



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
April 20, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

The meeting was held in accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Orders N-33-20 and N-25-20 in regard to the COVID-19 virus, which included provisions relating to the Brown Act in regard to local legislative bodies, such as school boards, holding meetings via teleconference. One of the stated reasons for issuing this Executive Order was to, "further efforts to control the spread of the virus and to reduce and minimize the risk of infection." Notice was given that the regular meeting of the Las Virgenes Unified School District Board of Education, scheduled for April 20, 2021, would be a video conference meeting. Members of the public were able to observe the meeting using a live online stream and were further able to submit public comments via email.

Board President Angela Cutbill called the Board meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. at the Las Virgenes Unified School District, 4111 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Cutbill
Dallas Lawrence
Linda Menges
Lesli Stein
Kate Vadehra

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION REGARDING CALENDARING ASSIGNMENTS AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board Adjourned to Closed Session at 3:40 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

President Cutbill reconvened the Board meeting at 5:34 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Cutbill
Dallas Lawrence
Linda Menges
Lesli Stein
Kate Vadehra
Agoura High School Student Board Member, Jake Goodman
Calabasas High School Student Board Member, Noah Murray (watched the meeting online)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Daniel Stepenosky, Superintendent
Karen Kimmel, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Steve Scifres, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent of Education
Ryan Gleason, Director of Education and Leadership
Laura Kintz, Director of Elementary Education
Robbie Amodio, Director of Human Resources
Angie Falk, Director of Pupil Services
Jim Klein, Chief Technology Officer

STAFF ABSENT

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Agoura High School Student Board Member, Jake Goodman.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Cutbill reported that the Board of Education upheld the Level 2. Additionally, the Board of Education in a unanimous vote, voted not to waive its attorney client privilege or closed session privilege under the Brown Act or to reconsider its decision of a Level 3 complaint.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the agenda of April 20, 2021.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Vadehra

NAYES: None

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Ms. Menges, seconded by Dr. Vadehra, the Board of Education approved the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of March 23, 2021.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Vadehra

NAYES: None

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATION

Dr. Stepenosky shared that we have two phenomenal employees to acknowledge tonight. Their supervisors are here to celebrate them. Hopefully, we can get the employees in person soon. Out of an abundance of caution, they are joining us via Zoom.

Mr. Scifres shared that it is his honor to share the March Employees of the Month. Every month LVUSD thoughtfully considers guiding principles that are the foundation of our core district's mission. This includes qualities such as adaptability, perseverance and grit, empathy and understanding. These two employees model this behavior. These employees were being evaluated under the conditions of the pandemic which are extremely challenging. We are so grateful for their efforts and all that they have done for LVUSD.

Dr. Roderick, along with Ms. Louthian, are proud to introduce the Certificated Employee of the Month, Buttercup Preschool teacher, Marzena Zabek. Ms. Zabek is so deserving of this honor. Dr. Roderick shared how thankful she was to watch her in action every day with some of our youngest students. Ms. Zabek is committed to providing her students with rich experiences. She sings, she dances and engages her students with critical thinking. She is a one of a kind teacher and has enriched so many lives teaching here at Buttercup. Dr. Roderick and Ms. Louthian shared some wonderful quotes from her parents and colleagues.

Ms. Cutbill thanked Ms. Zabek on behalf of the Board and the District. She shared how happy they were to honor her tonight. She stated that Ms. Zabek helps to make Buttercup a special place for students. Ms. Cutbill congratulated Ms. Zabek.

Ms. Zabek shared that she was honored to be here tonight and was so grateful to be the recipient of this award. She shared that this was a great surprise; something she would not ever expect. She thanked the Board, Dr. Stepenosky, Ms. Valerie Louthian (Buttercup Special Coordinator), Dr. Erin Roderick, and the Yerba Buena Principal. She considered this recognition not only a reflection of her work, but of the whole Buttercup team. She appreciated the support and guidance of administration. She shared how much she loves working at Buttercup. She truly loves teaching and is so

proud to work with these students. She thanked the entire LVUSD District. She reminded Dr. Stepenosky that she was the first teacher he hired as a new Superintendent.

Dr. Stepenosky shared that he remembered hiring her and shared that Ms. Zabek was both of his kids' first teacher. She was recognized recently by the President of Poland for being the Polish American of the Year. She is the only person who can pronounce his name correctly. He shared how much he appreciated her and Buttercup Preschool.

Mr. Scifres shared his pleasure to switch over to the Classified Employee of the Month. He introduced Ms. Ashley Wenter. Ms. Wenter stated how excited she was to celebrate Ms. Veronica Esqueda. Ms. Wenter has worked with Ms. Esqueda for the last four years. She is a pillar of Educational Services and this year of Virtual Academy. She shared some words that described Ms. Esqueda including words such as kind, helpful, a quiet rock star, impressive, compassionate and caring. She is so deserving of this honor. She is funny, loving and a beautiful, humble person. She is the first face that many people first meet in our District. We are so lucky to have her. Ms. Wenter thanked her for all she does.

Ms. Cutbill shared how thrilled she was to honor Ms. Esqueda. She thanked her for all her hard work and dedication.

Ms. Esqueda thanked everyone for this honor. She is humbled and grateful. She thanked Ms. Wenter for being a great leader. She also thanked Mr. Gleason and Dr. Stepenosky for their leadership. She was honored to receive this award.

Dr. Stepenosky recognized Agoura High School's Sports Medicine Team. They recently competed against 25 schools with over 350 students. Dr. Stepenosky introduced Dr. McClay, Principal of Agoura High School.

Dr. McClay shared how proud she was that the Sports Medicine Team program was recognized tonight. She thanked the Board and Cabinet for their support of the program. The biggest support of the program has been Ms. Kristen Dizon. Her tireless commitment to this program has helped make it successful. She has never seen such a force of nature. AHS is lucky to have Ms. Dizon at the helm. The students had to complete a test that had 150 questions on emergency medicine, procedures, etc. The AHS students competed in a regional competition against 25 schools with over 350 students. Fifteen of the AHS students placed within the top 50 students, and advanced to the live practical exam. There were also a few students who placed during the specialty exams. Dr. McClay introduced Ms. Dizon to share the accomplishments of her students.

Ms. Dizon thanked Dr. McClay and shared how excited she was to be here. The program, Kinesiology and Sports Medicine Academy (KASMA) has grown from 70 students with 2 courses in 2015 to 170 students with 3 core classes and 3 supplemental classes all related to medicine. The program has been fortunate enough to incorporate state-of-the-art equipment each year. She thanked the AHS Administration, Board and Cabinet for all their support. She shared that her team has 28 students. The Cadaver team won first place. She shared other individual awards of her students. The advanced division won 2nd and 4th place. Overall, the team won 2nd place.

Ms. Cutbill shared the excitement of their success.

Dr. Stepenosky shared that this level of success is outstanding especially during these difficult times. He then switched over to share the success of the Calabasas High School Model United Nations Team with Mr. Brad Boelman at the helm. He introduced Ms. Sara Exner, Principal of Calabasas High School.

Ms. Exner shared how honored she was to be here tonight to recognize Mr. Boelman and The Model UN team. The Model UN Team competes against other schools where they role-play as delegates to the United Nations. CHS Model UN Team is ranked in the top 25 nationally and recently won Best Large Delegation at McKenna's Model UN Conference. Ms. Exner shared her excitement about Mr. Boelman and the Model UN Team. This year is unlike any other, and Mr. Boelman's team continues to meet, compete and persevere. She congratulated Mr. Boelman and the Model UN students.

Mr. Boelman thanked Ms. Exner, Cabinet and Board for their honor and support of the program. The team won 1st place at Stanford, USC, Cal Berkley and Claremont, McKenna. It turns out that Model UN is a great activity online. He thanked Ms. Foss, Ms. Exner and the PFC for helping them break out of their infancy period and become a real team. This year has been amazing.

Dr. Stepenosky acknowledged their 1st place wins and congratulated Mr. Boelman and the team. The team also won 2nd place at University of Michigan. He is so proud of the students. He thanked Mr. Boelman and his students.

Agoura High School Student Board Member, Jake Goodman, shared that this was his first time being present at the Board meeting in person. At AHS, the Student Board Member for the 2021-22 School Year has been elected. Her name is Bella Bernt. She will be a junior next year. Last week AHS had a silent auction and raised more than \$5,000 from items that were donated from local businesses and the community. Next Thursday, Agoura Student Council will host an Anti-Discrimination Webinar where students will learn how to address discrimination in productive ways and how to be an ally. Next Wednesday in collaboration with UCLA Health, AHS will host a Blood Drive. This week they will start their Pennies for Patients Fundraiser where they will raise funds for cancer patients and research for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This week, Calabasas High School will elect their new student Board member. Additionally, CHS Theater will host Working, the Musical this week. CHS is also celebrating National Earth Day this week. At both schools, seniors are starting to commit to colleges. Mr. Goodman congratulated all the seniors. He also announced that he committed to American University in Washington, D.C. as a Political Science major.

Ms. Stein stated the County Health Department has a telephone briefing weekly K-12. She participated on the phone call last week. They stated they did not see a problem with a full return to school in the fall. This is great news. The Governor is changing the tier on June 15, 2021. Vaccinations are opened to everyone over 16 years old. She requested people get vaccinated for herd immunity. From March 2020 until now, the decisions the Board made were thoughtful and difficult. The decisions have all come with negative and positive feedback. The Board is focused on what is best for our students and staff. The Board will continue to make decisions on behalf of all LVUSD.

Ms. Menges shared that she and Dr. Vadehra participated in the Technology Committee meeting last week. They began looking at the spending from the Learning Opportunity Grant and how to implement that in the fall. The Board will have to vote on it by June 1, 2021. Last night, Ms. Menges participated in the Ventura County Office of Education monthly meeting. The talk was about Learning Loss Mitigation. They spoke about the many grants that have been awarded to schools and how to navigate through them. Ms. Menges shared a quote that was shared last night from Cesar Morales, who is the newly appointed Superintendent of Ventura County. The quote was from Richard Branson, "Every success story is a tale of constant adaptation, revision and change." Ms. Menges thought this was applicable today.

Mr. Lawrence thanked the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce for the great fundraiser they hosted a few weeks ago. They raised \$1,000 for our scholarship fund. They found a way to be innovative during this difficult time. The fundraiser was a Trivia Challenge.

Dr. Vadehra shared that Covid-19 does seem to be on its way out and in our rearview mirror. Immunization rates are wonderful. There are many reasons to be hopeful. She has committed herself to the District and is currently sitting on five different committees. She asked that everyone continue to treat each other with kindness and continue to be positive.

Ms. Cutbill shared the excitement of celebrating students tonight. She shared that she has received many emails from the public questioning the legitimacy of having Board members who do not have children in our schools. The Board of Education is not a parent group. We have many parent groups, like our PFA's and PFC's. These groups do many amazing things by supporting the culture and funding of our schools. This is not what the Board is. The Board of Education consists of residents. In order to serve on the Board of Education, you must live in the District. The members are representing the other residents, taxpayers and homeowners to uphold and secure quality schools. That is in everyone's interest whether you have kids in our District, kids in private schools or no kids at all. All homeowners want to ensure their home is in a quality school district. Ms. Cutbill shared that she has served as a Board member with children in the District and also with children not in the District. She felt that she has been a better Board member since her last child graduated. She no longer had the distraction of what was happening at her child's school. This made it easier to stand back and look at the District as a whole. She shared that it is nice to have both types of members; members with different backgrounds, etc. Ms. Cutbill shared that this was solely her view.

Dr. Stepenosky shared the news that next year will be full time, full days, five days a week. The metrics are going in the right direction. Vaccinations are going in the right direction. This year, there will be in-person graduations for both high schools. There will also be in-person culminations for our middle schools. There will be an in-person Prom outside with no dancing. It will be different. We are excited to celebrate our seniors and 8th grade students. The Strategic Committee is looking at ways to have lots of student support during the summer.

Dr. Finneran thanked every staff member. This time of the year is usually hectic in a normal world. We are facing this time during a pandemic which causes lots of additional challenges. She also thanked our parents, students and community members who have been so supportive. The Strategic Committee will plan how to spend the pot of money received from both State and Federal grants and will present to the Board in June.

Ms. Falk shared that since March 2020, the Special Ed students have had to choose whether to receive their services in the Special Ed classrooms or be part of a general education stable group or cohort. Recently, L.A. County revised their guidelines allowing Special Ed students to be a part of two stable groups. She stated that was very exciting news. Ms. Falk shared some pictures of Special Ed students participating for the first time in Culinary Arts classes, interacting with their counterparts in the classroom and on the playground.

Ms. Kintz shared gratitude for our English Language Development teachers in elementary and secondary schools because they are close to finishing the State ELPAC test for our multi-lingual and bilingual learners. The ELPAC test is the English Learner Proficiency Assessment of California. It has been challenging this year as there were no adjustment made this year. The test was given both remotely and in-person. The teachers have done a phenomenal job in accomplishing this great feat. Ms. Kintz met with 70 elementary teachers and principals to discuss any loss of learning due to the pandemic during the last Grade Level Lead meeting. The positive news that came from this meeting were the endearing practices at each grade level that were successful this year and how we can incorporate those practices next year. Some of those practices were targeted focused instruction, students coming to the classroom before playing on the playground, one grade level recess at a time to allow students to develop those sweet friendships and conflict resolution skills, social emotional focus and consistency with special programs such as Lexia at each site.

Ms. Amodio shared that she is excited to collaborate with all the stakeholders in the Strategic Committee. The classified staff is critical and a critical part of the success of our students. She looks forward to finalizing and implementing the plan for our students.

Mr. Gleason shared that he has been working on the counseling expansion for the last several months. We completed our new hires for the Counseling Wellness positions. Out of one hundred applications, we have hired four additions to our counseling team. These people have their California credential as well as their Marriage and Family license. This will allow us to expand our wellness efforts K-12. With these four hires, our counseling center has reached double the size and allows each elementary site to have a full time counselor which can provide intervention support.

Mr. Scifres stated that this past weekend has marked the end of our Winter Sports Season 1 which consisted of Girls Volleyball, Football, Cross Country and Water Polo. He congratulated the AHS Girls Volleyball team which were undefeated. Both high schools had new head football coaches which did very well this year. The AHS Girls Water Polo team finished 7-1. He congratulated all student athletes. They were so excited to be able to participate and compete this year. He thanked the school nurses, athletic trainers and school administrators for their efforts to help facilitate this sports season.

Dr. Stepenosky thanked all involved during this season. He mentioned that a lot of schools had their sports canceled for one reason or another. The fact that we had three sports seasons participating at the same time safely shows how amazing our teams are.

Ms. Kimmel echoed the sentiments about the Strategic Committee planning process. We have one-time grant funds; \$10m from the State of California and \$6.5m from the Federal Government. This money allows us to invest in our students to overcome some of the diversities that we have had this year.

Mr. Klein shared how pleased he was to have led the Technology Committee meeting last week. They discussed the many innovative ways we will use technology moving forward next year. In many ways, we will maintain things we implemented this year. We look forward to seeing our teachers continue to use the tools and resources we have provided this year. He shared that his team has used more conservation efforts during March and April. In the month of April, that would be Earth day which is Thursday, April 22, 2021. That is celebrated around the world. The technology team put together a website with lots of resources and activities for elementary and secondary teachers.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

President Cutbill read all submitted comments. The comments either addressed the return to full time in-person instruction or thanked the District for their hard work, dedication and efforts this year during the pandemic. President Cutbill responded to many comments during the meeting.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - A

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Dr. Vadehra, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda A, Items 1-6.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Vadehra

NAYES: None

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0

1. Approved New Job Title and Job Description: Coordinator of Libraries, Career Education, and Outreach as listed on the attached document.
2. Approved Warrants as listed on the attached document.
3. Approved Disposal of Surplus Property as listed on the attached document.
4. Approved Purchase Orders as listed on the attached document.
5. Approved Memorandum of Understanding Between California State University, Northridge and LVUSD as listed on the attached document.
6. Approved Parking and Maintenance Shed Lease Agreement with Durham School Service as listed on the attached document.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - B

On motion of Ms. Menges, seconded by Dr. Vadehra, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda B, Items 1-3. Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Vadehra

NAYES: None

1. Approved Resolution 18-20 - Declaring Salaries Indefinite to Authorize Retroactive Pay Changes as listed on the attached document.
2. Approved Employee Agreements for Assistant Superintendents Dr. Clara Finneran, Ms. Karen Kimmel and Mr. Steve Scifres as listed on the attached document.
3. Approved Personnel Document as listed on the attached document.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Approval of School Bus Transportation Contract 2021/22-2025/26 was presented. Ms. Kimmel shared that the District's current contract for home-to-school and special education transportation expires July 31, 2021, and averages \$1.5 million annually. On February 23, 2021, the Board approved the Request for Proposals (RFP) for school bus transportation services, with proposals due on March 26, 2021. While six vendors expressed interest and attended the mandatory meeting, Durham School Services presented the only proposal in response to the RFP request. Durham School Services has serviced LVUSD students for over two decades, with minimal rate increases over the past five years, averaging 1.9% annually. Durham's proposal for the new contract includes a cost increase over current rates averaging 10.5%. This increase in rates is expected to cost \$158,000 in the upcoming budget year. The Special Ed program has been offered transportation free of charge to students that have transportation in their IEP. The home-to-school transportation is partially funded through a frozen LCFF allocation of about \$750,000. The remaining balance of that will be collected through a parent paid bus pass system.

Ms. Stein asked how much we charge for the bus passes and have we evaluated the cost recently? Ms. Kimmel shared that the District looks at the cost of bus passes every year. This year it was hard to gauge. Next year will be challenging. Our bus pass charges are unique to our District because our geography is very different. There is no normalcy or standard. Ms. Kimmel also shared that we will look at our Board Policy about how many buses we will run and adjust accordingly. The highlights of this five year agreement will be all buses will have air conditioning. Additionally, all buses will be compressed with all natural gas making them environmental friendly and all buses will have cameras with reporting capabilities and GPS tracking. Durham has been great to work with and Ms. Kimmel is confident that we can continue to provide quality service to our families.

On Motion of Ms. Menges, seconded by Dr. Vadehra, the Board of Education approved School Bus Transportation Contract 2021/22-2025/26.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Vadehra

NAYES: None

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0

2. Approval of Public Hearing: Presentation of Joint Initial Re-Openers for the Classified Contract by LVUSD and LVCA was presented. Ms. Amodio shared the contract states that we open a public hearing for this discussion.

On Motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Dr. Vadehra, the Board of Education opened the Public Hearing: Presentation of Joint Initial Re-Openers for the Classified Contract by LVUSD and LVCA.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Vadehra

NAYES: None

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0

On Motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Ms. Menges, the Board of Education closed the Public Hearing: Presentation of Joint Initial Re-Openers for the Classified Contract by LVUSD and LVCA.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Vadehra

NAYES: None

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0

3. Approval of Presentation of Joint Initial Re-Openers for the Classified Contract by LVUSD and LVCA was presented. Ms. Amodio stated she is asking the Board to approve the opening discussion of the Initial Re-Openers for the Classified Contract between the Las Virgenes Unified School District and the Las Virgenes Classified Association. The current agreement with the Las Virgenes Classified Association will expire June 30, 2022, however, each year, in addition to Salary and Benefits, the District and the Classified Association can open two articles for discussion. The District and the Association wish to open Article 3 and Article 13 to discuss the District's interest and the Association's interest.

On Motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Ms. Menges, the Board of Education approved Presentation of Joint Initial Re-Openers for the Classified Contract by LVUSD and LVCA.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Vadehra

NAYES: None

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. 2020-21 School Year Update was presented. President Cutbill read an additional submitted comment asking how to re-open full time now. Dr. Finneran shared that we will open full time full days in Fall 2021. We are very excited about this. Ms. Stein asked everyone to get vaccinated for herd immunity. The decisions the District and Board have made are very difficult and have many layers. Right now there is nothing standing in the way of a full re-opening in the fall.

Dr. Stepenosky shared the District will host a student vaccination clinic on Saturday, May 1, 2021 at A.E. Wright Middle School. The District has partnered with Sav-On Pharmacy. They have 1,100 Pfizer doses available. More information to come soon.

Dr. Finneran shared the District is concerned about the student's holistic progress; their social emotional progress, their physical progress, and cognitive/academic progress. We will continue to look at a number of pieces of data as we prepare for Fall 2021.

Mr. Gleason shared that we are one of the first Districts in the state to pilot the Rally Dashboard. We have expanded our assessment plan this year to have quarterly academic/social reports for all students. This allows us to see every student's progress. There are both academic and social/emotional indicators allowing us to assess the whole student. We will be able to follow their progress and see what their academic line looks like. This will show whether they are on track for their grade level or did this year disrupt their progress. We are aware that Covid will have an impact for many years to come. We will have full time Intervention Specialists at all K-12 schools. There will be a commitment to wellness with new counseling additions. We expect to close the gaps. Teachers are having conversations about how to address concerns with respect to student wellness. Administrators are working with teachers to find ways to shift their lessons to accommodate the gaps.

Dr. Finneran shared the CAASP testing has been modified this year. The multiple choice piece of the test has been cut in half. LVUSD will move forward with CAASP this year. The approximate time to take the Math and ELA assessment will be about 2-3 hours per subject, which would be over two days. We look at CAASP over time; how the students performed 2-3 years ago versus today. We also measure students against other students. If students score certain levels, they can waive certain classes in the California State University system.

Mr. Klein shared that CAASP is normally 6 days, including science, however, there will be no science and the time of each portion has been reduced. This year, the test will cover 2 days with 2-3 hours per day. This data is extremely helpful.

Ms. Stein suggested for Cabinet to keep in mind any process that works this year, to bring forward into next year and update the Board periodically.

Mr. Gleason shared that both high schools applied to be SAT testing centers. The College Board approved both schools. Agoura High School will host the SAT test on May 8, 2021 and Calabasas High School will test on June 5, 2021. The principals will be sending out information this evening. The College Board does not prioritize students that attend the high school. Each student will need to register ASAP to ensure they can test at one of our high schools. We will have an in-person Graduation for both high schools. Each student can bring two guests. The ceremony will be live-streamed as well. There will be a picnic at the beach for our seniors. There will also be an outdoor Prom at a local vendor. There will be activities for our other grades as well. Additionally, there will be some movie nights in our PAECs. The Virtual Academy students can participate in all in-person activities.

Dr. Stepenosky stated that the Strategic Committee has focused the spending on: targeted class size reduction, counseling support K-5, beginning of year boost camp, summer school expansion, technology and wireless upgrades including new MacBook Air computers, full time intervention specialists, full time library support and art specialists for all elementary schools.

Mr. Klein stated that we have marketed LVUSD to bring some students back who have left the District for one reason or another. They marketed on social media as well as the team has worked on creating a current brochure about the District. We have contacted the Calabasas Chamber of Commerce and the City of Calabasas to get their marketing lists to reach more families. Also working with the local realtors to access their lists so as they look for homes through MLS, we have marketing information available to them. Our websites have been kept up to date. All social media accounts are kept up to date as well. We have the same message on all platforms. Mr. Klein gave a shout-out to Tina Johnson to help make this happen. We will advertise in The Acorn and other publications.

Dr. Finneran shared that we are looking at summer expansion. Usually, summer work deals with credit recovery. We will partner with YMCA on Find My Genius to get summer camp ideas. There will be some elementary options as well.

Ms. Cutbill gave a shout-out to Cabinet for their hard work on the summer expansion options for our students.

Mr. Gleason shared that we have just hired four wellness counselors. They have both their California credential and LMFT licenses. This will allow counseling to have more support to our students. There were one hundred applicants that were narrowed down to four positions. We will streamline the counseling service. During RACI at CHS, there will be more counseling staff available. We will communicate how to access these services to our families.

Dr. Stepenosky shared the activities we offer for our students after school. He shared a slide that showed Mr. Gleason's kids making Lemon Bars.

Mr. Gleason shared that we have two events to round out the year; Equity Talks on April 26, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. and Julie Lythcott-Haims (Your Turn, How to be an Adult) on May 3, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Tomorrow night, The Foundation is hosting a panel discussion with two of our counselors, a local pediatrician and others. Rich Lopez, a teacher at CHS, will host this panel.

Mr. Goodman asked Mr. Gleason if AHS and CHS will be ACT testing sites as well? Mr. Gleason said the District is looking into that this fall.

Mr. Lawrence asked if we can spend the remaining time answering some of the questions that parents asked earlier in the comments. He stated that Santa Monica Malibu School District (SMM) and Beverly Hills are going full-time. Do we have any plans on returning full time this spring? He hears from a lot of elementary parents that they want to go back full time.

Dr. Stepenosky stated that SMM decided to change their schedule now. They had not previously offered a Virtual Academy like we did in August. When they proposed this to their families, they polled who wanted to be on campus and who wanted to stay virtual. The results showed that there were only 30% who wanted to be on campus. That is why they can do full days. However, the teachers will change for a majority of their students. We have an issue with grades 4-10. The 3-foot rule poses a problem for us. We have 60% of our kids showing up now at the high schools and 85% at the elementary schools. Dr. Stepenosky stated he has not made a final decision whether we can open full time for the remainder of the year. If conditions stay what they are, we have a problem with grades 4-10. K-3 could do full-time, but it would create problems for the parents. There are issues on both sides. SMM made a decision, however, they don't have a plan. The closer we get to the end of the year, it makes it difficult to make changes. There are many parents who feel their students are learning better with the smaller class size. There are arguments on both sides.

Ms. Stein stated that teachers have real concerns. We need to be aware of that. Every decision has consequences on both sides. She suggested that Mr. Lawrence should go to different schools. Ms. Stein speaks to parents and teachers every day. The fall plan will be presented to the Board by June 1, 2021. Ms. Stein thanked Dr. Stepenosky for his webinars to the staff and community. He has been very transparent. This has been appreciated.

Dr. Vadehra shared that while full day instruction is optimal, teachers are able to meet the needs of students better with this model. She observed classrooms and she can see the progress. The students are doing well. The smaller class size is helpful to many students.

Ms. Cutbill stated that from what she heard tonight, the District is not ready to close the doors on re-opening full time. A lot of planning is happening now for the fall. People don't see that. They see the day to day. There are a lot of considerations. Many parents and kids are happy with the smaller class size. There is no right answer for everyone.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

Date Approved

President, Board of Education