

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 6, 2017

- 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. He asked for a moment of silence for Whittier Police Officer Keith Boyer who lost his life while serving his city following the flag salute.
- The flag salute was led by Debbie Needham, Macy Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher.
- A moment of silence was held for fallen Police Officer Keith Boyer, Whittier Police Department.
- Trustees Present: Darin W. Barber, William A. Hinz, Fred W. Schambeck, Anastasia M. Shackelford, and Martin E. Tourville
- Trustees Absent: None.
- Staff Present: Jim Coombs, Superintendent; Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, and Sheri McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.
- REPORTING OUT ACTION (IF ANY) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION** In closed session, the Board took action (5 – 0) to notify one certificated administrative employee in the position of Elementary School Principal that the employee will be released and reassigned pursuant to Education Code Section 44951, effective at the end of the 2016/17 school year, and directed the Superintendent or designee to send out appropriate legal notices.
- INTRODUCTION/ WELCOME** President Barber welcomed CSEA President Darleene Pullen, LJEA President Allison Fonti, guests, and staff members present.
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE** The Board of Trustees received correspondence from former Superintendent Dr. Patricia Howell.
- APPROVAL OF AGENDA** It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the March 6, 2017, Board agenda.
- APPROVAL OF MINUTES** It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the minutes from the February 6, 2017, Board Meeting.
- It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the amended minutes from the February 16, 2017, Board Meeting.

TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Patty Jacobsen shared that the Lowell Joint Education Association has been negotiating for the past year and had hoped to be further along. The District’s salary proposal has been zero. It was further shared that members of the Lowell Joint Education Association will be at every board meeting to show their support.

TIMELY INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD AND SUPERINTENDENT

Mr. Coombs welcomed Dr. George and Nancy Giokaris to the Board Meeting.
Mr. Barber stated “on behalf of the Lowell Joint School District Board of Trustees, we thank you for your time and service steering our ship during a difficult time.”

SCHOOL REPORTS

Each board member shared highlights of their respective school.

PRESENTATION OF SECOND INTERIM REPORT 2016/17

Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the Second Interim Report 2016/17 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 2016/17 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 2016/17 State budget and proposed 2017/18 State budget assumptions defined by the Los Angeles County Office of Education, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

RESOLUTION 2016/17 NO. 684 TO RELEASE AND NON-REELECT TEMPORARY CERTIFICATED EMPLOYEES

Adopted Resolution 2016/17 No. 684, to Release and Non-Reelect of Temporary Certificated Employees, as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

APPROVAL OF ‘CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES’

Approved the ‘Certification of Signature’ adding the Provisional Appointment to the Board of Trustees, Martin Tourville and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

ELECTION OF ONE MEMBER TO SERVE ON THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE LOWELL JOINT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Approved the addition of Martin Tourville, board member, to serve on the Board of Directors of the Lowell Joint Education Foundation due to the resignation of Brandon Jones and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

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 2106/17 #8	Approved Purchase Order Report 2016/17 #8, as attached, which lists all purchase orders issued January 12, 2017, through January 31, 2017.
Warrant Listing Report 2016/17 #8	Approved Warrant Listing Report 2016/17 #8, as attached, which lists all warrants issued January 26, 2017, through February 15, 2017.
Resolution 2016/17 SI001 – SI006 for Budget Adjustments	Adopted Resolution 2016/17 SI001 – SI006 for Budget Adjustments, as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approval of Amendment to Agreement with Options for Learning to Add a Portable to Olita Elementary School	Approved the amendment to the agreement with Options for Learning to add a portable to Olita Elementary School, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approval of Agreement with Magic Jump Rentals, Inc., to Provide Inflatables for Rancho- Starbuck Intermediate Boot Camp	Ratified the agreement with Magic Jump Rentals, Inc., to provide inflatables for Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School Boot camp, not to exceed \$3,060.00, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approval of Agreement with Orange Unified School District for Additional Transportation Services	Approved the agreement with Orange Unified School District for additional transportation services effective July 1, 2017, through June 30, 2022, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approval of Interfund Transfer of \$100,000 in 2016/17 Fiscal Year from Fund 40 to Fund 14	Approved the Interfund Transfer of \$100,000 in 2016/17 fiscal year from Fund 40 to Fund 14, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2016/17 #8	Ratified Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2016/17 #8, as attached, which includes hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated, classified, and confidential employees.
Approval of Contract with Christine Majors, Psychologist Inc., to Provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for the 2016/17 School Year	Ratified the contract with Christine Majors, Psychologist Inc., to provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for the 2016/17 school year, for an estimated cost not to exceed \$6,200.00, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Contract with Creative Behavior Interventions to Provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the contract with Creative Behavior Interventions, to provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for the 2016/17 school year, from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, at a fee not to exceed \$2,900.00, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Contract with Susanne M. Smith, Inc., to Provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the contract with Susanne M. Smith, Inc., to provide an Independent Educational Evaluation (IEE) for the 2016/17 school year, from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, at an amount not to exceed \$1,500.00, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Bozemanscience.com, Inc., to Provide Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Workshop for Teachers at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School

Approved the consultant agreement with Bozemanscience.com, Inc., to provide Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) workshop on April 14, 2017, for teachers at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School, at the presentation expense portion of \$2,500 that will be covered by Rancho-Starbuck School Site Funds and the travel expense portion not to exceed \$600 will be covered by the Educator Effectiveness Grant Funds, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Christy Lane Enterprises to Provide Dare to Dance Assembly at El Portal Elementary School on May 24, 2017

Approved the consultant agreement with Christy Lane Enterprises to provide Dare to Dance Assembly on May 24, 2017 for El Portal Elementary School students at a total cost of \$600.00, to be paid from El Portal Elementary School Site Donation Funds, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the documents.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Nan Alvarez-Gray from Biola University Counseling Center to Provide a Parent Education Program entitled "Love and Logic"

Approved the consultant agreement with Nan Alvarez-Gray from Biola University Counseling Center to provide a parent education program entitled "Love and Logic", at a total cost of \$2,500.00 to be paid from a mini-grant from Los Angeles County Office of Education and Supplemental Funds set aside for Parent Involvement, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the documents.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS

Mr. Hinz shared that the La Habra Heights Improvement Associations quarterly magazine "Heights Life" had a wonderful article about Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School being named a "School to Watch".

Mr. Schambeck stated that he was able to attend the "Schools to Watch" celebration at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School. The students did a wonderful job throughout the celebratory process and what a great award for Rancho to receive.

Mr. Coombs added that he was able to attend the celebration in Sacramento where the Board of Trustees were presented a plaque for their leadership in providing policy, resources and organizational support at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School. Mr. Coombs further added that nationwide only 80 schools were given the honor of "Schools to Watch" of those 80, 11 were in California. That is a tremendous honor. Congratulations again!

Mr. Schambeck directed the Superintendent to take a close look at Senate Bill 48 and at the English/Language Arts adoption.

ADJOURNMENT

President Barber declared the meeting adjourned at 8:15 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:
