

Board of Education - Aug 29 2024 Minutes

Thursday, August 29, 2024 at 6:30 PM 2300 Crenshaw Boulevard, Torrance, CA 90501

1. Call Meeting to Order:

Meeting was called to order at 8:18 p.m.

- 1.1 Roll Call
 President Strutzenberg and Member Han were absent
- 1.2 Pledge of AllegianceMember Fournell led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Approval Agenda

2.1 Approve the August 29, 2024 agenda.

Vice-President Fournell informed the Members of the Board of the following revision to the agenda: 1) correction to the header on Diligent posting, 2) removed items 10.1-10.4 and 10.6-10.7 from the consent calendar, 3) removed 11.1 - Professional Growth from Personnel, 4) removed 13.1 - Ideas Parking Lot from General Services and 5) removed 15.4 - Superintendent's Evaluation from Closed Session.

A motion was made to approve the agenda as amended.

Moved by: Meredith Beachly Seconded by: Linda Kurt

Carried

3. Commendations / Recognition:

None

4. Student Voices:

None

5. Program Highlight:

None

6. Public Comment

None

- 6.1 Board Agenda Items: Any member of the audience may speak to any agenda item by submitting a yellow card (located on back table). Please hand the completed card to the administrative assistant at the Board table. When the item is considered by the Board, individuals submitting yellow cards will be called upon prior to Board action.
- 6.2 Topics Not on Agenda: Anyone in attendance may address any issue by following the same procedure process listed above. Since the Board cannot take action on items which are not on the agenda, such items may be referred to the Superintendent for handling. Individuals interested in speaking to items which are not on the agenda will be called upon at this time.

7. Acknowledgement of Correspondence to the Board

None

8. Superintendent's Remarks

Superintendent Rodriguez thanked the Board for their patience tonight.

Superintendent Rodriguez welcomed Assistant Superintendent, Ashley Davis and Director of Fiscal Services, Anuoluwapo Roberts to the SoCal ROC team.

9. Staff Reports

None

10. Consent Calendar

MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT CALENDAR NUMBER 1

Moved by: Linda Kurt Seconded by: Jen Fenton

Carried

10.1 APPROVE PERSONNEL ASSIGNMENT ORDERS

Superintendent Rodriguez stated that this item includes resignations, retirements, new hires and the offer letters for the 2024-2025 school year.

11. Personnel

None

12. Business Services

12.1 Adopt SoCal ROC 2024-2025 "All Funds Budget" - J. Rodriguez

Superintendent Rodriguez stated that at the June 10th Board meeting the 2024-2025 All Funds Budget was not approved. In working with LACOE, the Center was still able to operate. There are 2-3 stages which a budget goes through, the first is getting it uploaded, the second stages is where it waits until the budget is approved and then moved into the county Superintendent for certification. This must be done by September 15th. Superintendent Rodriguez noted that tonight's budget is the same as the one presented on June 10th. It was reviewed by LACOE's analysist and everything was in order. If any changes need to be made, they can be done in the first interim.

Member Kurt asked about the large jump in revenue.

Superintendent Rodriguez remarked that the 1 million dollar grant was never appropriately drawn down. The grant is a onetime funding.

Superintendent Rodriguez shared that Board members asked for a break down on of all JPA' invoices.

Member Cobb asked how we earn interest on reserve funds.

Mr. Roberts remarked all money goes to the county treasury and earn quarterly interest and reported as revenue in object code 8650.

Moved by: Meredith Beachly Seconded by: Nancy Cobb

Carried

12.2 Approve Unaudited Actuals for 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Superintendent Rodriguez stated that the Unaudited Actuals represent revenue and expenditures for Funds 1, 11, 14, 20, and 40. This represent a true accounting and what will be presented to the auditors in October.

Member Cobb asked if there were any changes that the Board should be aware of.

Superintendent Rodriguez stated that the biggest changes is the unaudited actuals true amounts of receipts versus what was projected. There is about a \$120,000 difference.

Member Kurt asked on the 4 million in the revenue projected in the second interim and in the unaudited actuals, it's 3.3 million. Why the difference of 3 quarters of a million dollars?

Superintendent Rodriguez stated that that had to do with the community funding grant. Those funds had to be spent down and they were not. Best practice would have been to calculate how much would have been spent in 2023-2024. If the grant was never included, SoCal ROC would have seen the one of the smallest deficit seen.

Moved by: Linda Kurt

Seconded by: Meredith Beachly

Carried

12.3 Approve Revision to Resolution 12-2023-01 - Certification of Signatures - J. Rodriguez

Superintendent Rodriguez stated that this revision is reflecting the new Director of Fiscal Services, Anuoluwapo Roberts and Assistant Superintendent, Ashley Davis as well as the removal of Atlas Helaire, Assistant Superintendent and Burgandie Montoya, Director of Programs and Student Support Services.

Moved by: Nancy Cobb Seconded by: Jen Fenton

12.4 Discuss and Approve HopSkipDrive - J. Rodriguez
Superintendent Rodriguez commented that there are further
plans to reduce the cost of HopSkipDrive even further.
Superintendent Rodriguez shared that currently staff is working
on shared drives, no more single rides. This would be a cost
savings of \$70,000. In addition, after 2 canceled rides, students
a meeting will need to take place before the student can
continue.

Superintendent Rodriguez remarked that there will be a communication letter that will detail the process of acceptance and policies of the program. Participation in the program is contingent upon student and/or guardian attendance at a mandatory, virtual HopSkipDrive/SoCal ROC Onboarding meeting. The meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 6, 2024.

Member Fournell commented that all the changes are positive and glad that HopSkipDrive is willing to work with the Center.

Moved by: Nancy Cobb

Seconded by: Meredith Beachly

Carried

12.5 Approve Eagle One Security Agreement - D. Calvillo Superintendent Rodriguez stated that this new agreement for the 2024-2025 includes a slight increase to the rate. In addition, the schedule was modified to have only one security present during the high school hours. Superintendent Rodriguez shared that Ambassador High School has their own personal security in the mornings.

Moved by: Jen Fenton Seconded by: Linda Kurt

Carried

13. General Services

None

14. Board Members' Remarks

No Board comments.

15. Closed Session

- 15.1 Public Employee: Appointment/Employment Title: Director of Secondary Education/Principal (Government Code 54957)
- 15.2 Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54956.9)
- 15.3 Conference with real property negotiators pursuant to Government code Section 54956.8;

Property:

2300 Crenshaw Bl., Torrance, CA 90501

Agency Negotiator:

Julian A. Rodriguez, Ed.D., Superintendent

16. Adjourn to Closed Session

Meeting adjourned to closed session at 8:51 p.m

Moved by: Meredith Beachly Seconded by: Linda Kurt

Carried

17. Adjourn to Open Session

Meeting adjourned to open session at 9:23 p.m.

Moved by: Linda Kurt Seconded by: Jen Fenton

Carried

18. Report in Closed Session

On item 15.1, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Brianne Nakayama as Director of Secondary Education/Principal.

On items 15.2 and 15.3, the Board received information.

19. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 9:24 p.m.

Moved by: Linda Kurt Seconded by: Jen Fenton

Carried

President

Date