

LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 16, 2010

REVISED

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

Closed Session – 6:15 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 §54942.5).

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

A. CLOSED SESSION

Call to Order

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

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 June 21, 2010 regular meeting and the June 28 and July 14, 2010 special meetings.

1.2 Purchase Orders

Consent

It is recommended the board approve the purchase orders through August 10, 2010.

1.3 Resolution #10/11-01, Amendment to Joint-Use Agreement and Lease with Stepping Stones Pre-School	Consent
It is recommended the board approve a resolution authorizing an amendment to the joint-use agreement and lease with Stepping Stones Pre-School.	
1.4 Resolution #10/11-02, Withdrawing from Schools Excess Liability Program	Consent
It is recommended the board approve a resolution allowing the district to withdraw from its current liability insurance program at the end of the fiscal year if a more favorable program becomes available.	
1.5 2010-11 Walden West Outdoor Science School Agreement	Consent
It is recommended the board approve the 2010-11 Walden West Outdoor Science School Agreement for our sixth grade students to attend their program.	
1.6 Denial of Interdistrict Transfer Requests #10/11-21 through #10/11-23	Consent
It is recommended the board approve the denial of interdistrict transfer requests #10/11-21 through #10/11-23.	
1.7 Personnel Actions	Consent
It is recommended the board approve the personnel actions as presented.	
2. <u>EMPLOYEE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD</u>	
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. Ms. Kris Swenson, California School Employees Association	
3. <u>COMMUNITY COMMENTS</u>	
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 welcomes this opportunity to listen; however, the board is not permitted to comment or take action on non-agenda items (Government Code §54954.2).	
4. <u>ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS</u>	
4.1 Consultant Agreement with TBWB Strategies	Action/ Discussion
Staff recommends the board approve the consulting agreement with TBWB Strategies to assist in accurately gauging community support for a potential parcel tax increase. TBWB Strategies will coordinate efforts with Brad Senden of The Center for Community Opinion to utilize previous survey results and determine the need for any further polling.	
(Mr. Baier) [20 minutes]	
4.2 Santa Clara County Grand Jury Findings: School District Organization	Discussion
The board will discuss the Grand Jury findings regarding how districts are organized in Santa Clara County and provide direction to the Superintendent on crafting a response to the finding and recommendations.	
(Mr. Baier, Mr. Kenyon) [20 minutes]	
4.3 Curriculum and Instruction Update	Information
Mrs. Gallagher will present the initial findings from the 2010 STAR test results.	
(Mrs. Gallagher) [15 minutes]	
4.4 Living Classroom Grant	Information
Mrs. Gallagher will share with the board a grant received from the Packard Foundation in support of the LASD Living Classroom program for the 2010-11 school year.	
(Mrs. Gallagher) [5 minutes]	

4.5 School Preparations – Staffing, Enrollment, Facilities**Information**

Staff will update the board on changes in staffing that have occurred since the last day of school, projected student enrollment throughout the district, summer enrollment impacts and the progress in preparing for the opening of the 2010-11 school year. (Mr. Baier, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Kenyon) [20 minutes]

4.6 Resolution #10/11-03, Allocation of Teaching Stations to Bullis Charter School**Action**

The board will consider approving a resolution of intent to alter its facility offer to the charter school based on the district's class size standards as of June rather than as of March of each school year. (Mr. Kenyon) [10 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 August 30:

- Financial Update
- Parcel Tax
- SBX5 4 Open Enrollment Act (Romero Bill)

6. ADJOURN

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.