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**BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
February 26, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE

Board President Linda Menges called the Board meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. at the Las Virgenes Unified School District, 4111 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dallas Lawrence
Linda Menges
Lesli Stein
Mathy Wasserman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Angela Cutbill

**BOARD OF EDUCATION DISCUSSION REGARDING CALENDARING ASSIGNMENTS
AND GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS ON THE CLOSED SESSION
AGENDA**

There were no comments from the audience regarding items on the Closed Session agenda.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:18 p.m.

A discussion was held regarding Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Conference with Labor Negotiator - Agency Designated Representative - Dr. Rose Dunn, and Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation.

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION

President Menges reconvened the Board meeting at 6:11 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dallas Lawrence

Linda Menges

Lesli Stein

Mathy Wasserman

Agoura High School student board member Nicolette Gelnak (at the dais)

Calabasas High School student board member Allison Flame (in the audience)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Angela Cutbill

STAFF PRESENT

Dr. Daniel Stepenosky, Superintendent

Dr. Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent of Education

Dr. Rose Dunn, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel

Karen Kimmel, Assistant Superintendent of Business

Robbie Amodio, Director of Classified Personnel

Steve Scifres, Director of Curriculum and Athletics

Dr. Derek Ihori, Director of Pupil Services

Jim Klein, Chief Technology Officer

STAFF ABSENT

Ryan Gleason, Director of Education and Leadership

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Willow Elementary School fifth grade student Tia Zufic.

REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion of Ms. Wasserman, seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board of Education approved the Agenda of February 26, 2019.

Board Motion Carried 4:0:1 as follows:

AYES: Board members Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Board Member Cutbill

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0 as follows:

AYES: Student board member Gelnak

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board of Education approved the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 9, 2018.

Board Motion Carried 4:0:0:1 as follows:

AYES: Board members Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman

NAYES: None

ABSTENTION: None

ABSENT: Board Member Cutbill

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0 as follows:

AYES: Student board member Gelnak

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Ms. Wasserman, the Board of Education approved the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2018. Board member Lawrence was absent from this meeting.

Board Motion Carried 3:0:1:1 as follows:

AYES: Board members Menges, Stein, and Wasserman

NAYES: None

ABSTENTION: Board member Lawrence

ABSENT: Board Member Cutbill

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0 as follows:

AYES: Student board member Gelnak

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Mr. Lawrence, the Board of Education approved the Emergency Special Board Meeting Minutes of November 14, 2018. Board member Wasserman was absent from this meeting.

Board Motion Carried 3:0:1:1 as follows:

AYES: Board members Lawrence, Menges, and Stein

NAYES: None

ABSTENTION: Board member Wasserman

ABSENT: Board Member Cutbill

Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0 as follows:

AYES: Student board member Gelnak

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATION

Willow Elementary School fifth grade students presented their Early Settlement models of Jamestown and Roanoke and shared a brief history of the settlements.

The Board of Education recognized Certificated Employee of the Month, Calabasas High School Counselor, Melissa Gillespie, Classified Employee of the Month, Custodian Leader N.S., Rafael Romero, and Durham Bus Driver, Kaylani A. BlackBear.

Ms. Gelnak said one of Agoura High School's oldest and beloved traditions took place February 22 at the Agoura Performing Arts Education Center (PAEC) where students and teachers performed in a battle style event which was very well attended and enjoyable.

Ms. Wasserman shared a video of Lupin Hill Elementary School's Science Fair which was hosted at A.E. Wright Middle School last week and that she was very impressed by the students' projects. She said she attended the Superintendent's Advisory Board meeting on February 20 which is a great opportunity for community stakeholders to meet with Dr. Stepenosky and various cabinet members and connect with city officials and organizations who support the District.

Ms. Stein shared pictures of she and Ms. Menges visiting A.C. Stelle Middle School and Lindero Canyon Middle School classrooms. She also shared a video of Lindero Canyon Middle School's ingenuity in using a device called the "Goosinator" to disperse geese from their field.

Mr. Lawrence said he and Ms. Menges attended the Budget Committee meeting where the discussion focused on the District's budget challenges for the next 12-18 months and continuing to operate under a structural deficit. He said the County is forcing school districts to approve a budget resolution confirming financial solvency which has become a concern for outlying years. Mr. Lawrence said LVUSD has built a healthy reserve for the short term, however the Finance Committee and the District's leadership are working on a plan since LVUSD receives several thousand dollars less per student, each year, compared to neighboring districts. He said the District strives to continue to provide quality programs and competitive pay for teachers despite receiving \$3,000-\$4,000 less per student.

Ms. Menges said she enjoyed the student directed play "Mama Mia" at the Agoura PAEC and looks forward to attending Lindero Canyon Middle School's production of "Beauty and the Beast" on February 29.

Superintendent Dr. Daniel Stepenosky congratulated the Calabasas High School Model UN team and their teacher, Mr. Boelman for placing first place out of 47 teams at Stanford University and moving on to Nationals at Georgetown University where they placed third place out of 300 teams. Dr. Stepenosky said the Healthy Kids Survey has been distributed to LVUSD students and parents and survey results will be available after March 15. He said tickets are on sale for the District's Beacon For The Arts fundraiser featuring Wilson Phillips at the Calabasas PAEC on May 17.

Dr. Finneran said she attended the YMCA board meeting where LVUSD leadership shared information on the District's response during the Woolsey Fire. She said the District held a great Community 360 meeting where discussions included grading practices, mastery based grading, and evaluation of current grading policies. She said the District is further exploring engaging with Stanford University based Challenge Success whose mission is to "Partner with schools, families, and communities to embrace a broad definition of success and to implement research-based strategies that promote student well-being and engagement with learning". Finally, Dr. Finneran said she and Dr. Duncan have had multiple opportunities to present at the Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) Women's Leadership Conference.

Mr. Scifres said that Outdoor Education season has officially begun and he has visited the Outdoor Ed. campus to observe teachers and LVUSD seniors in their role of counselors, interacting with fifth grade students and serving as role models.

Mr. Klein said District libraries have been celebrating Black History month, social justice, and Native American Heritage month. He said this year the District incorporated Valentines day with the theme "blind date with a book" resulting in an impressive 140 books checked out by 10:00 AM.

Dr. Ihori said that Special Education coordinators Angie Falk and Brandie Rosen recently presented with attorney Wes Parsons at the ACSA statewide Every Child Counts Symposium. He said their presentation focused on research based specialized programs for students with autism, highlighted the features of LVUSD's preschool program at Buttercup, behavior programs at Lupin Hill Elementary School and Willow Elementary School, social communication programs at White Oak Elementary School, Lindero Canyon Middle School, and Agoura High School, and moderate-severe programs at all secondary schools.

Ms. Amodio said the District is preparing for the Staff Development Day on March 11 where the second part of school safety for Instructional Assistants will be presented by the Deans of Safety and Wellness, Mr. Freel and Ms. White. She said there will also be specific training for elementary school aides regarding reading intervention and training on foundational social skills and wellness.

Ms. Kimmel said last week she had the pleasure of joining City of Agoura Hills Mayor, Linda Northrup and other community members to judge in the selection for the Boys and Girls Club of America, Youth of the Year Award. She said there are five Boys and Girls Clubs on LVUSD's campuses from which 23 students were selected as student of the month. Ms. Kimmel said she was impressed by how articulate the students were and enjoyed hearing about their personal connections with their counselors and clubs.

Dr. Dunn said the Personnel Department has been staffing for LVUSD's no-cost summer school where Ms. Wenter and Mr. Freel will be sharing the principal responsibilities. She said the District will be hiring 7-10 freshman seminar and credit recovery teachers, 32 SPED teachers, 75 classified personnel and 8 designated instructional support staff for the summer school program.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

There were no comments from the audience on items not on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - A

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Wasserman, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda - A, Items 1 through 8.

Board Motion carried 4:0:1 as follows:

AYES: Board members Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Cutbill

Student Preferential Vote carried 1:0 as follows:

AYES: Student board member Gelnak

1. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request 18-19.29 for the Agoura High School 9-12 grade competitive dance team to travel to the West Coast Elite National Competition in Long Beach, CA.
2. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request 18-19.30 for the Agoura High School 9-12 grade competitive dance team to travel to the USA Dance Competition in Anaheim, CA.
3. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request 18-19.31 for the Calabasas High School 10-12 grade solar boat team to travel to the solar boat competition at Lake Skinner in Winchester, CA.
4. Approved Appointment of Measure G Bond Oversight Committee, as presented.
5. Approved Appointment of Measure E Parcel Tax Oversight Committee Members, as presented.
6. Approved Gifts, as presented.
7. Approved Disposal of Surplus Personal Property, as presented.
8. Approved Purchase Orders, as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - B

Karen Lagola, Susan Levy, and Linda Yolis addressed the Board regarding Consent B, Item 1. Dr. Dunn stated that the vote today is only to notice an employee due to the state mandated March 15 deadline.

The Board thanked the speakers for advocating on behalf of their colleagues and discussed LVUSD's plan for supporting teacher instruction in technology as the District shifts technology support within the classroom. Board members said that investing in technology continues to be one of the District's top priorities and asked if teachers receive paid time release to take courses and develop their training.

Mr. Klein said despite budgetary challenges the District has developed opportunities for teacher driven staff development, such as the Flight program, which promotes self-learning opportunities.

Mr. Klein said the District also provides paid Talent Development training and access to various resources. He said there are technology mentors at each school site who are teachers assigned to support teachers.

Dr. Stepenosky said the District has been in discussions with teachers and is exploring various options.

Mr. Lawrence requested additional information to further understand the level of technology support that will be provided to teachers over the next 2-3 years and that he would like to have a more in depth conversation before voting.

Mr. Klein said the next Technology meeting will take place on April 26 which would be too late to have the discussion prior to the state mandated March 15 deadline to notice employees.

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Ms. Wasserman, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda - B, Item 1.

Board Motion Carried 3:1:1 as follows:

AYES: Board members Menges, Stein, and Wasserman

NAYES: Lawrence

ABSENT: Cutbill

1. Approved the Personnel Document dated 2-26-19, enumerating employee changes as listed in the attached document.

APPROVAL OF ACTION ITEMS

1. Dr. Stepenosky presented information on changes to Board Policy 3515 - Campus Security and Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan with minor edits suggested at the February 12, 2019, Board meeting. He said LVUSD is committed to providing a school environment that promotes the safety of students, employees, and visitors.

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Ms. Wasserman, the Board of Education approved the Revisions to Board Policy 3515 - Campus Security.

Board Motion Carried 4:0:1 as follows:

AYES: Board members Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Board member Cutbill

2. Dr. Stepenosky presented information on changes to Board Policy 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan with minor edits suggested at the February 12, 2019 Board meeting.

On motion of Ms. Stein, seconded by Ms. Wasserman, the Board of Education approved the Revisions to Board Policy 0450 - Comprehensive Safety Plan.

Board Motion Carried 4:0:1 as follows:

AYES: Board members Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman

NAYES: None

ABSENT: Board member Cutbill

3. Ms. Kimmel presented information on Resolution No. 19-18 to Enter into a Contract with Additional Transportation Provider. She said due to a bus driver shortage affecting school bus companies and districts across the nation, LVUSD has sourced American Logistics Company to service middle school and high school special education routes. She said these routes can be served by a minivan and this addition will allow Durham School Service to service the remainder of general education and special education routes for the remainder of the school year. Ms. Kimmel said the District began using the provider with the approval of a \$10,000 Purchase Order, which is what the District was legally able to do to finish out this school year. Ms. Stein asked if a new contract would be needed. Ms. Kimmel replied a new contract would not be needed for the regular course of business but in a few months the District will present to the Board a Request for Proposal for a formal proposal process.

On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board of Education approved Resolution No. 19-18 to Enter Into a Contract with Additional Transportation Provider. Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:

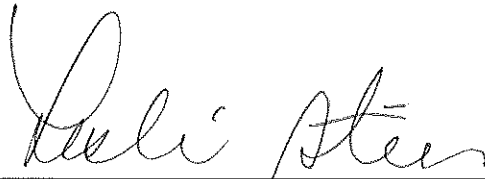
AYES: Board members Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman
NAYES: None
ABSENT: Cutbill

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

5-7-19

Date Approved



Clerk, Board of Education