

LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 29, 2011

Los Altos School District Board Room
201 Covington Road, Los Altos

Closed Session – 6:30 p.m.
Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda will be granted up to three (3) minutes at the time the item appears on the agenda, or during Community Comments for all non-agenda items. Prior to addressing the board, each speaker is requested to complete a speaker card (located on the table near the door) and give it to the Superintendent's Executive Assistant. To ensure that all speakers are provided an equal opportunity to address the board, individual speakers may not "yield" their allotted time to address the board to other speakers. The board may limit the total amount of time allocated for comment on a particular issue (Government Code §54954.3[b]). The board discourages complaints against individual officers or employees of the district during open session.

The open session will be audio recorded for the purpose of preparing minutes. The recording may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the meeting (Government Code §54953.5).

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone upon entering the meeting.

A. CLOSED SESSION

Call to Order

Action

Recess to Closed Session

Action

Anyone wishing to address the board regarding Closed Session items may do so at this time.

Items listed below may be discussed in closed session. Items [√] marked are scheduled for discussion at this meeting. All proceedings are reported to the public in open session where action is taken or staff is given direction.

- [] 1. Employee Evaluation pursuant to Government Code §54957
- [] 2. Employee Appointment pursuant to Government Code §54957
- [] 3. Liability Claims pursuant to Government Code §54961
- [] 4. Conference regarding negotiations with LATA, CSEA and non-represented groups pursuant to Government Code §54957.6
- [] 5. Conference regarding negotiations of real property pursuant to Government Code §54956
- [] 6. Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release pursuant to Government Code §54957
- [√] 7. Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9
- [] 8. Student Discipline

B. OPEN SESSION/REPORTS

Pledge of Allegiance

Closed Session Report

Information

Approval of Agenda

Action

Staff and Student Successes

Information

- Courtney Caldwell, Egan School and Math Coach, spent a major portion of her summer creating math curriculum for "African Schools for Excellence." She then travelled to Ghana and spent two and a half weeks training teachers how to incorporate Khan Academy to maximize the effectiveness of a traditional teacher. In Ghana, Courtney developed an immediate rapport with both the teachers and the students and inspired them to think differently about math instruction.
- Pat Koren, Blach School, contributed content to the Bay Area Physical Education – Health Project Summer Institute which focused on motor learning for physical educators and sexual health and HIV/AIDS for health educators. Ms. Korn's enthusiasm, experience and ideas were valued by all participants. Her ongoing commitment to improving professional practice and thereby improving student learning in the curricular areas of physical education and health is to be commended.

B. OPEN SESSION/REPORTS (continued)**Staff and Student Successes** (continued)

- Niki Mitchell, Gardner Bullis School, coordinated another summer of enrichment activities for students in our community with LAKA (Los Altos Kidz Adventure). Enrichment classes were provided for students in grades K-4 and included offerings such as: Art Masterpieces, Magnificent Machines, Mysterious Words, and Culinary Delights. All classes were taught by a credentialed teacher, many of whom are employees of LASD. By all accounts, LAKA was a success this past summer.
- Curtis Schneider, Egan School, had another extremely successful summer with Scholar Kids. There were 307 students enrolled in the program (a 10% increase from the previous summer) and 5 LASD employees teaching classes. In addition to teachers, there were 24 high school volunteers helping with the program and connecting with students. Scholar Kids offered a range of classes including: Mind of Design, CSI, Creative Outdoors and Physics and Chemistry. In addition to these enrichment classes, Reed Smith taught a "Transition to Jr. High" class that sixteen LASD students attended providing them with the necessary transition support for a successful start to this school year.

Superintendent's Update**Information****1. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS****Action**

These items are considered routine and will be approved in one action without discussion. If a board member requests an item be removed from the calendar or a citizen wishes to speak to an item, it will be considered under Action Items.

1.1 Approval of Minutes**Consent**

It is recommended the board approve the minutes for the August 15, 2011 regular meeting.

1.2 Purchase Orders**Consent**

It is recommended the board approve the purchase orders from August 10, 2011 through August 23, 2011.

1.3 Denial of Interdistrict Transfer Request #11/12-18**Consent**

It is recommended the board deny the interdistrict transfer request as presented.

1.4 Personnel Actions**Consent**

It is recommended the board approve the personnel actions as presented.

2. EMPLOYEE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

This time has been set aside to hear input from employee organizations and individual employees on items that are not on the agenda.

1. Mr. Jim Grijalva, Los Altos Teachers Association
2. Mrs. Kris Swenson, California School Employees Association

3. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

This time is reserved for citizens and employees to address the Board on items that are not on the agenda. Community members wishing to address the board are allotted three (3) minutes per speaker. The board and administration welcome this opportunity to listen; however, the board is not permitted to discuss or take action on non-agenda item, except to instruct the superintendent to review the matter further, report back to the board at a subsequent meeting or place the matter on a future agenda. The board may make a brief comment or ask clarifying questions (Government Code §54954.2).

4. ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**4.1 Educational Blueprint Goals Progress Report****Information**

Staff will present an update on the Educational Blueprint goals.
(Mr. Baier, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Kenyon) [15 minutes]

4. ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS (continued)**4.2 Start of the 2011-12 School Year****Information**

Staff will present an update on the start of the 2011-12 school year.
(Mr. Baier, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Kenyon) [15 minutes]

4.3 Summer School Presentation**Information**

Jason Dewberry, summer school principal, will provide an overview of the Los Altos Summer Academy.
(Mrs. Gallagher) [10 minutes]

4.4 Blended Learning in Math: Khan Academy**Information**

Courtney Cadwell, Egan Math Teacher and LASD Math Coach, will present an overview of how Khan Academy will be used to create a blended learning environment in math.
(Mrs. Gallagher) [20 minutes]

4.5 Resolution #11/12-04, Categorical Program Flexibility**Action**

The Board of Trustees will consider approving resolution #11/12-04, providing the district with the flexibility to sweep categorical funding to assist in developing a balanced budget.
(Mr. Kenyon) [10 minutes]

4.6 First Reading of BP/AR 3513.3, Tobacco-Free Schools**Information**

The Board of Trustees will review the language for BP/AR 3513.3, Tobacco-Free Schools.
(Mr. Baier) [15 minutes]

5. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS, UPDATES, QUESTIONS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

This time is for the administration and board to report on non-agenda items such as committee reports, school activities, legislation and future agendas.

The following agenda items are scheduled for the meeting on September 12, 2011:

- Financial Update
- Public Hearing and Textbook Statement of Assurance
- STAR Report

6. ADJOURN**Action**

Individuals with disabilities attending this meeting who are in need of special accommodations should call the Superintendent's Office (650-947-1152) at least one week prior to the meeting date, to make special arrangements.

Requests for copies of information presented at the board meeting are to be made in writing and addressed to the Superintendent.