. This event is sponsored by the PTA and the Fun Run is Macy's spring fundraiser.

SCHOOL REPORTS

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Mr. Schambeck presented that Meadow Green Elementary School's fourth graders have been practicing writing all year and are prepared to take the STAR Writing Test on Tuesday, March 6, 2012. Thirty-eight fifth and sixth graders will be participating in Academic Excellence Day on March 10, 2012. They will participate in Oral Presentation, Spelling, History/Social Studies, and Mathematics. Meadow Green PTA is sponsoring a Mother and Son bowling event on March 25, and a Father and Daughter Dance on April 20. Kindergarteners will be taking a trip to the Los Angeles Zoo on March 28, and fifth graders will be going to the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on March 29. PTA is funding both of these field trips.

Lastly, Mr. Barber shared that at Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School registration for high school is happening at La Habra and Sonora High Schools with a parent/student registration evening. La Habra and Sonora High School staff members will answer questions and help with registration. Registration packets will be picked up at Rancho later this month. Rancho is very excited to have students and the Admissions Director from Whittier College on campus for a special assembly on March 7. The assembly will wrap up Rancho's College Week as the students and Director discuss what college life is like and what is expected of them at college. The band is attending a Disney Concert Hall concert on March 8 and a festival on March 21 and 29. Rancho's competitive drumline will perform in three Saturday competitions this month on the following days March 17, 24, and 31. This is Rancho Nation Boot Camp month. The teachers performed a great skit for the kick off. This exciting event, complete with academic and physical games, takes place on March 30.

APPROVAL OF THE
2012/13 STUDENT
ATTENDANCE
CALENDAR

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, to approve the 2012/13 student attendance calendar. The 2012/13 student attendance calendar allows time for the District to complete report cards, conduct parent conferences in a timely and efficient manner, includes seven furlough days, and coincides with Fullerton Joint Union High School District student attendance calendar.

PRESENTATION OF
SECOND INTERIM
REPORT 2011/12

Ms. Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, reported to the Board of Trustees that a "Positive Certification" was required to be submitted, per Education Code Sections 35035(g), 42130, and 42131, to the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for the reporting period.

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to adopt the 2011/12 Second Interim Report with a "Positive Certification" for the reporting period. A "Positive Certification" means that the District will be able to meet its financial obligations for the current fiscal year and subsequent two fiscal years.

RESOLUTION 2011/12
NO. 564, REDUCTION OR
ELIMINATION OF
CERTAIN
CERTIFICATED
SERVICES AND
RELEASE OF
TEMPORARY
CERTIFICATED
EMPLOYEES
(EDUCATION CODE
SECTIONS 44949, 44954,
AND 44955)

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote (5 – 0) that Resolution 2011/12 No. 564, Reduction or Elimination of Certain Certificated Services and Release of Temporary Certificated Employees (Education Code Sections 44949, 44954, and 44955), be adopted, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

2012 MID-YEAR
BENCHMARK TEST
RESULTS

Mrs. Tiffany Rudek, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, presented the Board with information regarding the Mid-Year Testing Report for all District schools. The District Mid-Year Test is aligned with the California Content Standards and the Board adopted goal of “Proficient” or “on grade level” defined as 75 percent. Any student scoring at or below 50 percent is identified as “at risk of retention” and teachers will develop an intervention plan for these students. Grade-level teams will develop a plan to re-teach material not yet mastered, while continuing to ensure new material is covered according to the pacing guides. The District percentage of students scoring at or above 75 percent in English/language arts was 57 percent. In math, the students scoring at or above 75 percent were 73 percent for this year. This is an increase of one percent, in subject, from the 2011 Mid-Year Test results.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, (5 – 0) to approve/ratify the following items, under a consent procedure.

Purchase Order Report
2011/12 #8

Approved Purchase Order Report 2011/12 #8 which lists all purchase orders issued January 13, 2012, through February 8, 2012.

Warrant Listing Report
2011/12 #8

Approved Warrant Listing Report 2011/12 #8, which lists all warrants issued January 30, 2012, through February 24, 2012.

Approval of Resolution
2011/12 BGT/2 #6 – #11
for Budget Adjustments

Adopted Resolution 2011/12 BGT/2 #6 – #11 for Budget Adjustments, as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Employer-Employee
Relations/Personnel
Report 2011/12 #9

Ratified Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2011/12 #9, as attached, which includes hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated, classified, and confidential employees.

Resolution 2011/12
No. 562, Implementing
Education Code Section
44256(b)

Adopted Resolution 2011/12 No. 562 Implementing Education Code Section 44256(b), as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Resolution 2011/12
No. 563 Regarding
Layoffs and Reduction of
Hours of Classified
Personnel

Adopted Resolution 2011/12 No. 563 Regarding Layoffs and Reduction of Hours of Classified Personnel, as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Amendment
to Consultant Agreement
with Earnestine Goldstein
to Provide Vocal Music
Instruction at El Portal
Elementary School for the
2011/12 School Year

Ratified the amendment to consultant agreement with Earnestine Goldstein to provide vocal music instruction for the 2011/12 school year for El Portal Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 effective February 1, 2012, not to exceed \$1,000.00, to be paid from El Portal Elementary School's Donation Account, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Amendment
to Consultant Agreement
with Earnestine Goldstein
to Provide Vocal Music
Instruction at Meadow
Green Elementary School
for the 2011/12 School
Year

Ratified the amendment to consultant agreement with Earnestine Goldstein to provide vocal music instruction for the 2011/12 school year for Meadow Green Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 effective February 1, 2012, not to exceed \$2,500.00, to be paid from Meadow Green Elementary School's Donation Account, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Amendment
to Consultant Agreement
with Earnestine Goldstein
to Provide Vocal Music
Instruction at Rancho-
Starbuck Junior High
School for the 2011/12
School Year

Ratified the amendment to consultant agreement with Earnestine Goldstein to provide vocal music instruction for the 2011/12 school year for Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School, at an hourly rate of \$18.00 effective February 1, 2012, not to exceed \$5,550.00, to be paid from Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School's Site Allocation Account, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant
Agreement with
Earnestine Goldstein for
Choreography Instruction
at Rancho-Starbuck Junior
High School for the
2011/12 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Earnestine Goldstein to provide choreography training at Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School from March through May, 2012, at a total cost of \$750.00, to be paid from Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School's Site Allocation Account, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Amendment
to Independent Consultant
Agreement with One
Child At A Time to
Provide Special Education
Consultation Services for
the 2011/12 School Year

Ratified the amendment to independent consultant agreement with One Child At A Time to provide special education consultation services for the 2011/12 school year, at a rate of \$150 per hour, not to exceed \$900 for the specific period of February 15, 2012, through June 15, 2012, to be paid from Medi-Cal funds, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Interagency Agreement Between the County of Orange Health Care Agency and Lowell Joint School District Regarding the Provision of Educationally-related Mental Health Services for the Period of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012

Ratified the Interagency Agreement Between the County of Orange Health Care Agency and Lowell Joint School District regarding the provision of educationally-related mental health services for the period of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2012, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Barber declared the meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m. in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 (a, b, c) and indicated no further public action would be taken.

Clerk/President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Date Approved:

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