

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
 March 9, 2015

- CLOSED MEETING President Shackelford called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office, 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier.
- BOARD STUDY
 SESSION – LOCAL
 CONTROL
 ACCOUNTABILITY
 PLAN Dr. Bell updated the Board of Trustees on the Local Control Accountability Plan. As previously stated, an LCAP Advisory Council was formed and includes parents, representatives from each Association group, both Assistant Superintendents and a principal. The Advisory Council met in late February and will meet again on March 31. The Council had great dialogue and focused on the District data for the State’s eight priorities.
- CLOSED MEETING President Shackelford declared the meeting recessed to closed session at 6:30 p.m.
- CALL TO ORDER President Shackelford reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:36 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Mrs. Patty Jacobsen, Rancho-Starbuck Physical Education Teacher.

Trustees Present: Darin W. Barber, William A. Hinz, Brandon A. Jones, Fred W. Schambeck, and Anastasia M. Shackelford.

Trustees Absent: None.

Staff Present: Bonnie Bell, Superintendent; Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, and Sheri McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.
- INTRODUCTION/
 WELCOME President Shackelford welcomed CSEA President Darleene Pullen, LJEA President Allison Fonti, guests, and staff members present.
- REPORTING OUT
 ACTION (IF ANY)
 TAKEN IN CLOSED
 SESSION This evening in closed session, the Board took action (5 - 0) to approve the following settlement agreement for Student No. 4156142310.
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
 OF CORRESPONDENCE None.
- APPROVAL OF
 AGENDA It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to remove V-B Orchard’s Fresh Food Request.

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the Amended March 9, 2015, Board agenda.

APPROVAL OF
MINUTES

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the minutes from the February 2, 2015, Board Meeting.

TOPICS NOT ON THE
AGENDA

None.

TIMELY INFORMATION
FROM THE BOARD
AND
SUPERINTENDENT

None.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Mr. Hinz shared Macy Elementary School PTA hosted their annual Fun Run on Friday, February 27. The students, (represented by a new t-shirt design and colors this year), ran for 20 minutes to show a commitment to healthy choices and healthy lifestyles, while also raising funds for the Macy PTA. Macy Science Olympians participated in this year's Los Angeles Science Olympiad at Occidental College on Saturday, February 28. Points were added up, per event, on the day of competitions. The Macy Science Olympiad team placed in the GOLD Rankings and will be recognized at an upcoming assembly. Tomorrow, March 10, the Macy PTA will recognize this year's recipients for our Honorary Service and Very Special Person Awards at the night meeting and their families will be present. After a bio speech is read in their honor; a cake, certificate, and flowers will be presented to each candidate.

Mrs. Shackelford stated on Friday, February 20, Jordan PTA sponsored a Father-Son pinewood derby race. The event was a great success with over 100 cars participating in the race. PTA also sponsored a Family Bingo Night, on February 27, great fun was had by all. Jordan students participated in Read Across America-Hats Off to Dr. Suess, the week of March 2. Students enjoyed a special event each day of the week, including visits from guest readers, dressing in green from head to toe on Green Eggs and Ham Day, and pajama day on Friday, March 6. Also, on Friday, March 6, Jordan held its Good Citizen Assembly recognizing students who demonstrated 'Honesty and Truthfulness' during the month of February.

Mr. Schambeck stated that El Portal Elementary on March 11, the sixth grade students will visit Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School. This is always an exciting day for our students. The sixth grade students will also have an all-day assembly on March 19, called the *Walk through Ancient Civilization*. Students are split into three different countries. They are assigned characters and have to dress up and become them. El Portal is having a Shamrocks and Spuds celebration for our K-2 students on March 17. It will begin with a Readers' Theater and then out to the field for eight different potato activities, and end with dancing. The following day, El Portal's Green Team will be planting a raised bed garden with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works. This environmental grant will allow students to grow vegetables and local flowers.

SCHOOL REPORTS
(Continued)

Mr. Jones reported that Olita Elementary School had Movie Night this past Thursday, March 5. The sixth graders sold concessions while the audience enjoyed "Maleficent" on a big screen outside. This event was always well-attended. On Thursday, March 12, the second graders will go on a field trip to the Natural History Museum. Dinosaurs have been a topic of study and they will have the opportunity to see many interesting exhibits related to their curriculum. On Wednesday, March 11, the sixth graders will walk to Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School for their orientation visit. As always, the students look forward to this exciting transition. The sixth graders will tour the campus after hearing about the opportunities that Rancho has to offer.

Mrs. Shackelford shared Meadow Green Elementary School celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 2, 2015, with Read Across America Day. The following activities took place: Students created post cards depicting places visited in books and these were on display on classroom windows and a school wide buddy reading day was held where older students read a favorite book to a younger student. Meadow Green fourth graders will be experiencing an onsite field trip with a "Walk through California" presentation. This is a half day fully engaging experience where students participate in game type activities as they learn the history of our great state. The Meadow Green Transitional Kindergarten class will learn about bees through an onsite experience through the Discovery Center on Friday, March 20, 2015. The PTA is sponsoring a Junior Olympics for the students of Meadow Green on Saturday, March 21, 2015.

Mr. Barber reported that Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School began registration for Sonora High School and at La Habra High School this month at the high school campuses. Registration packets will be picked up here on our campus this month. Rancho Nation Boot Camp is also this month. This exciting event complete with academic and physical games takes place on March 13. The monies raised go to technology for our students. The competitive drumline begins their competitive season. With a full slate of Saturday competitions, the drumline started strong with a first place win on the first Saturday of competition. Registration week is coming! The 6th grade students will visit Rancho-Starbuck on March 11 and parents are invited to attend on March 12. The following week the school will be accepting registration materials as they plan for next year.

RANCHO-STARBUCK
INTERMEDIATE
SCHOOL NEWS CAST

Dr. Bell introduced Aaron Franco, fifth grade student from Macy Elementary School; Cameron Rey, sixth grade student from El Portal Elementary School; Shannon White, seventh grade student, and Natalie Hermosillo, eighth grade student from Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School. Aaron, Cameron, Shannon, and Natalie each won the John Greenleaf Whittier Chapter Society Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest for their respective grade levels. They each read their "A Child's Journey through Ellis Island" essays and were awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement by President Shackelford.

**** RECESS****

Mrs. Shackelford declared a recess at 8:10 p.m. Mrs. Shackelford reopened the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

ORCHARD'S FRESH
FOODS REQUEST

Removed from March 9, 2015, Board Agenda.

UPDATED/REVISED
BOARD POLICIES
(FIRST READING)

As the District updates current Board Policy and any accompanying Administrative Regulations regarding Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities (BP 0410), Local Control Accountability Plan (BP 0460), Accountability (BP 0500), Uniform Complaint Procedures (BP 1312.3) and Tobacco-Free Schools (BP 3513.3) with current regulations and procedures, it is imperative to disseminate updated information.

Further input is welcome and the revised Board Policies will be included on the April 6, 2015, Board agenda for second reading and approval.

PUBLIC HEARING:
INITIAL PROPOSAL
FROM THE
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL
EMPLOYEES
ASSOCIATION FOR
REOPENING THE
CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT

Dr. Bell introduced Darlene Pullen, California School Employees Association President. Mrs. Pullen shared "The California School Employees Association would like to thank the Board of Trustees and the Administration for successful and fair negotiations for the first year of our current contract. The classified employees appreciate that the Board of Trustees recognizes the quality of our work and understands that the Lowell Joint classified employees go well beyond the duties assigned and their paycheck to the benefit the students of our district.

In accordance with the Educational Employment Relations Act and the operable provisions of our Collective Bargaining Agreement, the following represents CSEA's public notice and "sunshine proposals" on reopener negotiations covering 2014/15 and 2015/16. It is CSEA's intent to bring closure to all remaining open issues through the expiration of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, June 30, 2016. Both parties agree to limit reopeners to only Article IX (Pay and Allowances), Article XXI (Employee Benefits), and up to two other articles as designated by the District and up to two articles as designated by the Association. In addition to the salaries and benefits, at this time CSEA designates Article VII (Hours and Overtime) and Article XVI (Leaves), as attached.

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(CONTINUED)

CSEA desires to continue its strong working relationship with the District and we look forward to quick and amicable resolution to the issues at hand.”

President Shackelford opened a Public Hearing at 8:07 p.m. and no public comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:08 p.m.

PRESENTATION OF
SECOND INTERIM
REPORT

Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the Second Interim Report 2014/15 in accordance with Education Code Sections 35035(g), 42130, and 42131 requiring the Board of Trustees to approve and certify that the District is able to maintain positive cash and fund balances for the current and subsequent two fiscal years.

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote to adopt the 2014/15 Second Interim and approve a “Positive Certification” for the reporting period of the District’s ability to meet its financial obligations for the current and two subsequent years based upon the current 2014/15 State budget and proposed 2015/16 State budget assumptions defined by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

RESOLUTION 2014/15
NO. 635 REDUCTION
OR ELIMINATION OF
PARTICULAR KINDS
OF SERVICES
PERFORMED BY
CERTIFICATED
EMPLOYEES

Adopted Resolution 2014/15 No. 635, Reduction or Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services Performed by Certificated Employees Pursuant to Education Code Section 44949 and 44955, as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

RESOLUTION 2014/15
NO. 636 NON-
REELECTION OF
TEMPORARY
CERTIFICATED
EMPLOYEES

Adopted Resolution 2014/15 No. 636, Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees, as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

UPDATE ON
PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT

Dr. Sheri McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, updated the Board of Trustees on the District-Wide professional development in Common Core State Standards that the teachers were partaking in.

Dr. McDonald also shared that April 3, 2015, is designated as a non-student day for professional development. Originally this day was designed for staff members to learn new material. However, staff voiced a need to dialogue about current initiatives.

Management believed that this was a good use of time and so April 3, 2015, will be used to refine, apply, and strategize about initiatives learned to date.

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
2014/15 #8

Approved Purchase Order Report 2014/15 #7, which lists all purchase orders issued December 11, 2014, through February 25, 2015.

Warrant Listing Report
2014/15 #8

Approved Warrant Listing Report 2014/15 #6, which lists all warrants issued January 23, 2015, through February 20, 2015.

Resolution 2014/15
BGT/2 #7 – 12 Budget
Adjustment

Adopted Resolution 2014/15 BGT/2 #7 – 12 for Budget Adjustment, as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Employer-Employee
Relations/Personnel
Report 2014/15 #8

Ratified Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2014/15 #8, as attached, which includes hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated, classified, and confidential employees.

Approval of Contract
with California School
Management (CSM)
Consulting, Inc.

Ratified the contract with California School Management (CSM) Consulting, Inc., not to exceed \$6,300 per year for Funding Years 17 and 18, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Contract
with the Los Angeles
County Office of
Education for Network
Services and Support
Educational
Telecommunications and
Technology for
October 1, 2014, through
June 30, 2017

Ratified the contract with the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) for network services and support educational telecommunications and Technology for October 1, 2014, through June 30, 2017, not to exceed \$40,000 annually, with E-Rate, a federal funded program, reimbursing the District approximately 59 percent the following year of each year contracted with LACOE, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Additional Individual Service Agreements with Mary Kay Gallagher, Gallagher Pediatric Therapy, a Nonpublic Nonsectarian Agency, to Provide Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for the 2014/15 School Year

Ratified the Additional Individual Service Agreement with Mary Kay Gallagher, Gallagher Pediatric Therapy, a nonpublic nonsectarian agency, to provide occupational and physical therapy services for the 2014/15 school year, for the following students: Student #2193391135, 4152395125, 1005431916, 8908663656, 5197801522, 3283180233, and 1155158673; and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of the Independent Contractor Agreement for Supplemental Education Services (SES) and Individual Services Agreement (ISA) with SES Provider: Oxford Tutoring

Ratified the Independent Contractor Agreement and the Individual Services Agreement with Oxford Tutoring, to provide tutoring for eligible students at El Portal, Jordan, and/or Olita Elementary School for the 2014/15 school year, at an hourly rate of \$50.00, and a total not to exceed \$643.74 per student, to be funded by Title I, Part A, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS

Mr. Hinz shared that he recently attended the La Habra Chamber of Commerce State of the City Address and it appears that there will be many positive additions to the City. Some that will affect the enrollment in the District and additions that will benefit the city.

The Incoming Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten Meeting held at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School was packed full of parents and the atmosphere was very positive.

Mr. Schambeck, Mrs. Shackelford and Mr. Barber reiterated that Academic Excellence Day was a great success. Mrs. Takacs who hosted and spearheaded the day did an outstanding job. It was a wonderful day. Students and parents appeared to have enjoyed themselves at the contests.

Mr. Jones stated that the Lowell Joint Education Foundation 10th Annual Golf Classic and Dinner will be held on Monday, March 16, 2015. Mr. Jones shared that it is not too late to register for dinner, and in case you were not aware Mr. Fred Schambeck will be honored.

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ADJOURNMENT

President Shackelford declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 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:
