



BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
May 3, 2022

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

Vice President Menges called the Board meeting to order at 4:30 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
Dr. Kate Vadehra, M.D. - participated remotely from 18 Corral Road, Bell Canyon, CA 91307

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 4:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT OF CLOSED SESSION

Closed Session Adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER OPEN SESSION

Vice President Menges reconvened the Board meeting at 5:36 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Angela Cutbill
Dallas Lawrence
Linda Menges
Lesli Stein
Dr. Kate Vadehra, M.D. - participated remotely from 18 Corral Road, Bell Canyon, CA 91307

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
Hallie Chambers, Director of Human Resources
Angie Falk, Director of Pupil Services
Jim Klein, Chief Technology Officer
Agoura High School Student Representative, Bella Bernt (participated on the dais)
Calabasas High School Student Representative, Willow Gaven ((observed the meeting in the audience)

STAFF ABSENT

None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Board Representative, Bella Bernt.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Vice President Menges reported that the Board of Education took no specific action in Closed Session.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board of Education approved the agenda of May 3, 2022.

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. Stein, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of April 12, 2022.

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

Student Board Representative, Bella Bernt, reported that both Agoura High School and Calabasas High School are preparing for their AP and IB tests. AHS had an e-waste event last Saturday where they collected old televisions and computers. The items were donated to a certified R2 company. The Junior ASB officers hosted their annual Lip Sync event to raise money for the Class of 2023. AHS hosted Career Day in the Media Center on April 28, 2022. This was a great way to learn about job opportunities after high school or college. AHS KASMA has been hosting CPR classes on campus to help anyone get CPR and First Aid certified. At CHS, their elections are over for their new executive board. Comedy Sportz will host their parent vs student game this Friday. The CHS seniors will have their prom on May 14, 2022 at Sherwood County Club. College Commitment Day will occur on May 16, 2022. ASB will host a blood drive on May 25, 2022.

Ms. Cutbill shared that there is a lot going on between open houses, committee meetings and culminations/graduations coming up very soon. The Finance Committee is anxiously waiting for the Governor to finalize his budget.

Mr. Lawrence reported that he has really enjoyed visiting classrooms again. He visited Willow this week during Teacher Appreciation Week. Journaling has been brought into the classrooms with the help of the counselors. Students will write about how they feel. After journaling, they use watercolors to express their feelings. He shared a picture that a student painted that showed his feeling of determination. Mr. Lawrence loved how we have brought art into the classroom and melded it with social and emotional well-being. Mr. Lawrence, along with Ms. Menges, visited A.C. Stelle for their Back to School Night. Mr. Lawrence shared his favorite part was seeing the science projects. He also visited Sumac during their Back to School Night. He really enjoyed seeing the creativity of the students. Both events were a lot of fun. Mr. Lawrence shared his insight on funding. He stated that LVUSD receives 35% less per student than LAUSD. That equates to about \$3k less per student every year. He asked everyone to please find a way to support The Foundation or your local PFC/PFA. It is extremely important that we raise extra money to account for the short falling that the state appropriates to our district. He shared information about the possibility of the upcoming bond and asked for the support of the community.

Ms. Stein stated that this is the beginning of Open House season. She loves to visit the students and parents at the schools. Ms. Stein shared her excitement for participating in the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing Bridge festivities a couple of weeks ago. This will be the world's largest wildlife bridge. It is located off Liberty Canyon which is here in Agoura Hills. This is a science laboratory in our backyard. She hopes that our teachers will take advantage of the lessons we can learn about wildlife and humans coexisting together. Ms. Stein feels this is a wonderful opportunity for our students.

Ms. Menges shared that she went to A.C. Stelle with Mr. Lawrence to their Back to School Night. It was nice being on campus where it seemed back to normal. She loved seeing the excitement of the students and parents. Ms. Menges, along with Ms. Cutbill, visited some school sites today. One of them was Bay Laurel. She shared a picture from today

with Calabasas Mayor Pro Tem David Shapiro, Calabasas Councilmember Peter Kraut, Principal Duncan, and some students. It was a lot of fun to be back on campus with the students.

Dr. Vadehra forewent her comments.

Dr. Stepenosky shared a picture taken today at Lupin Hill. This is Educator Appreciation week. Dr. Stepenosky also shared a slide showing the college acceptances from our graduating class of 2022 from both AHS and CHS. The list is comprised of over 300 colleges which is very impressive. This slide will appear in the Acorn in the next couple of weeks. He shared his excitement for the seniors who will be heading off into the world in the next few weeks. The Foundation is holding their fundraiser on June 4, 2022 at Sagebrush Cantina. He urged people to support The Foundation which supports our 15 schools. He wished all mothers a Happy Mother's Day coming up this weekend.

Dr. Gleason shared that we have 15 districts that have partnered with us to lead in the early education for our youngest students. This Universal TK mandate will take effect over the next two years. We will be submitting a grant for the Early Childhood Teacher Grant for \$2m.

Dr. Finneran stated that we are so grateful for our staff. There is much to do as we end this year. Currently, we are in the middle of CAASPP testing. We will conduct our social emotional assessments as well. We are currently working on our summer program so we can continue to support our students this summer. Dr. Finneran highlighted the work of our 6-12th grade ELA team. This is our English Language Arts team. They have expanded their reading book list which will be shared soon.

Mr. Klein stated that our Media Centers are back to being the meeting spaces for collaboration, etc. The computer lab at the White Oak Media Center has become a Maker Space for students to be creative. Mr. Klein shared a video which captured the Maker Space. The space contains an area where the kids can build, play games, do puzzles, be creative on the felt wall and the lego wall, and be creative using coding toys.

Ms. Falk shared that she had the pleasure of showing off Buttercup to LACOE with Ms. Louthian and Dr. Roderick. Of course, they were impressed. They would like to make a donation to Buttercup. LACOE will come May 23, 2022 at 10 a.m. to Buttercup to present their donation of tricycles, multi-net basketball courts, roller scooters, and other play equipment to be used at Buttercup. We are thrilled and excited to accept this wonderful donation.

Ms. Chambers shared that she attended a Classified Leadership training through the Association of California School Administrators in April. She attended with two other classified employees, Jessie Sweeney and Felicia Esqueda. They participated in sessions such as Employee Motivation and Legal Requirements for Leaves. They will be sharing this information with other classified employees in the coming months.

Ms. Kintz shared that this week marks the last week for Outdoor Education. Outdoor Education has been very successful this year. The students have truly enjoyed their experiences. She thanked the staff, administrators, students and families for their support of the program. Ms. Kintz shared a video of one student on the Leap of Faith activity. This activity pushes students into challenges that they have never experienced. She gave a shout-out to the students for being open to participating in these activities.

Ms. Kimmel shared that negotiations are heating up at the State Capitol. The Governor will release his May revise next week with the adoption of the budget by June 15, 2022. The new budget will have a 6.56% COLA. There are some additional funds being debated such as: universal student transportation, covid related learning recovery, TK expansion, and universal meals. Ms. Kimmel shared that she will have more information to share at the next Board meeting as the budget process continues to evolve.

Dr. Scifres shared two slides. The first slide showed one of the Employees of the Year; Ms. Milka De Mira who is the Health Clerk at Yerba Buena Elementary School. She has truly been a leader over the last two years with Covid. The second slide showed the other Employee of the Year, Ms. Julie Stiteler at Round Meadow. Ms. Stiteler represents the special education team. Dr. Scifres also congratulated Ms. Bella Bernt for being the ASB President next year at AHS.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Ms. Caitlin Davis, a Calabasas High School student, spoke about sexual assault happening to students at CHS and the importance of "consent" training for all students. Mr. Takashi Nakano, Ms. Jacelynn Townsend, Ms. Andrey Rumteen, Mr. Sam Puathasnanon, Ms. Pany Rumteen, and Ms. Sally Werner spoke about their belief of the wrongful termination of the CHS Girls Basketball coach, Jena Laolagi. Mr. Joshua Alpert asked the Board to conduct an investigation about a matter that involved Dr. Stepenosky and a special education student and their parents.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - A

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda A, Items 1, 4 and 5. Ms. Stein asked for items 2 and 3 to be pulled out for discussion. This was at the suggestion by Dr. Vadehra in an attempt to highlight the wonderful field trips that are taking place.

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 School Representatives to the Athletic Leagues in the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) as listed on the attached document.
4. Approved Resolution No. 27-21 To Order Biennial Governing Board Member Elections - LA County as listed on the attached document.
5. Approved Resolution 28-21 For Voter Election - Ventura County as listed on the attached document.

Ms. Ashley Wenter, who was joined by two students, Emma Richardson and Sophia Levin, presented Consent Agenda A, Item 2. This was the KASMA field trip to the Nationals Competition.

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda A, Item 2.

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. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request 21-22.29 as listed on the attached documents.

Ms. Hayley Tepper presented Consent Agenda A, Item 3. This is a program called Odyssey of the Mind, which spans TK to college. Team members work together to solve a long term problem. Ms. Tepper's students chose to solve the Classics Performance problem. This field trip will take this team to the World's Competition in Iowa.

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda A, Item 3.

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. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request 21-22.30 as listed on the attached document.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - B

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda B, Items 1-2.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

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

NAYES: None

1. Approved Personnel Document as listed on the attached document.
2. Approved Discipline Settlement Agreement in Disciplinary Case No. 21-22.22 as listed on the attached document.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Resolution 25-21 - Decision Not to Reemploy Certificated Employees was presented. Dr. Scifres shared that this resolution authorizes the decision to not reemploy the certificated position of the High School CTE Visual Arts and Media Teacher due to lack of funds. This is a procedural step. Affected staff was notified and waived their rights to a hearing.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board of Education approved Resolution 25-21 - Decision Not to Reemploy Certificated Employees.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

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

NAYES: None

2. Resolution 26-21 - Decision Not to Reemploy Classified Employees was presented. Ms. Chambers stated this resolution is a procedural step to not reemploy classified employees in certain positions due to lack of funds. This will

reduce 10 hours per week of an Instructional Specialist Music at the high school level. Music will still be covered through the remaining music specialists support staff.

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Dr. Vadehra, the Board of Education approved Resolution 25-21 - Decision Not to Reemploy Classified Employees.

Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

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

NAYES: None

INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Center EdX Credential Programs Update was presented. Dr. Gleason shared that he was very excited to bring the Center EdX update. In Fall of 2017, LVUSD received full accreditation from the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) to offer three credential programs: Clear Teaching Credential (Induction), Preliminary Administrative (PASC) and Clear Administrative Services (CASC). These three programs have helped develop over 200 new administrators and over 100 beginning teachers in the past three years. Additionally, the program has supported the development of current teacher and administrator coaches. On the business side, Center EdX has demonstrated a financial benefit of approximately \$750,000 in the past three years. Last year, Center EdX went through a full accreditation from the CTC through 2028. This year, we have had five cohorts with two full time coaches, Kristy Kaufman and Carina Diana. This has been a tremendous support to the programs.

Ms. Kristy Kaufman stated that the twenty five teachers that went through the induction program stated through their surveys that Center EdX exceeded their expectations. Ms. Kaufman and Ms. Diana provided weekly coaching in the teachers' classrooms which was amazing. They were able to provide support and goal setting for the teachers. Ms. Carina Diana stated that they were able to highlight the teachers' strengths. Each candidate participated in their own way. Amanda Nichols was a part of this teacher induction program. Ms. Nichols stated that she was in year one of the teacher induction program. She stated that the coaches provided tremendous support. She has learned valuable information that she will use over the course of her teaching career. Ms. Nichols currently works for LVIS. She works with students that are quarantined due to Covid.

Dr. Gleason stated that we have candidates from Sacramento to San Diego for the PASC and CASC programs. This indicates that LVUSD is being seen as a state wide leader in leadership and staff development. The program is now entering Cohort 10. The demand is so high that now we will have three a year; with start dates in June, August, and January. We have had some administrators that have gone through two years of our program. One of them is Ms. Tiffany Reynolds from Willow Elementary.

Ms. Reynolds spoke about her experience in both PASC and CASC. She participated in the second cohort of PASC. She felt the program was specific and tangible to what she was going to be doing as a Principal. The leadership books have been a great reference. The opportunity to have a very strong coach was extremely helpful. She is now finishing her second year of CASC. This part of the program is very focused on coaching. She has learned how to coach. She also received her own coach which has been so helpful to her. Ms. Reynolds also feels that the connections she has made with people from other districts in the program have been a great resource and learning experience. It has also been a great source of collaboration. Ms. Reynolds thanked Dr. Gleason for creating this program.

Ms. Stein asked if the program was in person or online? Dr. Gleason stated that the program started in person. During the pandemic, the program switched to online. CTC asked that the program continue to be online as it allows people from all over to attend. This will also allow the program to be offered throughout the entire state of California.

Dr. Gleason shared that the Board authorized the development of three new programs: Special Education Teacher Credentialing Program, Microcredential Programs, and ECE (Early Childhood Permit Program). The Special Education Credentialing Program will start in 2023. The Microcredential Program will launch this summer. Ms. Chambers stated that there has been a huge interest already. We are in the process of hiring the teachers for this program. Dr. Gleason shared that 15 districts have partnered with LVUSD for the Early Childhood Permit Program. Ms. Louthian stated that the ECE program will launch this summer. There are already 60 interested candidates for June 2022. The faculty is outstanding and we are very excited to start this program. The ECE program will bring in \$450k to the general fund. Dr. Gleason shared that one of the hallways at the District Office displays lots of pictures from different cohorts to graduation classes from Center EdX. Dr. Gleason is very proud of the work we have done and is excited for the work we will continue to do.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Date Approved

President, Board of Education