



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Virtual Special Board Meeting
December 1, 2021

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

Board President Angela Cutbill called the Virtual Special Board meeting to order at 12:48 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
Dr. Kate Vadehra, M.D.

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Daniel Stepenosky, Superintendent
Karen Kimmel, Assistant Superintendent of Business
Dr. Steve Scifres, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources
Dr. Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent of Education
Dr. Ryan Gleason, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services
Laura Kintz, Director of Elementary Education
Angie Falk, Director of Pupil Services
Jim Klein, Chief Technology Officer

STAFF ABSENT

Hallie Chambers, Director of Human Resources

BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION REGARDING CALENDARING ASSIGNMENTS AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Menges, the Board of Education approved the agenda of December 1, 2021.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

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

NAYES: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Educator Effectiveness Block Grant was presented. Dr. Gleason shared that this grant is both federal and state funded. This \$2.2m grant will fund through the 2025-26 school year. The grant will be focused on professional development for Certificated, Classified and Management employees with the intent to focus on supporting academic achievement, mental wellness, social-emotional learning, and post pandemic learning needs of educators. During the process, the District will work with a committee of LVCA representatives for Classified staff. For Certificated staff, principals have solicited needs from department chairs and a committee has been formed at each site. The goal would be to meet with each group quarterly. The current priorities have been identified as: academic achievement with the focus on math and literacy, supporting diversity, equity and inclusion within all LVUSD schools, social-emotional learning

post pandemic, supporting staff growth pathways in areas where workforce shortages exist, early childhood education/preparation for Universal Transitional Kindergarten, and suicide prevention and mental health support. This plan will be brought to the Board for approval at the December 14 meeting. Plans for implementation will be brought to the Pathways and Safety/Wellness Committees for feedback, review and guidance.

Ms. Stein questioned whether we have the money right now. Dr. Gleason stated that we do not have this money yet. The plan needs to be submitted by December 31 to receive these funds. The earliest the funds can be spent would be in the spring. We will monitor progress through the Rally system and the D/F rates.

Ms. Menges asked if these funds can be used for hardware. Dr. Gleason stated that this money can only be used for professional development.

Ms. Cutbill stated that this item needed to be shared first as an information item first before becoming an action item at the next meeting.

Dr. Stepenosky stated that Dr. Gleason and Ms. Kimmel worked hard this past weekend to prepare this as the plan needs to be submitted by the end of December. The Board would need to approve this at the December 14 meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1.02 p.m.

Date Approved

President, Board of Education