

LOS BANOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 11, 2023

Los Banos Unified  
School District  
Office Boardroom

Mr. Parreira called the meeting to order at 5:30 P.M.

Call to Order

PRESENT: Mrs. Gattuso, Mr. Lieb, Ms. Moran (5:58), Mr. Munoz, Mr. Parreira, Ms. Smith (5:34), Ms. Valadao. ABSENT: None.

Roll Call

A Study Session was presented by School Innovations & Achievement regarding options to improve student attendance.

Study Session

A closed session was held at 6:00 P.M. to discuss Student Discipline: Case #5517796(Action). Liability claim: Claimant: [Identity withheld pursuant to Government Code 54961]; Agency claimed against: Los Banos Unified School District (No Action). Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Reassignment (Section 54957) (No Action). Conference with Labor Negotiator (Section 54957.6) Agency Negotiators: Tammie Calzadillas, Amer Iqbal, Mark Marshall, and C. Sean Richey; Employee Organization: CSEA/LBTA (No action). Leave Extension Request, classified employee (Section 54957) (Action).

Closed Session

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

Regular Session

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by LBHS Ag Teacher, Stuart McCullough.

Pledge of  
Allegiance

There were two corrections to the agenda. Under X. New Business, B. Dual Language Immersion Program Presentation, the Board Reference Material states it as an action item, but it is a Discussion, Information item only. Under Item VI. Consent Calendar, Item B., number 1 Report of Certificated Employment, under resignations, it lists Renee Leonard at Lorena Banos Elementary, and it should say Los Banos Elementary. The revised report was posted to the website. On a motion by Trustee Munoz, and seconded by Trustee Smith, Trustees approved the agenda as corrected. Ayes: Gattuso, Lieb, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith, and Valadao. Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Approval of  
Agenda

Kathrine Twomey, Student Board Representative from Pacheco High School was recognized for her service on the Board.

Recognition/  
Introductions

Stuart McCullough, Vocational Agriculture Instructor at Los Banos High School Recognized students from Los Banos High School FFA Chapter and the Pacheco High School FFA Chapter along with Instructor Maria Cozens, and students from the Los Banos Junior High FFA Chapter along with Instructor Adam Jacobo. The students won multiple awards in the FFA Creed division, in both English and Spanish. Next, the students in the Agri Science Fair were recognized for their accomplishments. Finally, the 4 members of the LBHS FFA Chapter's Dairy Cattle Evaluation Team for their Championship Title which is the first time since 1963.

Dr. April Latta, Principal of Westside Union Elementary, and Ms. Tammi Schultz, Teacher and Pentathlon Coach, introduced the winners of the Pentathlon competition. They also recognized the members that will be heading to the National Competition.

Superintendent, Dr. Mark Marshall recognized the 27 staff members who would be retiring in 2023. Recognized were: Susan Araica, Deborah Arrieta, Rita Chavez, Brenda Clark, Noelia Costa, Kristen Dyer, Steven Franco, Addy Gonzalez, Elvira Gutzwiller, Melissa Jackson, Evon Jones, Janice Jones, Denice Jordan, Kimery Knight, Mary Leon, Matthew Loeffler, Connie Lopes, J. Idalia Martinez, Patricia Martinez, Cari Moore, Yolanda Moreno, Josefina Narvaez, Dean Purser, Teresa Robinson, Tammy Rodrigues, Tina Marie Sanchez, and Rebecca Sisk-Terranova.

LBHS teacher and member of the LBTA Executive Board, Denise Clark-Silveira, presented the CTA/LBTA Gold Award in Memory of Marg Benton for her special support of public education. The award was accepted by Ms. Benton's husband, Stanley Warden, and daughter, Kara Gomes. Public Forum

Parent, Kimberly Bowden, spoke to the Board about bullying issues that she was concerned about at Lorena Falasco Elementary.

Luz Freitas, parent of a child attending LBUSD expressed her concerns about her child's placement and number of IEP's. She asked for help in getting her children to attend the same school.

Grasslands Elementary Principal, Margarita Ordunez, invited everyone to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and Open House "Duck Nation Celebration" on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Jacinta Brown, Student Representative from LBHS reported on activities and events from LBHS and PHS. Student Report

CSEA had no report. CSEA Report

Jennifer Wilkin, LBTA President began her report by thanking her past teachers. She shared that she has worked her whole career in the District and that she used to love what she did, and felt loved and appreciated. She stated that District Staff including Classified, Site Administrators, and Certificated staff felt that their hands were tied. She said that even the trainers are frustrated. She said that some of the staff use the "close the door" policy and said it basically meant they taught the way they wanted to. She said that the District needs to reflect and needs to open the lines of communication. LBTA Report

Dr. Marshall started his report by giving kudos to the Pentathlon winners. He wished Pentathlon Coach, Mrs. Schultz, and Student, Maxx Menefee, good luck at the Nationals. He said that we had more winners district wide than ever before. He praised the staff and students for their amazing success. He stated that May is when we recognize many members of staff including Child Nutrition Staff, School Nurses, Teachers, and Classified Staff. He then gave a presentation regarding Restricted Funds that the District Receives. He announced that the District has completed Superintendent's Report:

Negotiations with LBTA and had a signed Tentative Agreement. He thanked the labor partners for going through the process and said that sometimes you must take the high road. He finished his report by inviting everyone to attend the Kiwanis pancake breakfast at the Mother's Day in Park event.

Sherry Munday, Manager of Facilities and Special Projects, gave a presentation highlighting the updates to the Loftin Stadium Phase I project and the solar project for Loftin. She showed photos of the floors and inside the buildings. She stated that the kitchen equipment has been ordered. The Parking lot project for HME/FOT is complete. They are finishing the close out items and the keys have been handed over to the District. She shared plans for the new TK Center.

Facilities/  
Maintenance  
Reports

Gene Lieb attended the Winter Guard/Percussion on April 19<sup>th</sup> and MSE Ag Day on the 21<sup>st</sup>. He said it was the site's first Ag Day. He also attended Ag Day at LFE. He wanted to recognize that the LBE Library received a \$30,000.00 donation from Dollar General. He attended the RME 5K mileage run. He shared that the event was started by retired RME teacher, Pat McNally. He said she started the event to help students stay healthy. He commended RME Principal, Zelda Diaz-Harper, and stated that all 899 students participated. He said he spoke to 5<sup>th</sup> grade RME teacher, Kylie Cardoza, and found out that she was Pat McNally granddaughter and that she teaches in the same classroom that her grandmother did. He wished a Happy Mother's Day to fellow Rotarian and Board Member, Marg Benton who passed away in October. Lori Gattuso thanked the schools and programs for the invitations. She attended many of the music programs. She attended the performance of Mama Mia at PHS and was planning to attend the Creekside Drama production of the Wizard of Oz on the 13th. She went to the LBHS Band "Spring Into Love" dinner and auction. She said the students who worked at the event were wonderful. She said that the LBHS Art Students would be showcased on May 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Arts Council Center. She plans to attend the CJH Band Pop awards on May 25<sup>th</sup>. She attended the MSE Ag Day and was asked to help with the event and enjoyed it very much. Marlene Smith congratulated Student Board Representative, Jacinta Brown, on her acceptance to Sacramento State and wished her well in her future. She has been watching the PHS Track and Softball teams as their season winds down. She congratulated all the students that were recognized earlier in the evening. She shared that she had just returned from an extended vacation in Europe and found that people are the same everywhere and that all share the same hopes and fears. Dayna Valadao thanked all the teachers and shared a poem to commemorate Teachers Week. Jessica Moran gave kudos to the students who participated and won the in FFA Spanish Creed Contest. She attended the Mama Mia performance at PHS and said it was amazing. She commended the staff and students for their long hours in preparing for the event. She attended many of the music showcases and the Winterguard and Percussion performances. She is planning to attend the Senior Banquets and the graduation ceremonies along with the CSEA end of the year event. Gary Munoz attended the Music Showcase at LBHS. He also attended the RME Mileage Club 5K run. He thanked RME Principal, Zelda Diaz-Harper, for the work she did for the event. He attended the performance of Mama Mia at PHS and said that it was great. He stated that the PTLI classes were on their final stretch, and it was only 4 weeks until graduation on June 12<sup>th</sup>. He said it was a 20-week program and that he attends every other week. Anthony Parreira attended the band showcase with 4 nights of music which included the choirs, bands, drumlines and Winterguard

Trustee Reports

performances. Mr. Parreira shared that he was invited to emcee the event and really enjoyed it. He also attended the PHS performance of Mama Mia and plans to attend the CJH performance of the Wizard of Oz on May 13<sup>th</sup>. He congratulated the FFA students and staff, the Decathlon coaches and students, and the LBUSD Retirees that were recognized at the beginning of the meeting. He said he got to see the LEAP Stem Fair at LFE. He said it was very cool and he thanked LEAP Supervisor, Zach Cruz, for bringing them in. He plans to attend the Pops Concert. He said he really enjoys reading in the classroom and thanked the sites for the gifts. He served as a parade judge for the May Day Parade but did not judge the bands. He thanked the band directors and really enjoyed seeing all the bands that participated.

On a motion by Member Valadao, and seconded by Member Munoz, Trustees approved Resolution #12-23 providing for the issuance and sale of the District's General Obligation Bonds, Election 2018, Series 2023 in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$20,000,000. Ayes: Gattuso, Lieb, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith, and Valadao. Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Resolution #12-23  
Authorization for  
Issuance of  
General Obligation  
Bonds

The Dual Language Immersion (DLI) Team composed of teachers, classified staff, admin, and parents shared the process and progress made toward the opening of the District's new DLI program.

Dual Language  
Immersion  
Program  
Presentation

Members of DELAC gave a presentation on activities, trainings, meetings, and conferences they have attended this year, and shared a video with parent testimonials.

DELAC  
Presentation

On a motion by Member Munoz, and seconded by Member Moran, Trustees adopted Resolution #11-23 which designates certain general funds as committed fund balance. Ayes: Gattuso, Lieb, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith, and Valadao. Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

Resolution #11-23  
Designating  
Certain General  
Funds

On a motion by Member Gattuso, and seconded by Member Moran, Trustees declared its intent to adopt updates to the following policy: BP/AR 6158: Independent Study. Ayes: Gattuso, Lieb, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith, and Valadao. Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried

Policy Updates  
(First Reading)

On a motion by Member Lieb, and seconded by Member Gattuso, the Consent Calendar was accepted as submitted Ayes: Gattuso, Lieb, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith, and Valadao. Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried. (ROLL CALL VOTE)

CONSENT  
CALENDAR

Trustees approved minutes of the: Special Meeting, April 1, 2023; Regular Meeting, April 13, 2023; Special Meeting, April 14, 2023.

Minutes

Certificated Report: Appointments: Borrego, Alexis – Temporary Grade 3 Teacher – Westside Elementary - effective 8/10/2023; Cardoza, Elizabeth – Grade 2 Elementary Teacher, Grasslands Elementary – effective 8/10/2023; Castillo, Laura – Temporary Grade 6 Elementary Teacher, Volta Elementary – effective 8/10/2023; Castro, Jesus – Science Teacher, Los Banos Junior High - effective 8/10/2023; Costello, Taylor – Temporary Grade 6 Elementary Teacher, Lorena Falasco Elementary – effective 8/10/2023; Creighton, Amanda – Special Education Program Specialist – effective 7/1/2023; Garcia, Manuel – Temporary Science Teacher, Los

Personnel  
Actions

Banos Junior High – effective 8/10/2023; Gonzalez, San Juana – Temporary College & Career Counselor, Los Banos Junior High – effective 8/10/2023; Robbins, Kelly – Grade 6 Elementary Teacher, Miano Elementary School – effective 8/10/2023; Rojas Reyes, Lorena – Dual Immersion Kindergarten, Los Banos Elementary – effective 8/10/2023; Coleman, Kevin – Assistant Principal, Grasslands Elementary – effective 7/1/2023. Resignations: Leonard, Renee– Principal, Los Banos Elementary – effective 06/30/2023; Garcia-Urista, Nancy– 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, Lorena Falasco Elementary – effective 06/30/2023; Gomez, Micaela – School Psychologist, District Wide – effective 06/30/2023; Baptista, Maria – Success 101 Temp Teacher, Los Banos High School – effective 6/30/2023; Yriarte, Ryan – Physical Education Teacher, Pacheco High School – effective 6/30/2023; Brandao, Megan – Grade 6 Elementary Teacher, Grasslands Elementary – effective 6/30/2023; Harkreader, Carrie – Success 101 Teacher Temp, Los Banos High School – effective 6/30/2023; Warkentin, Joel – Special Education Teacher, Pacheco High School – effective 6/30/2023; Culbertson, Jamie – Learning Director, Los Banos Junior High – effective 6/30/2023; Killbride, Jocelyn – Temporary Counselor, Pacheco High School – effective 6/30/2023. Released: None. Extra Duty Appointments Lampreda, Jennifer – Head Varsity Spirit Team Advisor – LBHS; Alyssa Zorra – Theatre Director – LBHS; Frank Leonard – Activities Director – LBHS.

Classified Report: New Hires: Medina, La Swann – DW, Licensed Vocation Nurse. Appointments: None. Promotional: Jimenez, Richard – MA, Maintenance Specialist. Retired: Leon, Mary – DO, Accounting Technician – Effective 6/2/2023; Martinez, Patricia – TR, Bus Driver – Effective 6/2/2023; Rodrigues, Tammy – FS, Child Nutrition Specialist – Effective 7/28/2023; Sanchez, Tinamarie – CJHS, Administrative Assistant – Effective 8/21/2023. Termination: None. Resigned Parras, Isabel – PS, Paraprofessional – Effective 2/28/2023; Rodriguez Castro, Mariana – TR, Bus Driver – Effective 2/9/2023; Soliz, Adreanna – DW, Contact Tracer – Effective 2/23/2023; Solorio Orozco, Maria – HME, Paraprofessional – Effective 2/3/2023. Leave of Absence: Andrade, Chashawna – 39 Month Rehire – Effective 3/2/2023.

The monthly Fiscal Report was submitted for Board information.

Fiscal Report

Trustees approved the following donations: Donation from Sports Boosters to LBHS Wrestling - \$2,487.00; Donation from Sports Boosters to LBHS Softball Team - \$1,950.00; Donation from Sports Boosters to LBHS Wrestling - \$2,525.00; Donation from Reading is Fundamental to LBE – Books for all students; Donation from Dollar General to LBE - \$30,000.00.

Donations

Trustees designated Jason Waltman, LBHS Principal; Joseph Barcellos, LBHS Athletic Director; Angela McGraw, LBHS Learning Director; Daniel Sutton, PHS Principal; Charles Pikas, PHS Athletic Director, and Daniel Elizalde, PHS Assistant Principal as the District’s California Interscholastic Federation (C.I.F.) league representatives for the 2023-24 school year.

Designation of C.I.F. League Representatives

Trustees adopted the New Course: Music Appreciation

Course Adoption (Second Read)

Trustees adopted the following New Policy and updates to existing policy: Policy BP 5131 Conduct; BP/AR 5131 Bullying; BP 5131.8 Mobile Communications Devices

Policy Updates  
(Second Read)

Trustees approved the following Agreements: Technicon Engineering, Engineering Services TK Center; SKW & Assoc., Architect services MSE Shade Structure; MCOE, SEAL Coaching Work Plan for ELA/ELD; Active Teaching Solutions, MCOE, PDC for LBJH; Restorative Justice, Each 1, Reach 1, Prevention Plus, LBJH School events; Restorative Justice, LBJH Challenge Day; Parent Institute for Quality Education, Parent Enrichment; School Innovations & Achievement, Attendance Software Program; Miracle Playsystems and Calcoating Asphalt - Playground MSE; Parsec Education, PLC Data Management; Startup Learning, LEAP Summer Reading Program; AZ Bus Sales, Electric School Bus Purchases; Solution Tree, Professional Services.

Agreements

Trustees approved the following Student Overnight Travel LBJH, Drum Major Camp, Fresno July 11-13, 2023; LBHS Boys Basketball Team, Summer Classic Sparks, NV June 16-18, 2023; LBHS Band/Color Guard performance, Buena Park, CA May 27-29, 2023.

Student Overnight  
Travel

Trustees approved the removal and disposal of obsolete electronic equipment.

Obsolete  
Equipment

Trustees declared specific library books and textbooks obsolete and to dispose of consistent with BP 3270.

Obsolete Books

Trustees approved the warrants for payment.

Warrants

On motion by Member Munoz, seconded by Member Smith, Trustees expelled Student 5517796 for one calendar year. Pupil shall report to Valley Community School or any school of the parents' choice outside of Los Banos Unified School District, which meets the requirements of the Education Code of the State of California. Ayes: Gattuso, Lieb, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith, and Valadao. Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

Reporting Closed  
Session Action

On motion by Member Lieb, seconded by Member Gattuso, Trustees approved the leave extension request for a classified employee. Ayes: Gattuso, Lieb, Moran, Munoz, Parreira, Smith, and Valadao. Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.

There was no information or future agenda items discussed.

Information/  
Future Agenda  
Items

Mr. Parreira adjourned the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

Adjournment

  
SECRETARY