

LOS BANOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
September 9, 2021

Pacheco High  
School Theatre

Mr. Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M.

Call to Order

PRESENT: Ms. Benton, Mr. Martinez, Ms. Moran, Mr. Parreira, Ms. Smith.  
ABSENT: Mr. Munoz.

Roll Call

A closed session was held at 6:00 P.M. for Liability claim: Claimant: [Identity withheld pursuant to Government Code 54961]; Agency claimed against: Los Banos Unified School District (Action) Public Employee: Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment (Section 54957) (No Action); Conference with Labor Negotiator (Section 54957.6) Agency Negotiators: Tammie Calzadillas, Amer Iqbal, Mark Marshall, Paula Mastrangelo and C. Sean Richey Employee Organization: LBTA/CSEA (No Action).

Closed Session

The regular session was opened at 7:00 p.m. by Board President, Ray Martinez.

Regular Session

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by Board Member, Marlene Smith.

Pledge of  
Allegiance

There were changes to the agenda on item VI. New Business under Item C, two of the resolutions included the wrong site. They should have said LBHS instead of LBJH. On item VII. Under Consent Calendar, item B. 1 Report of Certificated Staffing, there was one employee that was left off and one that should not have been on the report. Board Members were supplied with a corrected report and the corrected copy was posted to the District's website. Board President Ray Martinez, asked that item D. Air Quality/Safety Discussion be pulled from the agenda. A motion by Member Parreira, seconded by Member Smith, Trustees approved the agenda as amended. Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Moran, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent: Munoz. Motion carried.

Approval of  
Agenda

There were no public comments.

Public Forum

Pacheco High School Student Representative to the Board, Abigail Hernandez, reported on the many activities at Pacheco and Los Banos High Schools.

Student Report

Jennifer Wilkin, President of LBTA gave the report. She spoke about the mask wearing controversy. She said whether people agreed with it or not we need to all follow the mandate and to make the best of it a set a good example for the kids. She was pleased that the Health and Safety MOU that was just agreed upon and that it will keep staff and students safe. She appreciated that it was agreed upon by both sides and that it was accomplished without lawyers. She stated that any money coming in to the district should be used for students and address learning loss. She said that funds should be used to make sure that every site had touchless soap dispensers and paper towel dispensers to go along with the touchless water faucets

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that have already been installed. She said that water bottle filling stations still needed to be installed at all sites and preferably more than one. Teachers would also like to see socio-educational programs for students being purchased. She said that she remembers building rockets in school and learning photography. She stated that she would like our students to have these same types of experiences. She finished the report by stating we all need to work together to educate the little humans.

There was no report from CSEA

CSEA Report

Dr. Marshall began his report by saying that our first virtual community café event was held. The topic was the implications of COVID and the start of the school year. He said that representatives from the Merced County Public Health Department and physicians from the local hospital and Merced gave a presentation. He said that it is available on You Tube to view if anyone was unable to watch it live. He said that there will be another virtual event that focuses on Social Media and its influences. He stated that in spite of the challenges caused by COVID, our schools continue to exceed. Pacheco High School had two staff members accepted as National College Board Staff members. Pacheco High School was selected as the only Pre-AP Demonstration School in California. A team from Stanford will be visiting the Data Science classes in the district to collect data on the implementation of these courses. PHS and LBHS are two of only four high schools that are offering these courses in the state of California. He also stated that the AVID elective classes at Creekside Junior High and Los Banos Junior High have gotten off to a smooth start and that the STEM Labs that are being offered at LBE, RM Miano and Westside Elementary are also going very well. He thanked everyone for their efforts and that he recognized that it was not an easy start to the school year.

Superintendent's Report:

Amer Iqbal, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative services gave an update on the open construction projects in the District. The PHS classroom wing addition is going well. The Loftin project and the Henry Miller Parking lot project are both in the design phase. The bottle filling stations are in the process of being installed at all sites.

Facilities Report

Anthony Parreira had no report. Jessica Moran explained why she is recusing herself from the CCAP agreement vote. She stated that there are 158 students from PHS and LBHS that are also attending college classes at Merced College. She said that the support staff at both high schools have been amazing. She invited everyone to attend the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of Merced College on November 5<sup>th</sup>. Margaret Benton said that she watched the Virtual Community Café and found it very informative. She said that the doctors in attendance encouraged everyone to get vaccinated and thanked the District for their hosting of vaccination clinics and testing facilities. She thanked everyone for their emails and concerns. She encouraged everyone to please continue to reach out. Marlene Smith thanked LBTA, CSEA and Administration for everything they have done to start the school year. She praised the district for hosting vaccine clinics and a place for students and staff to be tested. She reminded everyone that COVID is real and that there are still many cases in town. She said it has been very stressful at the Hospital and that they are very short staffed. She said that they are trying to recruit help. She asked everyone to please consider getting vaccinated. She asked everyone to please stop spreading information on social media without getting the facts, to please call the schools, talk

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to their child's teachers. Ray Martinez stated that he has been working on personal research. He thanked students and staff and that said that it is not over and we will need to continue to make adjustments by working together as a team.

A presentation was given on the Unaudited Actuals Report by Fiscal Services Director, Alejandra Garibay. On a motion by Member Benton and seconded by Member Moran, trustees adopted the 2020-21 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report as presented. Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent: Munoz. Motion carried

Unaudited Actual.

A Public Hearing was opened at 7:42 p.m. No comments were received and the Public Hearing was closed at 7:42 p.m. On a motion by Member Parreira, seconded by Member Benton, Trustees adopted Resolution #29-21 Adequacy of Pupil Textbooks for the 2021-22 School Year. Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Moran, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent: Munoz. Motion carried. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Resolution #29-21 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

On a motion by Member Smith seconded by Member Parreira, Trustees adopted, Resolutions #30-21, #31-21, #32-21, #33-21, #34-21, and #35-21 approving identified certificated staff to teach outside of their credential authorization per Education Code Section 44258.7 C&D, T580020.4.1 (a), EC44263, T580005 (B), EC 44256 (B) . Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Moran, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent: Munoz. Motion carried. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Resolutions #30-21 to #35-21 Authorization of Teaching Assignments

Item F. College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) Partnership Agreement between Los Banos Unified School District and Merced Community College District – Second Reading, was pulled to discuss separately. On a motion by Member Parreira and seconded by Member Benton the Consent Calendar was approved as corrected. Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Moran, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent: Munoz. Motion carried (ROLL CALL VOTE)

CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustees approved minutes of the: Special Meeting, August 6, 2021, Regular Meeting, August 12, 2021, Special Meeting, August 17, 2021, and Special Meeting, August 24, 2021.

Minutes

Certificated Report: Appointments: Contreras, June – Temporary Wellness Counselor, Volta Elementary – effective 9/1/2021, Jimenez, Andrea – Temporary Wellness Counselor, Los Banos Elementary – effective 8/30/2021, Flannery, Kevin - Temporary Independent Study Teacher, Volta Elementary – effective 8/23/2021 Carrasco, Elizabeth – Temporary Independent Study Teacher, Volta Elementary – effective 9/01/2021, Chaires, Daniel – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Grasslands Elementary – effective 8/23/2021, Nuno, Paloma – Certificated Nurse, District Wide – effective 9/1/2021, Brandao, Megan – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Grasslands Elementary – effective 8/23/2021, Latta, April – Assistant Principal, Mercey Springs Elementary – effective 9/6/2021. Extra Duty Appointments: Christian Sanchez – Assistant FROSH Football Coach – PHS; Pamela Ortiz Cerda– Auxiliary Advisor – PHS; Pamela Ortiz Cerda – Flag Team Advisor – LBJHS; Pamela Ortiz Cerda– Letter Team Advisor – LBJHS; Dexter Cochlo – Head Frosh Volleyball Coach, Girls – LBHS; Chauncey Lee - Head Frosh Volleyball Coach, Girls – PHS; Paula Chavez – Head JV Volleyball Coach, Girls – PHS; Anthony Silva – Athletic Trainer/Equipment Manager – LBHS; Michael Lemos - Athletic Trainer/Equipment Manager – PHS; Tori Gonzalez –

Personnel Actions

Head Varsity Tennis Coach, Girls – PHS. Resigned: Lori Moore – Head Varsity Spirit Team Advisor – PHS, Courtney Olivencia - Head JV Spirit Team Advisor – PHS.

Classified Report: New Hires: Benavides, Michael – LEAP, Paraprofessional, Eguia, Estefania – VE, Paraprofessional, Eybsen, Joyce – LEAP, Paraprofessional Jones, Larry – MA, Groundskeeper (temporary), Linnekin, Ashley – DO, Accounting Assistant (temporary), Olvera Nunes, Ruben – MA, Groundskeeper (temporary), Ramos Zambrano, Stephanie – LBJH, Paraprofessional (temporary) Reyes, Veronica – SS, Translator, Appointments: None. Promotional: None. Termination: None. Resigned: De Los Santos, Maria – SS, Behavior Support Assistant – Effective 8/26/2021, Guzman, Sonia – MSE, Office Assistant – Effective 9/8/2021. Leave of Absence: None

The monthly Fiscal Report was submitted for Board information.

Fiscal Report

Trustees approved the donation to LBHS from LBHS Sports Boosters.

Donations

Trustees adopted the course: Advanced Floral Design.

Course Approval/  
Second Reading

Trustees declared specific library books and textbooks as obsolete and to be disposed of in accordance with Board Policy #3270.

Obsolete Books

Trustees approved the following Agreements: Maxim Healthcare Amendment to Nursing Services, McColgan & Associates, Independent Education Evaluation, Haynes Family of Programs, Independent Education Evaluation, Foundations Psychological Services, Independent Education Evaluation, Hanover Research, Custom Research Queue, SCCOE, Science Camp WUES, SCCOE, Science Camp CE, MCOE Lease, Sp Ed Classrooms LBHS, LBJH, and VE, MCOE Utilities Agreement for MCOE Owned Classrooms, Edmentum, K-5 Independent Study Curriculum, APEX Learning, Independent Study Curriculum for 6<sup>th</sup> Gr., California State Stanislaus, Counseling Field Experience Agreement, Parent Institute for Quality Education Program, LBJH.

Agreements/  
Contracts

Trustees approved the following overnight/out-of-state travel: CE 6<sup>th</sup> Graders, Santa Cruz, Science Camp Oct. 25-29, 2021, LBHS Staff (3), CADA State Convention, Reno, NV Mar 2-5, 2022.

Overnight/ Out  
of State Travel

Trustees approved the warrants for payment.

Warrants

On a motion by Member Parreira, seconded by Member Benton, Trustees approved College and Career Access Pathways Partnership Agreement with Merced Community College District. Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent: Munoz. Abstain: Moran. Motion carried.

CCAP Agreement  
between Merced  
College and  
LBUSD (Second  
Reading)

Trustee Parreira reminded Board President Martinez that the process for evaluating the Superintendent needs to be started. It is a two to three-week process that needs to be completed by November 1<sup>st</sup> per the Superintendents contract. He encouraged him to start immediately so that the Board was not in breach of contract.

Information and  
Future Agenda  
Items

On a motion by Member Parreira, seconded by Member Benton, Trustees approved the payment of the Liability Claim against the District. Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Moran, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent: Munoz. Motion carried

Reporting Closed  
Session

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Martinez at 7:55 P.M.

Adjournment

  
SECRETARY