Laguna Beach Unified School District

Board of Education
Minutes of Regular Meeting
January 27, 2015

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Brown at 5:31 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: Ketta Brown
William Landsiedel
Dee Perry
Carol Normandin
Jan Vickers

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

None.

Adjourn to Closed Session

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Member Landsiedel to adjourn to Closed Session. President Brown called for the vote. Motion carried 5-0; with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to adjourn to Closed Session. The meeting adjourned to Closed Session 5:31 p.m. to discuss the following:

A. PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE
(Pursuant to Education Code §54957)

B. NEGOTIATIONS
(Pursuant to Government Code §54957.6)

i. Employee Organization: LaBUFA
District Negotiator: Leisa Winston
ii. Employee Organization: CSEA
District Negotiator: Leisa Winston
iii. Employee Organization: Unrepresented Employees
District Negotiator: Leisa Winston

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Member Landsiedel to adjourn Closed Session.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to adjourn Closed Session. The Board adjourned Closed Session at 5:59 p.m.

Present at Board Meeting

Members Present:	Ketta Brown William Landsiedel Dee Perry Carol Normandin Jan Vickers
Employee Group Representatives:	Linda Barker, President LaBUFA Margaret Warder, President, CSEA
Staff:	Sherine Smith, Ed.D., Superintendent Darlene Messinger, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services Dean West, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services Leisa Winston, Director, Human Resources and Public Communications Victoria Webber, Executive Assistant Irene White, Director, Special Education/Student Services Shannon Soto, Director Fiscal Services Jeff Dixon, Director of Facilities Mike Morrison, Chief Technology Officer Amy Kernan, Coordinator, Assessment and Accountability Chris Duddy, Principal, El Morro Mike Conlon, Principal, Top of the World Christopher Herzfeld, Principal, LBHS Kevin Yates, Public Communications and Relations Liaison
Student Representatives:	Collette Hammett

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Report of Closed Session Action

President Brown reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Adoption of Agenda

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Member Landsiedel to adopt the agenda.

There was no discussion.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried by a vote of 5-0 with members Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to adopt the agenda.

Special Recognitions

SchoolPower, Presentation of Check – SchoolPower President, Tom Motherway
Superintendent Smith introduced Mr. Tom Motherway, SchoolPower President. Mr. Motherway stated that SchoolPower continues to see an increase in participation and fundraising. He read a few emails that teachers had sent in thanking SchoolPower for their hard work and raising money for the schools in LBUSD. Mr. Motherway presented two checks to the District. The first check in the amount of $73,905 was for designated funds. The second check in the amount of $150,000 was the second installment of the $300,000 commitment. Dr. Smith thanked SchoolPower for their generous support on behalf of LBUSD.

Foreign Language – Señor Fritz: El Morro and Top of the World Elementary
Principal Chris Duddy introduced Señor Fritz who presented a video presentation about the foreign language experience that elementary students are introduced to.

Mrs. Messinger recognized Señor Fritz for being invited to Istanbul, Turkey to train language trainers in Turkey.

Public Comment (Non- Agenda Items)

Mr. Bruce Hopping addressed the Board. He proposed The Artists Fine Arts Prize to be conferred annually recognizing students who best represent the historic legacy of visual and performing arts of Laguna's 100 year Art Colony.

Mrs. Kathleen Fay addressed the Board on behalf of the Laguna Beach Patriots Day Parade Association. Mrs. Fay announced that LBHS students Janie Crawford and Taylor Addis are Junior Citizens of the Year. Thurston student Colleen Turner won this year's essay contest and LBHS student Max Casper's artwork was selected for the cover of this year's parade program.

Mrs. Tammy Keces addressed the Board stating she does not believe that high school students are treated with respect.

Reports

Student Representatives – Collette Hammett

- LBHS Formal Saturday, January 30
- Pep Assembly Friday, January 29
- Sprit Week all week

LaBUFA Representative – Linda Barker, LaBUFA President.
Mrs. Barker was unable to attend the meeting due to a training conflict. President Brown read Mrs. Barker's remarks on her behalf.
Mrs. Barker's updated included:

- Worked collaboratively with OCDE on an elementary professional development on Next Generation Science Standards and STEM
- Presented a Response to Literature workshop to elementary teachers

CSEA Representative – Margaret Warder, CSEA President
Ms. Warder's update included:

- Participated in a productive Reclassification Committee Meeting. Thanked Leisa Winston and Darlene Messinger for their leadership on this committee.
- CSEA will be sending out an online survey in preparation for negotiations
- More than 30 classified staff are participating in CERT training through the City of Laguna Beach
- Negotiations team will be attending an interest based training

PTA – Kathleen Fay, Council President
Mrs. Fay's remarks included:

- All Laguna Beach PTAs are currently in the process of nominating members in good standing to serve as leaders for the next school year.

SchoolPower

- No Report

Board Members
Board members reported as follows:

Member Vickers

- Appreciative that principals from Thurston Middle School and Laguna Beach High School attend PTA meetings and provide reports
- Attended the Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Committee Meeting. Hot topics include E-Cigarettes and vaping. They have chemicals from household products in their ingredients
- Attended Communications Committee Meeting. A matrix of communication methods and tools used in LBUSD was distributed to Board members
- Commented on how many facilities projects Mr. Dixon is working on
- Mentioned proposed legislation regarding not allowing artificial turf in schools

- Stated more students in LBUSD are being vaccinated than in prior years
- Provided an update on LBHS sports

Member Normandin
- Stated there was a nice article in STU News on Principal Jenny Salberg

Member Perry
- Attended the Curriculum Committee Meeting
- Attended the Alcohol and Other Drugs Prevention Committee Meeting
- Attended the Orange County School Boards Association Dinner

Clerk Landsiedel
- Attended the Joint Meeting with the Laguna Beach City Council
- Attended the LBHS PTA meeting
- Attended SchoolPower's Chef Challenge at the Lumberyard

President Brown
- Attended the Math Pathways culmination meeting
- Attended the SchoolPower Meeting. Members approved the 4CLE project as Fund-a-Need
- Attended the South Coast ROP Meeting. A special meeting will be held February 4 to discuss possible changes to the program
- Asked Board members for flexibility given the challenges associated with scheduling meetings

Superintendent Smith
- Elaborated on the Math Pathways meeting. Thanked Darlene Messinger for her leadership and both her and the principals for their hard work on this topic
- Stated there will be an information item regarding Math Pathways on the February 10 Board Meeting agenda and an action item on the March 10 Board meeting agenda. Mrs. Messinger will give a presentation to the Laguna Beach Council of PTAs
- Discussed proposed changes to South Coast ROP
- Commended principals for a great Chefs Challenge event

Assistant Superintendents

Darlene Messinger, Assistant Superintendent, Instructional Services
- Provided information on new funding possibility for AB 86, adult education.
- LBUSD EL TOSA, Yadhira Rojas, will be attending CASSP workshop to participate in discussion on changes to CELDT testing
- Math Pathways will be presented to various groups throughout the District

Leisa Winston, Director, Human Resources
- Announced Classified Employees of the Year: Diego Perez, El Morro, Claudia Redfern, Top of the World, and Margaret Warder, El Morro, all of whom will be recognized in the Spring

- The Teacher of the Year process will begin in February

Dean West, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

- No Report

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved by Clerk Landsiedel and seconded by Member Vickers to approve the Consent Calendar, items a-k.

a. Approval of Minutes - January 12, 2015 (Regular Meeting)

b. Approval/Ratification of Personnel Report

c. Approval of Conference/Workshop Attendance

d. Approval of Field Trip(s)

e. Approval of Interdistrict Attendance Agreements – Resident Students to Other District(s)

f. Approval of Agreements for Contracted Services – Special Education

g. Acceptance of Gifts-Checks Totaling $19,840.00

h. Approval/Ratification of Warrants #381826 through #381971 in the amount of $570,694.41 Dates: 01/07/15 through 01/20/15

i. Ratification of Certificated Payroll 06A in the Amount of $1,892,695.76
Ratification of Classified Payroll 06B in the Amount of $614,922.39
Ratification of Certificated Payroll 06C in the Amount of $38,551.07

j. Agreement for Contracted Services for Concussion Baseline ImPACT Testing as well as consultation with District/site level staff and education to coaching staff and students

k. Second Quarter Report to County Superintendent of Schools on Williams Uniform Complaints (Required by Education Code Section 35186)

Discussion: Mrs. Vickers asked that field trip forms be checked to ensure that scholarships are always available.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0; with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to approve the Consent Calendar, items a-k.

INFORMATION ITEMS

4CLE Committee Update

Mr. Morrison provided an updated presentation on the progress of the 4CLE committee. The committee utilizes the book *The Third Teacher,* and bases decisions using the theory that the classroom is "The Third Teacher."

Discussion: Mrs. Tammy Keces spoke in opposition to some of the components within the 4CLE committee process, stating she is concerned with the direction the District is headed.

ROP Update

Mrs. Messinger stated she is excited about the new classes and programs being offered through South Coast ROP, which include Coding, Engineering Technician, and Emergency Medical Response.

There is a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) in place between Capistrano Unified and Laguna Beach Unified, forms the South Coast ROP. Due to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the elimination of the in Maintenance of Effort requirement for ROPs, staff from Capistrano Unified is proposing a restructuring of the South Coast ROP.

Discussion: Member Vickers asked if the Capistrano USD Board had already placed an agenda item on their Board agenda to discuss restructuring the ROP. Mrs. Messinger responded that they had not.

Mrs. Kathleen Fay stated that PTA continues to advocate for school-to-career instruction for all students and will support efforts to expand and strengthen the alliances and partnerships formed between school districts and local business communities through these specialized and successful programs, including promoting apprenticeships and career pathways. Asked that Laguna Beach PTA be advised how it can support the district's efforts to continue to offer ROP courses to our students.

Information on Public Engagement at Board Meetings

Superintendent Smith reviewed the overall purpose of the Board item and stated that staff was seeking guidance from the Board.

Member Perry stated that she saw several positive aspects in broadcasting Board meetings, including: 1) increased trust in government; 2) transparency; 3) teaching tool; 4) many discussions effect the community, especially facilities; 6) way to let parents and teachers know what's going on in the District; and, 6) civic engagement

Clerk Landsiedel stated the he opposed broadcasting Board meetings for several reasons, including: 1) would change the length of the meetings; 2) potential expense (would need a cost/benefit analysis); 3) possibility of grand standing; 4) money should be spent on students, not the Board

Member Vickers asked staff to determine the costs. She stated that she watches the City Council meetings and finds the broadcasting helpful. She does not believe that broadcasting would

increase engagement, as it is a one-way communication tool. She expressed concerns about student rights and potential changes in behavior of Board and community members.

Member Normandin stated that to increase civic engagement an interactive tool, such as Peak Democracy could be used.

Mr. West stated that the District has reviewed the online tool Peak Democracy for outreach purposes. The parameters that the District would operate under with a company like Peak Democracy need to be further defined.

Superintendent Smith asked that the need be defined.

Member Vickers asked if Cox Communication would provide a dedicated channel for School Board meetings to be broadcast.

President Brown summarized three areas the Board would like researched: 1) videotaping; 2) live stream video; and, 3) online civic engagement tool, such as Peak Democracy or similar company

Staff will review options and bring information back to the Board.

Mr. Howard Hills addressed the Board. He supports videotaping and finds listening to podcasts difficult. He stated the request for videotaping/broadcasting Board meetings is about empowerment of the community. As a community funded district, people want to know what's going on in their schools. He believes the system the City Council uses is perfect and could be implemented in the District.

Mrs. Tammy Keces addressed the Board in support of videotaping and stated she appreciated the topic being discussed.

Mrs. Kathleen Fay addressed the Board stating that the expenditure of funds for videotaping was not a part of the LCAP process and that would need to be revisited.

Mrs. Annette Gibson addressed the Board in support of videotaping.

Member Perry stated a parent has offered to conduct a survey to determine the interest in the community. Superintendent Smith stated the District could conduct a survey.

ACTION ITEMS

Board Bylaws 9100 and 9006

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Member Landsiedel to approve keeping both Board Bylaw 9100 and Board Bylaw 9006 and add "The Board shall each year elect one of its members to be clerk. After serving one year as clerk, the elected member may serve one year as president of the Board. It is the intent of the Board that all board members will rotate through the sequence of clerk and president. The clerk may be seated next to the president. Newly elected board members will be seated next to sitting board members, according to the highest number of votes earned during the election."

Discussion: The wording in the additional paragraph was modified to be permissive.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to approve keeping both Board Bylaw 9100 and Board Bylaw 9006 and add *"The Board shall each year elect one of its members to be clerk. After serving one year as clerk, the elected member may serve one year as president of the Board. It is the intent of the Board that all board members will rotate through the sequence of clerk and president. The clerk may be seated next to the president. Newly elected board members will be seated next to sitting board members, according to the highest number of votes earned during the election."*

Permission to advertise an invitation to bidders in a general circulation newspaper for the purchase and installation of classroom furniture and equipment.

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Member Normandin to approve granting permission to advertise an invitation to bidders in a general circulation newspaper for the purchase and installation of classroom furniture and equipment.

Discussion: Mr. West addressed the item.

Member Vickers asked if the bidding request is similar to the items the District is currently piloting. Mr. West responded it is.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to approve granting permission to advertise an invitation to bidders in a general circulation newspaper for the purchase and installation of classroom furniture and equipment.

Acceptance of the 10-Year Facilities Master Plan that will be used as a planning tool and updated at least annually to reflect current progress and alterations that result from changing conditions and district needs.

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Clerk Landsiedel to accept the 10-Year Facilities Master Plan that will be used as a planning tool and updated at least annually to reflect current progress and alterations that result from changing conditions and district needs.

Discussion: Mr. Dixon provided an overview of the LBUSD Master Facilities Plan that included Demographic Data, 2014 Facility Condition Assessment, Site and Community Feedback, and components of the Facilities Plan.

Clerk Landsiedel commented that he would like to see permanent structures to replace relocatables at CLC, Thurston Middle School, etc. Member Normandin concurred regarding the CLC buildings. Mr. Dixon indicated it would cost approximately $3 million to replace the relocatables at CLC. He also noted there is an option to use modular and stucco them to make them more attractive.

The Board agreed that Mr. Dixon should cost out the three options: new relocatables, modular construction and new construction and bring the options back to the Board. The maintenance project for the CLC should be deferred until additional information is obtained.

The Board discussed the LBHS baseball field and stated that s special study session will be scheduled and that element would be added to the master plan.

Mr. Dixon is completing a capacity study that shows the District may need space to accommodate additional students and programs.

Mrs. Kathleen Fay addressed the board and asked for clarification on Thurston Middle School safety issues.

Mr. McInerny addressed the Board on the topic of the baseball field, stating it's a great field and a great program. He spoke on behalf of 38 families. They are supportive of the program and asked that the board consider a Field House for the field area. They would like running water and restrooms added.

Member Vickers and Mr. Dixon noted that project is included as part of the stadium renovation.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to accept the 10-Year Facilities Master Plan that will be used as a planning tool and updated at least annually to reflect current progress and alterations that result from changing conditions and district needs.

Authorize Dean West, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Jeff Dixon, Director of Facilities to work with City Staff to Develop and Implement a Tennis Court Improvement Project that does not include Post-Tension and Repair the Retaining Wall at Court #6.

It was moved by Member Normadin and seconded by Member Vickers to Authorize Dean West, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Jeff Dixon, Director of Facilities to work with City Staff to develop and implement a tennis court improvement project that does not include post-tension and repair the retaining wall at court #6.

Discussion: Mr. Dixon reviewed the proposed parameters of the project.

President Brown emphasized the improving the aesthetics.

Member Vickers emphasized the ongoing maintenance.

Mr. Thornton addressed the Board regarding issues on court #4.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to authorize Dean West, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Jeff Dixon, Director of Facilities to work with City Staff to develop and implement a tennis court improvement project that does not include post-tension and repair the retaining wall at court #6.

Authorize Dean West, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Jeff Dixon, Director of Facilities to work with City Staff to Develop Bid Documents for Improvements to the Pool Building Phase 2 and Prepare an Amendment to the Pool Individual Joint Use Agreement for the Second Phase of Renovations

It was moved by Member Vickers and seconded by Member Normandin to Authorize Dean West, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Jeff Dixon, Director of Facilities to develop bid documents for improvements to the pool building phase 2 and prepare an amendment to the pool individual joint use agreement for the second phase of renovations.

Discussion: Mr. Dixon reviewed Phase 1 renovations, and stated that Phase 2 renovations are possible because Phase 1 came in under budget.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to authorize Dean West, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, and Jeff Dixon, Director of Facilities to develop bid documents for improvements to the pool building phase 2 and prepare an amendment to the pool individual joint use agreement for the second phase of renovations

Public Comment on Items Not on the Agenda

Mrs. Annette Gibson addressed the Board in opposition to California Common Core State Standards. She stated the District should reconsider buying technology for CCSS. She alleged that Patrick Callahan information is incorrect. She shared a variety of information about CCSS that she has acquired. She stated Common Core is bad for the brain and that successful private schools do not use electronics or allow students to use the internet.

Adjournment

It was moved by Member Normandin and seconded by Member Vickers to adjourn the meeting.

President Brown stated the next regular meeting of the Board of Education is Tuesday, February 10.

President Brown called for the vote.

Motion carried 5-0 with members, Brown, Landsiedel, Perry, Normandin, and Vickers voting yes to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

William Landsiedel
Clerk of the Board
February 10, 2015