

# **Laguna Beach Unified School District**

## **Board of Education Minutes of Regular Meeting September 25, 2018**

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### **Call to Order**

President Vickers called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m., at the Central Offices for Laguna Beach Unified, 550 Blumont, Laguna Beach, California.

### **Roll Call to Establish Quorum**

Quorum was established.

Members Present:     Jan Vickers  
                              Dee Perry  
                              Ketta Brown  
                              Carol Normandin  
                              Peggy Wolff

Employee Group  
Representatives:     Margaret Warder, President, CSEA  
                              Sara Hopper, President, LaBUFA

Staff:                    Jason Vilorio, Ed.D., Superintendent  
                              Alysia Odipo, Ed.D., Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services  
                              Leisa Winston, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources/Public  
                              Communications  
                              Jeff Dixon, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
                              Victoria Webber, Executive Assistant  
                              Irene White, Director, Special Education  
                              Michael Keller, Ed.D., Director, Social Emotional Support  
                              Ryan Zajda, Director, Facilities  
                              Chad Mabery, Director, Assessment and Accountability  
                              Mike Morrison, Chief Technology Officer  
                              Chris Duddy, Principal, El Morro Elementary  
                              Mike Conlon, Principal, Top of the World Elementary  
                              Jenny Salberg, Principal, Thurston Middle School  
                              Jason Allemann, Ed.D., Principal, Laguna Beach High School

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

President Vickers led the Board, staff, and members of the audience in reciting The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Staff asked the Board move item 11 to immediately follow item 8, Consent.

Member Brown moved, Member Normandin seconded, to adopt the agenda as amended.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

### **Recognitions**

None

### **Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)**

Ms. Kim Novick addressed the Board regarding diversity and inclusion. She asked that the district observe the Jewish holy days, such as Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur, by making sure no major exams or special projects are due on those dates.

### **Reports**

#### **Student Representative – Piper Warner**

Piper reported on the following:

- Homecoming theme is LagunaPalooza and the court was announced last Friday
- Homecoming football game is October 5 against Rio Hondo
- Club Round-up is Friday, September 28 at lunch
- El Morro Back-to-School Night is Thursday, September 27
- Thurston sixth grade students will be heading to Catalina next week for Science Camp
- PSAT and PreACT testing at LBHS is on October 10
- Thanked the Board and Administrators for the opportunity to attend the Challenge Success conference at Sanford University

#### **LaBUFA Representative – Sara Hopper, President, LaBUFA**

Ms. Hopper did not have a report.

#### **CSEA Representative – Margaret Warder, President, CSEA**

Ms. Warder did not have a report.

### **Organizations**

- N/A

### **Board Members**

Board members reported as follows:

#### **Member Wolff**

- Attended an Orange County School Boards Association meeting
- Attended SchoolPower Trustee meeting

#### **Member Normandin**

- No report

**Member Brown**

- Attended CCA/CTE meeting
  - CDE is proposing that students who are in a pathway, must take the classes in order
  - Students will be eligible for a Seal of CTE Completion

**Clerk Perry**

- Attended SchoolPower Endowment meeting

**President Vickers**

- Attended SchoolPower Endowment meeting

**Superintendent Viloria**

- No report

**Cabinet**

**Leisa Winston, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources and Public Communications**

- No report

**Jeff Dixon, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services**

- No report

**Alysia Odipo, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services**

- LBUSD is hosting an evening parent event featuring popular speaker and parenting expert, Dr. Jerry Weichman for a discussion focused on addiction and the parental role in providing support.

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

Member Perry pulled the September 11, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Member Brown moved approval of Consent Calendar items c-m. Member Normandin seconded.

Public Comment: None

- a. Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2018
- b. Approval of Revised Minutes – August 21, 2018
- c. Approval/Ratification of Personnel Report
- d. Approval/Ratification of Conference/Workshop Attendance
- e. Approval of Field Trip(s)
- f. Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements – Resident Students to Other Districts
- g. Approval of Acceptance of Gifts – Checks Totaling \$200.00
- h. Approval of Agreements for Contracted Services – Special Education

- i. Approval of Agreements and Contracts – Technology Services
- j. Approval/Ratification of Warrants #395129 through #395295 in the amount of \$851,846.92 Dates: 8/31/2018 through 9/13/2018
- k. Approval of Community Facilities District 98-1 (Crystal Cove) Administrative Expense Fund Disbursements Totaling \$1,800.00
- l. Approval of a One-year Pilot of ExploreLearning Gizmos' Online Subscription in An Amount of \$5,000
- m. Approval of Illuminate Education Intelligence Platform – NGSS in An Amount of \$1,132.50

Discussion: None

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

Member Brown moved approval of Consent Calendar item a. Member Normandin seconded.

Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Perry, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Brown abstained.

Member Normandin moved approval of Consent Calendar item b. Member Wolff seconded.

Motion carried 4-0-1. Members Vickers, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes. Member Perry abstained.

## **ACTION ITEM 11**

### **Approval of 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 Student Instructional Calendars**

The following people spoke in opposition to the proposed calendar change:

Anne Morreale	Vanessa Turner
John Morreale	Mark Kellam
Clay Leads	Susan Vaughn
Wendy Offield	Howard Hills
Trish Sweeney	
Sheri Morgan	
Lisa Williams	
Carmen Salazar	

At the 20 minute mark, Member Brown moved to extend the time for speakers. Member Normandin seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

The following people spoke in favor of, or neutral towards the proposed calendar change:

Chris Tebbutt, Neutral  
Pamela Shaffer  
Jacquie Schaeffgen  
David Flores  
Lance Neal  
Kirsten Warner  
Chad Carter

Member Wolff moved to approve the 2019-2020 student instructional calendar as presented. Member Brown seconded.

#### Board Discussion

Member Wolff outlined the goals of the committee as previously stated during the August 21, 2018 Board meeting. She stated the Board requested options and believes that through meetings and conversations a compromise has been reached.

Member Normandin stated she had been on the fence regarding the change; however, after attending the Challenge Success conference, and participating in Board meeting discussions, she believes this is what is best for kids. She stated students will not lose scholarships, the festival has stated they will change schedules as needed, and the calendar as presented gives students more choices to attend end of the year opportunities.

Member Brown stated she too is a beach person and loves Laguna for all its uniqueness. She is proud of the students who spoke on August 21 and wants to listen to the students. In response to comments regarding changing the calendar to better fit the needs of teachers whose students do not attend school in LBUSD, Member Brown stated that teachers have the opportunity to bring their own children to attend school in LBUSD. She stated this has been a transparent process.

Member Perry stated she is sad this issue is separating the community. She provided pros and cons on both sides. She agreed that summer is magical and she also stated the loss of opportunities in June is important to consider. She requested a follow-up survey be conducted. She also requested the Board be provided with a list in June of what opportunities students miss.

Student Board Representative, Piper Warner, asked if students want the change, why parents won't listen. She has spoken with other students in other districts and they believe the schedule is better.

Member Normandin stated the names of people who signed the petition on Change.org are not released and therefore the data is not reliable. The district survey was representative of all. She trusts district educators. She also stated that research has shown that a clean winter break is important for students with at risk behavior.

President Vickers clarified information presented by several speakers:

- The proposed calendar change was a result of discussions brought about in district negotiations with LaBUFA. Those negotiations are not public.
- Changes to the original proposed calendar were a result of comments from parents, staff, and community members from the study session and subsequent meetings. Changes were not made by the Board or staff behind the scenes arbitrarily.
- This process has taken place over the course of a year and has been very transparent.
- The Board is concerned with all students and providing a better process for all students.
- Many changes have occurred over the years in Laguna Beach.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner cast a provisional vote in favor. Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

## **INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **Opening of the 2018-2019 School Year Report**

Dr. Vilorio presented on the preparation and opening the 2018-2019 school year. The report highlighted key areas of focus, recent accomplishments, and the district's goals of continuous improvement, fostering and sustaining strong relationships, and "every student, every day."

Public Comment: Howard Hills commented on the great things going on in our schools. He also commented on the role of the Board and governance.

President Vickers commented on the amount of technology used at back-to-school nights.

### **Monthly Financial Update – August 2018**

Mr. Dixon presented the financial update noting the adopted budget figures were included.

Board members stated their appreciation.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **Approval of Resolution #18-10: Support for National Bullying Prevention Month**

The Board reviewed and adopted *Resolution #18-10: Support for National Bullying Prevention Month*. The LBUSD supports the goals of National Bullying Prevention Month and will work with a broad spectrum of local community stakeholders, parents, students, teachers and staff to develop, implement and monitor policies and programs that foster and support a positive school climate free from harassment, bullying, cyberbullying, discrimination and violence.

Public Comment: Sheri Morgan asked the Board to look broadly at bullying and help students understand what bullying is, specifically the nuisances between bullying and being funny.

Howard Hills stated the best way to educate kids is for the Board and adults to set a good example.

Member Normandin moved approval, member Brown seconded.

President Vickers called for a roll call vote.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner cast a provisional vote in favor.  
Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

**Approval of Resolution #18-11: Opposition to Proposition 5 – Property Tax Transfer Initiative**

The Board reviewed and adopted *Resolution #18-11: Opposition to Proposition 5 - Property Tax Initiative*. As a community-funded school district, the LBUSD receives the vast majority of revenues from local property taxes. The passage of Prop 5 would decrease the total amount of revenue the district receives from local property taxes.

Public Comment: None

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

President Vickers called for a roll call vote.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner cast a provisional vote in favor.  
Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

**Approval of Social Skills Facilitation Project with the Boys and Girls Club of Laguna Beach in the Amount of \$34,020.00**

Mr. Odipo introduced the item for Board approval stating this is a continuation of the program.

Public Comment: None

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner cast a provisional vote in favor.  
Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

**Approval of the Personnel Reimbursement Agreement Between the Capistrano Unified School District and the Laguna Beach Unified School District**

Mr. Odipo introduced the item for Board approval.

Public Comment: None

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner each cast a provisional vote in favor.  
Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

**Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement with Sports Performance, Exercise, and Readiness, LLC (SPEAR), in an Amount Not-to-Exceed \$30,000**

Mr. Dixon introduced the item for Board approval. This organization will work with student athletes at the high school.

Public Comment: None

Member Brown moved approval, member Normandin seconded.

Student Board Representative Piper Warner cast a provisional vote in favor.  
Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.

**Approval of Board Policies – Second Read and Final Approval**

Dr. Vioria introduced the item for Board approval. He noted staff is bringing one suggested revision to BP 51441.

Member Normandin moved approval, Member Brown seconded.  
Public Comment: None

Board Discussion: Member Perry wanted to discuss possible revisions to BB 9150. The majority of the Board moved BB 9150 for a second reading

Student Board Representative Piper Warner cast a provisional vote in favor.  
Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.



### **Board Member Requests for Items for Next Meeting, Requests for Information, or General Comments**

Member Normandin responded to the request by Ms. Novick regarding the Jewish holy days and agreed that changes to enable students to observe holy days are important.

She attended TOW, TMS, and LBHS back-to-school nights. She commented on Dr. Odipo's moving comments regarding dyslexia and thanked Mr. Dixon for his work on the TOW Green Schools grant.

Member Brown agreed that Jewish high holidays need to be taken into consideration for students. She thanked Dee, Jason Allemann and Jason Vilorio for attending the LBHS scholarship event.

Member Perry requested information on how many socially financially disadvantaged students participate in athletics. She asked if the district is helping them enough and how to find out if they do not participate in sports, why not.

Dr. Vilorio asked clarifying questions and stated information on Title IX would be sent to the Board.

President Vickers attended the DELAC meeting and she thanked district leadership for presenting at the PTA Coffee Talk.

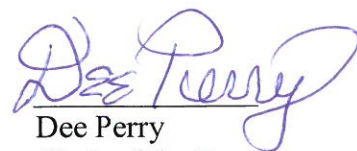
She stated the Board needs to continue their discussion on protocol. She also stated that if Board members miss a Board meeting, they are responsible for accessing or requesting information. She reminded Board members that no campaigning is allowed on campuses.

### **Adjournment**

Member Normandin moved to adjourn. Member Brown seconded.

President Vickers announced the next regular meeting is October 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion carried 5-0. Members Vickers, Perry, Brown, Normandin, and Wolff voted yes.  
The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

  
Dee Perry  
Clerk of the Board  
October 9, 2018