BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of Regular Board Meeting
October 15, 2019

CALL TO ORDER/MEETING PLACE
Board President Linda Menges called the Board meeting to order at 4:45 PM at the Las Virgenes Unified School District, 4111 Las Virgenes Road, Calabasas, CA.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Angela Cutbill
Dallas Lawrence via teleconference from Don Cesar Hotel, St Pete Beach, FL 33706
Linda Menges
Lesli Stein
Mathy Wasserman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
None

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 4:50 PM

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

CALL TO ORDER/OPEN SESSION
President Menges reconvened the Board meeting at 6:08 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Angela Cutbill
Dallas Lawrence
Linda Menges
Lesli Stein
Mathy Wasserman
Agoura High School student board member Ethan Castillo (at the dais)
Calabasas High School student board member Bella Echols (in the audience)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
None

STAFF PRESENT
Dr. Daniel Stepenosky, Superintendent
Dr. Rose Dunn, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel
Karen Kimmel, Assistant Superintendent of Business
Dr. Clara Finneran, Assistant Superintendent of Education
Robbie Amodio, Director of Classified Personnel
Steve Scifres, Director of Curriculum and Athletics

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Jim Klein, Chief Technology Officer
Angie Falk, Director of Pupil Services

STAFF ABSENT
Ryan Gleason, Director of Education and Leadership

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
The Pledge of Allegiance was led by A.E. Wright Middle School students Abby Covert and Maddie Lim.

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 October 15, 2019.
Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:
  AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman
  NAYES: None
Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0 as follows:
  AYES: Student board member Castillo

STAFF/BOARD COMMUNICATION
A.E. Wright Middle School String Orchestra students, directed by music teacher Mr. Pracher, performed "Hey Fiddle-Fiddle" and "Autumn".

Mr. Castillo said Agoura High School was well represented last weekend at the Adobe Days Parade with many sports teams, the marching band, cheer, and student council participating. He said fundraisers are taking place within the district including Pennies for Patients to benefit the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. He said A.E. Wright Middle School and A.C. Stelle Middle School 8th grader students are currently attending their CJSF Yosemite field trip and Linderro Canyon Middle School will be attending next week. He said Calabasas High School is having a pep rally this Friday followed by their homecoming football game and homecoming dance and juniors at both high schools will be taking the PSAT on October 16. He said as part of the continued effort for district participation, he and Ms. Echols have met with and gained valuable insight from the leadership students at A.C. Stelle Middle School, and they plan to meet with A.E. Wright Middle School and Linderro Canyon Middle School leadership classes in the near future.

Ms. Cutbill welcomed new Director of Pupil Services Angie Falk to the dais. She said October 2 was National Walk to School Day which was a fun event that was greatly supported by our cities.

Ms. Wasserman said it was a pleasure to participate in the City of Agoura Hills Reyes Adobe Days with her fellow board members. She said she participates in the City of Calabasas Chamber Education Commitee meetings and that the committee looks forward to learning about what is taking place throughout our district. Ms. Wasserman said she joined cabinet members in visiting school sites and she enjoys connecting with staff. Finally, Ms. Wasserman said she looks forward to seeing the Laramie Project at the Agoura High School Performing Arts Education Center.

Ms. Stein shared photographs of her visit to Willow Elementary School's assembly where parent volunteers were recognized for their contributions in creating a garden on campus. She said she and Ms. Cutbill visited "The Shop" at Calabasas High School and that both Alternative Education spaces at both Calabasas High School and Agoura High School are very inviting and students have expressed how much they enjoy the spaces. Ms. Stein said she attended the "Finding Kind" movie screening on October 2 which had very good attendance and looks forward to the upcoming speaker series. She said she and Ms. Menges attended the Career Tech Education Advisory Council meeting and the Ventura County School Board Association meeting on school budget and finance. She said at the School Board Association meeting an expert from the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team (FCMAT) presented information on the financial crisis in public education and projections for next year.
Mr. Lawrence expressed his disappointment in the Governor's signing of SB 328 and ignoring LVUSD's and other school districts strong pleas to maintain local control for school start times. Mr. Lawrence said he is proud of the fact that the LVUSD Board unanimously opposed the actions taken by the state legislature and said that the more local control is taken away from our district the more limiting regulations will become.

Ms. Cuthill agreed with Mr. Lawrence. She said although the effect of SB328 will not greatly impact LVUSD, it is legislative over-reach and she is very disappointed in the actions of the state legislature.

Ms. Stein requested that staff provides an update on the status of SB328 at a future meeting.

Ms. Menges said she enjoyed participating in the National Walk to School Day with White Oak Elementary School students. She said she attended the College Career and Knowledge Night on October 3 at Calabasas High School which is a partnership between Calabasas High School, Agoura High School, and Oak Park High School. She said on October 4 she attended the Superintendent's Discussion Council meeting with Ms. Stein where they discussed the Facilities Needs Assessments and heard the concerns from many PFA/PFC presidents. Ms. Menges said she also attended a Night at the Adobe on October 11, the Reyes Adobe Day Parade on October 12, and the Ventura County Office of Education dinner meeting on October 14.

Superintendent, Dr. Stepenosky said he has begun his Superintendent discussion groups with middle school and high school students to discuss safety, facilities needs, stress, anxiety, preparation for high school, and more. He said it was a pleasure to participate in the Reyes Adobe Days Parade with Ms. Menges and Ms. Wasserman. He said the District's Facilities Needs Assessment Surveys have been mailed out to the community and are available online at www.lvusd.org. He said he is excited for the upcoming Student 360 talks on November 5 where students and community members will be on a speakers panel and that the District will participate in the Great California Shakeout on October 17. Finally, Dr. Stepenosky said he looks forward to the third annual State of Schools Address which will take place October 24 at the Calabasas Performing Arts Education Center.

Dr. Finneran said the District has been facilitating grade level summits with representatives from each of our middle schools, giving us a chance to conduct cross school collaboration and focus on key areas that align with LVUSD's vision and mission. She said one of the things that was discussed during the summits was strengthening our transition from 5th and 6th grades and 8th and 9th grades. She said October 21 the District will hold its annual pupil-free staff development day, where staff will share grade level, site level, and department level collaboration and best practices for student achievement, fiscal responsibility, and a culture of collaboration.

Mr. Scifres congratulated Chaparral Elementary School teacher, Sue Levy who has been selected from 25,000 local teachers as the LA County Teacher of the Year.

Mr. Klein said today was the kickoff of the "Senior Genius Hour" at Agoura High School. He said over the past few years the cities of Westlake Village and Agoura Hills have donated approximately $15,000 a year to fund this program. He said this program invites local senior citizens to meet with our high school students to receive tech support and serves as a great opportunity for our community's senior citizens and students to work together. Mr. Klein said the District advertised the event on the Nextdoor app and the "Senior Genius Hour" will be held on the first and third Tuesdays of every month.

Ms. Falk said the Pupil Services Department recently completed special education training for all special education certificated staff and has been training 15 new special education teachers.

Ms. Amodio said this week the District will be providing specialized training for plant managers and discussing their role and responsibility in campus safety. She thanked Keenan and Associates for personalizing the program for LVUSD.

Ms. Kimmel said she appreciates the community's support of National Walk to School Day which was very well-received and is a great collaboration with our city partners. She said in September the Business Department conducted the annual parent booster workshop providing advice and best
practices for PFA/PFCs on running their organizations and staying consistent and up to date with laws, filings, and internal controls.

Dr. Dunn said in our first meeting with new employees we create an expectation of academic excellence and collaboration. She said at the start of every school year she visits new and existing teachers and continues to be impressed by their sense of support and collaboration with their colleagues. Dr. Dunn also stated that the District will begin meeting with the calendar committee which will consist of parents, teachers, and staff to develop the school calendar for the next three years.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA
There were no comments from the audience regarding items not on the agenda.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - A
On motion of Ms. Cutbill, seconded by Ms. Stein, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda - A, Items 1 through 10.
Board Motion carried 5:0 as follows:
   AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman
   NAYES: None
Student Preferential Vote Carried 1:0 as follows:
   AYES: Student board member Castillo

1. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request No. 19-20.22 for Calabasas High School 9th through 12th grade boys basketball team to travel to the Mission Prep Christmas Classic basketball tournament in San Luis Obispo, CA.
2. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request No. 19-20.23 for the Agoura High School Advanced Photography class to travel to Yosemite National Park, CA.
3. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request No. 19-20.24 for the Agoura High School Varsity Girls Cross Country team to travel to the CIF Southern Section Finals in Riverside, CA.
4. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request No. 19-20.25 for the Agoura High School Girls Varsity Cross Country team to travel to the CIF State Finals in Clovis, CA.
5. Approved Overnight Field Trip Request No. 19-20.26 for the Agoura High School Boys Varsity Cross Country team to travel to the CIF State Finals in Clovis, CA.
6. Approved Acceptance of Notice of Completion - Finish Line Paving Inc. - Asphalt Project - A.E. Wright Middle School in the amount of $32,672.
7. Approved California Department of Education (CDE) School Accountability Dashboard Narratives
8. Approved Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints, as presented.
9. Approved Warrants, as presented.
10. Approved Disposal of Surplus Personal Property, as presented.

APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA - B
On motion of Mr. Lawrence, seconded by Ms. Wasserman, the Board of Education approved Consent Agenda - B, Items 1 through 3.
Board Motion Carried 5:0 as follows:
   AYES: Board members Cutbill, Lawrence, Menges, Stein, and Wasserman
   NAYES: None

1. Approved Resolution 10-19 Classified Layoff/Reduction in Hours
2. Approved Rejection of Claim #1906432 v Las Virgenes Unified School District
3. Approved the Personnel Document dated October 15, 2019 enumerating employee changes as listed in the attached document.

INFORMATION
1. Mr. Scifres provided an update on the Elementary Intervention Specialists. The District's Intervention Specialists oversee and implement literacy and math intervention services for K-5 students in need of additional academic support. The Intervention Specialists are also responsible for overseeing the English Language Development program at their school site which includes language support, reclassification of students, and the facilitation of English Learner Advisory Council (ELAC) meetings. The Intervention Specialists are an invaluable resource to classroom teachers and
supportive in implementing the District-adopted literacy program. The supportive efforts of the Intervention Specialists have helped teachers evaluate student literacy, language, and mathematical strengths and identify areas for improvement. All of this work is in accordance with the Board of Education's goal of student achievement, centering on the importance of closing the achievement gap.

Mr. Scifres invited LVUSD's Literacy and Language coach, Lauren Walsh, and said she facilitates and coordinates the meetings and has done tremendous work in the field by helping build teacher capacity, providing direct coaching support for language and literacy intervention and calibrating with teachers on alignment of curriculum resources.

Ms. Walsh said at the beginning of the year the team held assessment summits which allowed time to bring together grade levels across all sites. Intervention Specialists team members Robin Frank, Linda Kaplan, Shannon Harbison, Jody Hepps, and Tiffany Garrison shared resources and tools used to help students in math, reading and literacy and Spanish at Sumac Elementary School. They named one of the resources as the Guided Language Acquisition Development (GLAD) which develops meta-cognitive skills along with high-level, academic language and literacy.

Ms. Wasserman asked if the team meets regularly to meet and share best practices. Ms. Walsh replied that the team stays in regular communication via email, and meets formally as well.

The Board asked if with early intervention there is any reduction of referrals to special education. The team replied that during assessments we want to target and dive deep to determine the intervention needed on a case by case basis.

Ms. Menges asked how students are referred to intervention specialists. The team responded that test scores, RenStar, and teacher observations are some ways identifying intervention needs.

Dr. Finneran said the program not only approaches a student by student basis but also impacts every teacher across the board.

The Board expressed their appreciation of this very important program.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 PM.

\[\text{Date Approved} \quad \text{Clerk, Board of Education}\]