

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
October 6, 2014

CLOSED MEETING	President Schambeck called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier. President Schambeck declared the meeting recessed to closed session at 6:31 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	<p>President Schambeck reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>The flag salute was led by Allison Fonti, LJEA President.</p> <p>Trustees Present:     Darin W. Barber, William A. Hinz, Brandon R. Jones, Fred W. Schambeck, and Anastasia M. Shackelford.</p> <p>Trustees Absent:     None.</p> <p>Staff Present:        Patricia        A.        Howell,        Superintendent; and Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services.</p>
REPORTING OUT ACTION (IF ANY) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION	In closed session, the Board took action (5 – 0) to approve the following settlement agreement for SSID #200301751, and agreed upon the terms of the said agreement, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.
INTRODUCTION/ WELCOME	President Schambeck welcomed CSEA President Darleene Pullen, LJEA President Allison Fonti, and guests.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE	None.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the October 6, 2014, agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the minutes from the September 15, 2014, Board meeting.

TOPICS NOT ON THE  
AGENDA

Dr. George Giokaris, Fullerton Joint Union High School District Superintendent, complimented the Board of Trustees for their continued partnership with the District to ensure each student is ready for college.

Dr. Giokaris provided information regarding Measure I on the November 4, 2014 ballot. The measure will be used to improve the local high schools in the district that many of the Rancho-Starbuck students attend after eighth grade graduation.

Dr. Giokaris publicly thanked Dr. Howell for her years of service to education and thanked her for being a wonderful colleague and friend over the years. Dr. Giokaris wished her well in her upcoming retirement.

A Meadow Green Elementary School teacher thanked the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to attend a STEM conference.

Several Noon Duty Aides shared their concern about the pay rate and the responsibility of their position.

TIMELY INFORMATION  
FROM THE BOARD  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Schambeck expressed, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, their condolences for the passing of Mrs. Shackelford's father.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Mrs. Shackelford shared that Meadow Green Elementary School held its first PRIDE Assembly of this school year on October 3, 2014. Students were recognized for Citizens of the Month for September (Respect). Meadow Green will participate in the Great Shake-Out Day on October 16 with an earthquake drill in the morning at 10:16 a.m. Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated the week of October 27. Many activities are planned to stress the No to Drugs message. Students will celebrate the week with a Backward Clothes Day; Inside Out Day; Sunglasses, Visor, and Cap Day; and a Mix and Match Shoe Day. Students will be able to decorate a potato to put in our "Good Spuds Don't Do Drugs" potato patch the week of October 27. We will also hold a Book Fair this week. Meadow Green's Annual Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 31, at 8:45 a.m. Come join us if you dare! Meadow Green will hold its annual canned food drive from October 20 through November 14. All food collected will go to a local food bank to benefit those in need.

SCHOOL REPORTS  
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Mr. Barber stated that Jordan Elementary School's PTA is hosting Walk to School Day on October 8 at 8:00 a.m. Four locations have been designated for students, parents, and teachers to meet to walk to school. Jordan Kindergarten through sixth grade will participate in fieldtrips to the Aquarium of the Pacific. Kindergarten through second grade will attend on October 14; third and fourth grade on October 15; and fifth and sixth grade on October 21. Also on October 15, fifth and sixth grade students will attend an Anti-Bullying Assembly presented by Miss Southern Coast Teen to continue to promote being kind to each other with her anti-bullying campaign of "Kindness Begins With Me." Jordan's Red Ribbon Celebration Week will be October 23 through October 31. The PTA has scheduled various activities for this week. Lastly, Jordan ends the month with its annual Halloween Parade on Friday, October 31, beginning at 9:45 a.m.

Mr. Schambeck reported that El Portal Elementary School's third and fourth grade students are having a Columbus Day Celebration on Monday, October 13. This will include a readers' theater and old world/new world exploration stations and other activities. El Portal will also participate in the Great Shake Out, on October 16, at 10:16 a.m. We will practice our duck and cover drill and our lockdown procedures. Red Ribbon Week kick off begins October 27, with daily crazy activities put on by Student Council and the PTA. Wednesday, October 29, is our McDonald's night. El Portal will end the month with our annual Halloween Parade, at 10:30 a.m., on October 31. We will also have a Monster Bash Dance-a-thon beginning at 8:50 a.m., with students in their costumes.

Mr. Hinz stated on Friday, October 3, Macy held its first Awards Assembly for Very Important Person and Student of the Month. The Character Education theme for September was Respect and Responsibility. To promote a healthy lifestyle and keep our pledge toward making healthy choices all year long, Macy celebrates the last Wednesday of each month as "Healthy Lifestyles Day." All staff and students are asked to wear Red on this day. Thursday, October 16, at 10:16 a.m. is the Great Shakeout. Macy will participate in a school wide earthquake drill. Friday, October 31, students will dress up in their favorite costumes and parade through the school. Students are invited to bring in their previously decorated pumpkins for display on haystacks in the main hall.

SCHOOL REPORTS  
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Mr. Jones shared Olita Elementary School students will come and meet Mrs. V. and the Olita teachers at Oeste Park on Wednesday, October 8, as we celebrate “Walk to School Day.” Every year hundreds of students meet at the park and walk together to school. As the students walk, they are observing various landmarks and objects around the community. When the students reach Olita, they are rewarded with a special charm. On October 9, students will attend their first *Science on the Go* assembly. The subject matter for this assembly will be “The Human Body.” Students are always excited to see the items and hear what the presenter has to say about the topic. This one should be pretty interesting! Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated during the week of October 20. On Wednesday of that week, we will host “Come Eat Lunch with your Child” day. Parents come to school and eat a picnic style lunch while being entertained by the La Habra High School Jazz Band. On October 31, Olita School will be covered in everything from Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles to fairy princesses for our annual Halloween Parade. The parade begins at 9:30 a.m. Parents are welcome to come and take pictures of their favorite little monsters.

Mr. Schambeck concluded that Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School’s Red Ribbon Week activities are planned along with the Bookmark Contest which begins October 13. Bookmarks are then given to students on Rancho’s campus. Our second REACH assembly of the year will take place on October 31. This is always a great time as we honor students for their achievements. Our first REACH Circle, the teacher-student mentor program, begins this month with monthly activities to follow. Flex classes also begin this month. Enrichment classes and re-teaching classes are available to help our students be successful in school! Cross Country begins this month as part of our After School Sports program. Our Volleyball teams are in the middle of their season and doing a great job. This month Teen Truth will be here sharing a powerful presentation on bullying. Our first Parent Night precedes the assembly. The Parent Night is October 15 and the student assembly is October 16.

UPDATED/REVISED  
BOARD POLICIES  
(SECOND READING)

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote (5 – 0) to adopt the current regulations and procedures to the following Board Policy and accompanying Administrative Regulations regarding Superintendent of Schools – Job Description (BP 2122), as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

RESOLUTION 2014/15  
No. 633 PROCLAIMING  
OCTOBER 23 – 31, 2014,  
AS “RED RIBBON  
WEEK”

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (5 – 0), to adopt Resolution 2014/15 No. 633 Proclaiming October 23 – 31, 2014, as “Red Ribbon Week,” as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

SUBMISSION OF  
WILLIAMS LITIGATION  
SETTLEMENT –  
QUARTERLY UNIFORM  
COMPLAINT REPORTS  
FOR QUARTER  
JULY 1 THROUGH  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2014

It was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous vote (5 – 0) to approve the submission of the Williams Litigation Settlement – Quarterly Uniform Complaint Reports for Quarter July 1 – September 30, 2014, to Los Angeles and Orange Counties with zero complaints, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

2014 PARENT SURVEY  
RESULTS

Dr. Howell presented the 2014 Parent Survey Results to the Board of Trustees. The survey is submitted each spring and tallied over the summer. The survey is categorized into the following five categories: academic preparation, parent communication, school environment, student behavior, and perception of the school. The percentage rates from last year either increased, decreased, or remained the same. The results of the survey are shared with the principals and their respective schools to develop strategies to address any areas of concern.

CONSENT CALENDAR

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

Purchase Order Report  
2014/15 #3

Approved Purchase Order Report 2014/15 #3, which lists all purchase orders issued August 28, 2014, through September 22, 2014.

Warrant Listing Report  
2014/15 #3

Approved Warrant Listing Report 2014/15 #3, which lists all warrants issued September 5, 2014, through September 25, 2014.

Employer-Employee  
Relations/Personnel  
Report 2014/15 #3

Ratified Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2014/15 #3, as attached, which includes hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated, classified, and confidential employees.

Approval of Consultant  
Agreement with  
Neuropsychology  
Partners, Inc., to Provide  
Psycho-Educational  
Evaluation Services for  
the 2014/15 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Neuropsychology Partners, Inc., to provide psycho-educational evaluation services for the 2014/15 school year, for an estimated cost not to exceed \$5,000 to be budgeted through Medi-Cal Billing Program funds, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant  
Agreement with  
Scarlett Brais to Provide  
Vocal Music Instruction  
at Meadow Green  
Elementary School for  
the 2014/15 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Scarlett Brais to provide vocal music instruction for the 2014/15 school year for Meadow Green Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$25.00, not to exceed \$6,000, to be paid from Meadow Green Elementary School, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS

Dr. Howell thanked Macy Elementary School teachers, Kerri Petrakis, sixth-grade teacher, and Kerry Ospital, Primary SDC teacher, for decorating the Bulletin Boards.

Dr. Howell shared that the Lowell Joint Education Foundation 5K Turkey Trot will be on Saturday, November 8, 2014. Registrations are currently being accepted.

Mrs. Shackelford shared that she had received a donation and contacted the donor and at their request the donation of \$100.00 will be forwarded to the Lowell Joint Education Foundation.

ADJOURNMENT

President Schambeck 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.

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Clerk/President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Date Approved:

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