

LOS BANOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
August 12, 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. Munoz, Mr. Parreira, Ms. Smith. ABSENT: None

Roll Call

A closed session was held at 6:00 P.M. Public Employee: Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment (Section 54957) (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 Clerk, Margaret Benton.

Pledge of  
Allegiance

On a motion by Member Munoz, seconded by Member Smith, Trustees approved the agenda as submitted. Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent:0. Motion carried.

Approval of  
Agenda

Zachary Cruz, LBUSD LEAP Supervisor gave an overview of all the LEAP program offered since the Pandemic started and how his staff has been working with students the entire time both virtually and in person. Parent Raul Granillo Thanked the Board for doing everything they could to get students back to school. He also said that he was praying for everyone. Two 5<sup>th</sup> grade students and one 6<sup>th</sup> grade student from Westside spoke about they felt wearing masks in class got in the way of their learning. A Westside Elementary parent, Stacy, also spoke about not agreeing with students having to wear masks indoors.

Public Forum

Cruz Berumen-Flores, Executive Board Member of LBTA read the report. The report started by stating that teachers are ready for the beginning of school. Teachers have invested the last year and a half getting ready for the return to in person learning and that they are thrilled to welcome back students. She also said that we will never return to "normal" and that things will just keep changing and evolving. She reported that they are beginning a new chapter in education. She stated that anyone who thinks education is boring, has obviously never worked in education before. Teachers are always changing and evolving. She stated that this year will no doubt be eventful but the one thing that everyone can agree on is that they want students in the classrooms and on campuses. The report referenced the State mandates and that they need to be followed by everyone. Last year when students returned in small numbers to in person learning and followed the guidelines, there were very low numbers of staff and students who got sick. She stated that it is inevitable that school transmission of COVID-19 will happen. The report ended by stating that LBTA looks forward to working collaboratively with our administrators with the goal of ensuring learning in a student centered environment and keeping our student safe and on campuses.

LBTA Report

There was no report from CSEA

CSEA Report

Dr. Marshall introduced the new District administrators; Eric Sowersby, Administrator on Special Assignment-Federal Programs; Alberto Verduzco Administrator on Special Assignment-Human Resources; Stacia Rains Principal of Henry Miller Elementary; Jason Waltman Principal of Los Banos High School. He stated that the District was looking forward to welcoming secondary students back on campus on August 13th. He said that we will follow the established protocols to keep our students and staff safe. The practices were used this summer and there were minimal issues. He ended the report by saying that we are aware of the Governor's mandate and that he would be working closely with the District's labor partners on implementation.

Superintendent's Report:

Amer Iqbal, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative services gave an update on the open construction projects in the District. The LBHS restroom are complete except for the fire alarm system. The HME parking lot is in the design phase and the construction on the PHS additional classroom wing is underway and will be complete in approximately 10 months.

Facilities Report

Anthony Parreira said that he is looking forward to the new year starting with secondary students on the 13<sup>th</sup> and elementary students on Monday the 16<sup>th</sup>. He has spoken with quite a few teachers who have been back in their classroom for weeks preparing for the return on their students. They are really looking forward to having them back in the classroom. He stated thanked the Teachers, Administration and Classified staff for going above and beyond for the past few months and accepting all the challenges that came their way in preparing for the upcoming school year. We are in a changing world and he wished everyone a great start to the year. Jessica Moran thanked everyone for being flexible. She attended the Joe Cox Memorial Highway Dedication held at Merced College, Los Banos Campus. She learned about everything Dr. Cox did for the education of students in Los Banos and that the highway dedication was an amazing tribute to him. She attended the PLTI graduation and pleased to see that 90% of the graduates were from Los Banos. She welcomed everyone back to the beginning of the Fall of 2021 school year. Margaret Benton said that if we learned anything from last year is that we can all be flexible and we are willing to do whatever it takes for our children. She said that she is happy to see all the smiling faces and everyone is excited to be back to school in person. She thanked everyone for doing their best for our students. Gary Munoz thanked staff for their due diligence in keeping the district solvent in 2020-21 and for 2021-22. He said a lot of work has been done to prepare for welcoming back students. He welcomed Mirna Carter, new principal of Mercey Springs Elementary. He said that the State has provided the district with funds so that LBUSD could provide resources and programs the students. By doing so, freed up funds to complete facility projects. He then mentioned the recent construction projects that have been completed and that are in the works. He said there was still a lot work to do but to not give up. He referenced a memo from Dr. Marshall regarding COVID guidelines and that they were aligned with the County Public Health Department and CDC Guidelines. He mentioned that masks were to be worn indoors and that they were optional outdoors. Marlene Smith was happy to see all of the hiring of staff by the District to support students. She is proud that there is a sense of

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normalcy coming back to the District. She said everyone needs to learn to adapt as we move forward and by doing so we can get through this. She congratulated all the new administrators that were in attendance. Ray Martinez welcomed everyone back. He encouraged everyone to keep pressing forward. He stated that we have been through a lot and that the kids have been through a lot. He thanked staff for working together and that as a unified front we need to keep looking ahead and moving forward. He congratulated the new hires and welcomed everyone back.

Chief Academic Officer, Dr. Sean Richey, gave a brief overview of Assembly Bill 104.	AB 104 Presentation
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Item B. 1 Certificated report was pulled to discuss as a separate item. On motion by Member Parreira seconded by Member Benton, Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as amended Ayes: Benton, Martinez, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith. Noes: 0; Absent:0. Motion carried.	CONSENT CALENDAR
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Trustees approved minutes of the: Regular Meeting, July 8, 2021; Special Meeting, July 22, 2021; Special Meeting, Closed Session July 22, 2021; Special Meeting, July 29, 2021.	Minutes
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Classified Report: New Hires: Casas, Paula – LBHS, Office Assistant, Contreras, Cameron – LBJH, Paraprofessional, Coronada, Irene – FS, Child Nutrition Worker De Los Santos, Maria – SS, Behavior Support Assistant, Hensley, Danielle – SS, Behavior Support Assistant, Jorge, Tanya – FS, Child Nutrition Worker, Rodriguez Saavedra, Rafael - LBJH, Custodian, Salgado-Deagueros, Cindy – Behavior Support Assistant, Whiteaker, Emily – FS, Child Nutrition Worker. Appointments: None. Promotional: Casorla, Vanessa – LEAP, Site Leader. Retired: Casorla, Vanessa – LEAP, Site Leader. Termination: None. Resigned: Cobos, Stephanie – SS, Behavior Support Assistant – Effective 8/12/2021, Lopez, Christina – FS, Child Nutrition Worker – Effective 7/21/2021, Ocaranza, Elizabeth - SS, Translator – Effective 7/20/2021, Rucobo, Rosamaria – SS, SLPA – Effective 8/9/2021. Leave of Absence: None	Personnel Actions
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The monthly Fiscal Report was submitted for Board information.	Fiscal Report
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Trustees approved the exemption request with the State Allocation Board for the Crossroads Alternative Education Center facility.	Facilities Exemption
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Trustees approved the donation to RM Miano Elementary of \$275.00 from private donors to be used for the school mural project	Donations
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Trustees adopted the following Board policy changes/updates: BP 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment, Students; BP 6158 Independent Study Instruction; AR 6158 Independent Study Instruction	Mandated Policies: Changes/Updates Second Read
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Trustees approved the following Agreements: eSpark, Supplemental Curriculum, HME, Ceres Unified, Adult Transition Program, Maxim Healthcare, Speech Services, Maxim Healthcare, Nursing Services, Catalyst Speech Language Pathology Inc., Speech Services, Presence Learning, Speech Services, Mansoury, LLC, Lease for FOT Storage/Parking.	Agreements/ Contracts
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Trustees approved the removal and disposal of obsolete electronic equipment.	Obsolete Equipment
Trustees approved the following overnight/out-of-state travel: LBHS Varsity Girls Tennis, Clovis September 10-11, 2021, WUES 6 <sup>th</sup> Graders, Santa Cruz, Science Camp Oct. 25-29, 2021.	Overnight/ Out of State Travel
Trustees approved the warrants for payment.	Warrants
Trustees approved the updated Certificated Report that includes the new Mercey Springs Principal, Mirna Carter. An updated Certificated Report will be posted to the District Website directly following the meeting.	Certificated Report

Certificated Report: Appointments: Mirna Carter, Principal MSE. Resigned: None. Extra Duty Appointments: Issac Samaniego – Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Girls – LBHS; Daniel Maldonado- Head Varsity Volleyball Coach, Girls-PHS; Shirley Brand – Assistant Band Director-LBHS; Dario Costa Jr. – Assistant Band Director – PHS; Mark Cicairos –Head JV Football Coach – LBHS; Victor Camberos - Head JV Football Coach – PHS; John Painter – Head FROSH Football Coach – LBHS; Gregory Alvarez – Head FROSH Football Coach – LBHS; Charles Hale – Head FROSH Football Coach – PHS; Jaime Foreman – Assistant Varsity Football Coach – LBHS; Garrett Mentz -Assistant Varsity Football Coach – LBHS; Douglas Begonia - Assistant Varsity Football Coach – LBHS; Anthony Santos - Assistant Varsity Football Coach – LBHS; Carlos Rodriguez -Assistant Varsity Football Coach – LBHS; Tyrell Jenkins - Assistant Varsity Football Coach – LBHS; Sione Tongamoa - Assistant Varsity Football Coach – PHS; Andrew Vargas - Assistant Varsity Football Coach – PHS; Michael Lemos Assistant Varsity Football Coach – PHS; Manuel Zorra – Assistant JV Football Coach – LBHS; Ed Mentz - Assistant JV Football Coach – LBHS; Casey Cotta - Assistant JV Football Coach – PHS; Micah Costello - Assistant JV Football Coach – PHS; Tracey Alvarez – Head JV Volleyball Coach, Girls – LBHS; Alexandra Barcellos – Head Varsity Tennis Coach, Girls – LBHS; Darryl Barger - Head Varsity Water Polo Coach, Boys – LBHS; Taylor Brooks -Head Varsity Water Polo Coach, Girls – LBHS; David Duke - Head Varsity Water Polo Coach, Boys - PHS; David Duke - Head Varsity Water Polo Coach, Girls - PHS; Doug Fuentes – Assistant FROSH Football Coach – LBHS; Laurence Mitchell - Assistant FROSH Football Coach – LBHS; Michael Tate - Assistant FROSH Football Coach – LBHS; Jacob Parks - Assistant FROSH Football Coach – PHS; Rogelio Gaona - Assistant FROSH Football Coach – PHS; Michael Medrano - Assistant FROSH Football Coach – PHS; Taofia Eseroma - Assistant FROSH Football Coach – PHS; Eric Jacobo - Assistant FROSH Football Coach – PHS; Joey Barcellos – Cross Country Coach – LBHS; Carlos Campos – Cross Country Coach – PHS; Leila Melgar – Auxiliary Units Advisor- LBHS; Michael Bonillas – Head Varsity Golf Coach, Girls – LBHS; Laura Barger - Head Varsity Golf Coach, Girls – PHS; Cassandra Willhite – Head Volleyball Coach, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – LBJHS; Oyuki Sandoval – Head Volleyball Coach, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – CJHS; Earnest Willhite – Head Volleyball Coach, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – LBJHS; Sandra Anaya – Head Volleyball Coach, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – CJHS; Manuel Garcia – Head Soccer Coach, JHS Boys – LBJHS; Marc Heguy – Head Soccer Coach, JHS Boys –CJHS; Sandra

Baca – Assistant Volleyball Coach, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – LBJHS; Barbara Mello – Assistant Volleyball Coach, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – LBJHS; Carlos Arceo – Assistant Soccer Coach, JHS Boys – LBJHS; Sandra Anaya – Assistant Volleyball Coach, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade – CJHS; Oyuki Sandoval – Assistant Volleyball Coach, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade – CJHS; Troy Fifield – Assistant Soccer Coach, JHS Boys - CJHS

There were no future agenda items.

Future Agenda/  
Discussion Items

There were no action items discussed in Closed Session.

Reporting Closed  
Session

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Martinez at 7:54 P.M.

Adjournment

  
SECRETARY