

APPROVAL OF THE
CONTRACT FOR
SUPERINTENDENT OF
SCHOOLS FOR
JANUARY 1, 2017,
THROUGH JUNE 30,
2019

Approved the contract for Jim Coombs to serve as Superintendent of Schools (5 – 0) effective January 1, 2017, through June 30, 2019, at an annual salary of \$190,000 with health and welfare benefits and other compensation as outlined in the contract, as is available upon request at the Superintendent’s Office, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee be authorized to execute the agreement.

APPROVAL OF
CONSULTANT
AGREEMENT WITH
JIM COOMBS
EFFECTIVE
NOVEMBER 8, 2016,
THROUGH
DECEMBER 31, 2016

It is in the best interest of the District that leadership and management services are provided prior to Jim Coombs assuming the position of the Superintendent of Schools on January 1, 2017. Therefore, arrangements have been made for Mr. Coombs to provide leadership and management services to support the effective and efficient District educational programs and operations.

Approved the consultant agreement with Jim Coombs (5 – 0) effective November 8, 2016, through December 31, 2016, not to exceed \$7,692.30, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.

TOPICS NOT ON THE
AGENDA

None.

TIMELY INFORMATION
FROM THE BOARD
AND
SUPERINTENDENT

Mrs. Shackelford thanked all those who were part of the efforts to make the 10th Annual Turkey Trot a great success. Mrs. Shackelford stated that this Turkey Trot hosted the most participants the Foundation has seen yet. Thank you again to all those who volunteered, ran, and walked.

RECESS

A Recess was called at 7:49 p.m. President Jones reconvened the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

SCHOOL REPORTS

Mr. Schambeck reported that El Portal held their first session of MINDcraft last Friday of October. Students who turned in all of their work and met their reading and math goals were able to choose from 8 breakout sessions to do different STEAM and enrichment projects including: EMT Training with an ambulance through La Habra Fire Department, All About Chickens Agriculture, Costume Design, Project Linus Blanket Making, Basketball with Biola Women’s Basketball team, Volleyball with Whittier Christian, ROTC with La Habra High School, and dance with the Dance Connection Studio. Ten Costco employees are once again coming to El Portal at 7:45 a.m. every Thursday morning and reading with students. This is the fourth year that this program has taken place. The students love it and we are so thankful to all of these mentors. On November 14, K-2 will have their annual Potlatch. This celebration will begin at 9:00 a.m., with a Reader’s Theater. The students will wear headbands and friendship necklaces. They will exchange necklaces, make butter and eat corn muffins to celebrate the first harvest. The Kindergarten classes will also have their annual Thanksgiving Feast at 11:00 on November 18. Students will wear their friendship necklaces and paper vests that they made.

Mrs. Shackelford stated Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School Fall sports end this month with tournaments after a great season of flag football, volleyball and cross country. Thank you to all our coaches, players, athletic directors and the Foundation! Basketball and Soccer tryouts happen this month. The Choir and Wind Ensemble will be performing at California Adventure this month and our choir will be attending an evening choir concert at Cal State Fullerton. Rancho's next REACH assembly, *Good Grades...Just Do It!* takes place November 10 as we honor both 7th grade and 8th grade REACH card holders. Rancho kicks off the holiday season with a Fall Drama program on November 16 at 7:00 p.m. at Rancho followed by a school performance on November 17.

Mr. Jones shared that on Halloween, Jordan students, families and staff participated in the annual costume parade and 2nd annual Pumpkin Chuckin' Contest. Students were encouraged to apply their engineering skills in the construction of a pumpkin launcher. The winning launcher was built by second grader, Johnny Terrones. His team's catapult style launcher chucked their pumpkin 65' 4". Today Jordan held its monthly Citizenship Assembly. Students were recognized for the character education trait of "Making Good Choices", perfect attendance, and meeting goals in reading and math. Jordan teachers have been preparing for parent-teacher conferences during this week. We look forward to meeting with our families to discuss the progress of our students.

Mr. Barber shared that Meadow Green librarian, Pam Reid, retired on Friday, November 4, 2016, after 34 years of service. On November 2, students and staff honored her with song and story, and presented her with four trees that will be planted on campus. We will plant three coastal redwoods, which Pam raised from saplings as well as a 15 gallon Engelmann Oak. There are efforts underway to preserve this rare oak by the Arroyo Seco Foundation where we purchased the tree for Mrs. Reid. We are proud to be a part of this preservation effort and plant this oak in honor of great librarian, Mrs. Reid. We wish her well in retirement and will miss her. Meadow Green will again be holding a Canned Food Drive to benefit a local food bank. The drive will run from November 7 through the 17. You can drop off your non-perishable items in the front office. The school held a successful World's Finest Chocolate Fundraiser and earned money to help fund the following programs for this school year: Accelerated Reader, ST Math, and Reading Plus.

SCHOOL REPORTS
(Continued)

Mr. Hinz stated on Friday, November 4, Macy held its *Monthly Award Assembly*. Certificates for Very Important Person and Student of the Month were given out for those students whom best represented the Character Education theme for October of 'Making Good Choices'. Saturday, November 12 from 10-4, the Macy PTA will be hosting the fall carnival. There will be a chili cook-off, silent auctions, games, rides, and great food for all. We look forward to a great turnout from the Macy families and community. Kindergarten students celebrate the culmination of their Kindergarten social studies unit of 'Customs of our First Thanksgiving.' On Friday, November 18, Kindergarten students will dress up as Pilgrims and Native Americans and Kindergarten families will bring in Thanksgiving cheeses, fruits, pies, and cider for their enjoyment. The fourth grade students are starting their life science curriculum this month. On Friday, November 18, they will be dissecting barn owl pellets. They will be analyzing the food chain when they look at what the owls have eaten and could not digest. There will be bones, mandibles of mice, and claws in their findings.

Mr. Jones concluded that Olita teachers are very excited to welcome the Heritage seniors from La Habra High School. These seniors began coming to the classrooms a couple weeks ago and visit every other Wednesday. During their visits, they work with students on reading skills and math facts. The teachers and students both enjoy the support. The Heritage students will be with us through early April 2017. Olita teachers are meeting with all parents during this week's Parent/Teacher Conference Week. Teachers will discuss student progress with each parent in hopes of building a strong, united effort to give Olita students the best education possible. The staff and students are looking forward to our new Superintendent's visit on Thursday, November 10. We are all excited to welcome him to our Lowell Joint family and look forward to many years of success.

ESTABLISHMENT OF
DECEMBER 12, 2016, AS
THE ANNUAL
ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote (5 – 0), that Monday, December 12, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. be established as the Lowell Joint School District Annual Organizational meeting to be held in the Board Room, 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

PRESENTATION AND APPROVAL OF SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

The Principals of each school highlighted their school's Single Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA). The SPSA is linked to the Board's Strategic Goals, the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and with the District's Local Education Agency Plan (LEA Plan).

Dr. McDonald shared that each school has conducted a comprehensive analysis of data and educational, research-based practices to identify focused areas for improvement. The sites' SPSAs describe the specific goals and strategies school staffs will implement. The Single Plans for Student Achievement will be posted on the District's website and available for review in the Curriculum and Instruction Department.

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote (5 – 0), to approve the Single Plan for Student Achievement for each school site, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to move Item A5 – Approval of Agreement with Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP for Facilities Related Legal Services Primarily for the Olita Major Maintenance and Growth Project and Item C1 – Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between East Whittier City School District and Lowell Joint School District, and approve/ratify separately.

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

Purchase Order Report
2016/17 #4

Approved Purchase Order Report 2016/17 #4, which lists all purchase orders issued September 12, 2016, through October 13, 2016.

Warrant Listing Report
2016/17 #4

Approved Warrant Listing Report 2016/17 #4, which lists all warrants issued September 22, 2016, through October 26, 2016.

Approval of Agreement
with Whittier Christian
High School for Field
Trip Transportation

Approved the contract with Whittier Christian High School for field trip transportation services from November 8, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Agreement
with All City
Management Services,
Inc., for Crossing Guards

Ratified the contract with All City Management Services, Inc., providing crossing guard services for the 2016/17 year for an amount not to exceed \$2,958.00, (with the understanding services are terminated as of October 30, 2016, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Agreement with Fagen Friedman & Fulfroft, LLP for Facilities Related Legal Services Primarily for the Olita Major Maintenance and Growth Project

Approved the agreement with Fagen Friedman & Fulfroft, LLP for facilities related legal services primarily for the Olita major maintenance and growth project, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Ayes: Mr. Jones, Mrs. Shackelford, Mr. Schambeck, and Mr. Hinz.

Noes: None

Abstain: Mr. Barber

Approval of Amended Lease Agreement with Surround Care Options Effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2019, at Various Sites in Lowell Joint School District

Ratified the lease agreement with Surround Care Options effective July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2019, at various sites in Lowell Joint School District, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2016/17 #4

Ratified Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2016/17 #4, as attached, which includes hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated, classified, and confidential employees.

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Between East Whittier City School District and Lowell Joint School District

Approved the Memorandum of Understanding between East Whittier City School District and Lowell Joint School District (4 – 0 – 1) for the period of October 1, 2016, through June 30, 2017, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Ayes: Mr. Jones, Mrs. Shackelford, Mr. Schambeck, and Mr. Hinz.

Noes: None

Abstain: Mr. Barber

Approval of Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Between Lowell Joint School District and *The Gary Center* for 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the Memorandum of Understanding with *The Gary Center* and Lowell Joint School District for the 2016/17 school year, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Agreement with Behavior and Education, Inc., a Nonpublic Agency Behavior, to Provide Behavioral Intervention Services for the 2016/17 School Year

Approved the agreement with Behavior and Education, Inc., a nonpublic nonsectarian agency, to provide direct Behavioral Intervention Services for a District student for the 2016/17 school year, at a rate of \$55.00 per hour, and not to exceed \$62,710.00, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.

Approval of Agreement with SENECA Family of Agencies, a Nonpublic Nonsectarian Agency, to Provide Behavioral Intervention Services for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the agreement with SENECA Family of Agencies, a nonpublic nonsectarian agency, to provide direct Behavioral Intervention Services for a District student for the 2016/17 school year at a rate not to exceed \$124,200.00, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Leverage Learning Group, Inc., to Provide Professional Development on October 10, 2016

Ratified the consultant agreement with Leverage Learning Group, Inc., to provide professional development on October 10, 2016, at a cost of \$3,600.00 to be funded by the Educator Effectiveness Funds, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

**BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS**

Mr. Barber thanked all the principals, certificated and classified members who do an outstanding job each and every day. Recently, he had the privilege of hearing unsolicited feedback regarding a cyber safety presentation that is being presented by one of our own Lowell Joint employees and what a phenomenal presentation she is providing to neighboring and other school districts. Thank you Ms. Whitney Takacs for doing a great job.

Mr. Barber further stated that the last six months have been very trying. There were rumors and innuendoes and a huge thank you to Dr. George Giokaris for his great leadership and his willingness to step in during this trying time.

Dr. Giokaris stated it has been an honor and a privilege to work and get to know so many incredible members of Lowell Joint. The District has great families and great staff. Dr. Giokaris thanked the Board for allowing him to be part of the District.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:37 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:
_____, 2016

