

LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, August 30, 2010

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

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

- Lorena Rolland, Blach Science teacher, participated in a summer fellowship through Industry Initiatives for Science and Math (IISME), a professional development program for teachers established in 1985 to address the critical need for a skilled work force in science and engineering. SRI International sponsored her fellowship. Lorena's project focused on finding a cure for Alzheimer's disease, and involved testing the effectiveness of specified chemical reactions in treating the disease. The purpose of these fellowships is to give teachers first-hand experience in a professional scientific field so that they may return to school enriched, and inspire students to explore science and engineering as potential careers. Lorena's experience this summer will no doubt enhance her student's classroom experience this year.
- Every staff member at Loyola was given some vacation homework this summer – to read a book on the Gradual Release of Responsibility instructional design, which will be the focus of Loyola's professional development for 2010/11. This instructional model requires that the teacher, by design, transition from assuming all the responsibility for performing a task to a situation in which the students assume all of the responsibility. This gradual release of responsibility model of instruction has been documented as an effective approach for improving writing achievement, reading comprehension, and literacy outcomes for English language learners.

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 16, 2010 regular meeting.

1.2 Purchase Orders**Consent**

It is recommended the board approve the purchase orders from August 11, 2010 through August 24, 2010.

1.3 Resolution #10/11-04, Single Subject Teaching Credential**Consent**

It is recommended the board approve a resolution authorizing teachers to teach in a subject area with a single subject credential.

1.4 Resolution #10/11-05, Multiple Subject Teaching Credential**Consent**

It is recommended the board approve a resolution authorizing teachers to teach in a subject area with a multiple subject credential.

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 #10/11-24 through #10/11-28**Consent**

It is recommended the board approve the denial of interdistrict transfer requests #10/11-24 through #10/11-26.

1.7 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. Ms. 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 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. ACTION/DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS**4.1 Summer School Presentation**

Marie Pinder, summer school principal, will provide an overview of the Los Altos Summer Academy. Niki Mitchell and Curtis Schneider will provide of an overview of their summer enrichment programs, Los Altos Kidz Academy and ScholarKids.
(Mrs. Gallagher) [25 minutes]

Information**4.2 Los Altos 2025**

Jerry Sorensen and Robin Abrams will present Los Altos 2025's plan for revitalizing downtown Los Altos and the financial benefits to the district.
(Mr. Baier) [20 minutes]

Information**4.3 Financial Update**

Mr. Kenyon will provide an updated projection of the prior year ending balance and discuss the status of state and federal funding.
(Mr. Kenyon) [15 minutes]

Information**4.4 Open Enrollment Act**

Mr. Baier and Mr. Kenyon will share information regarding the potential impact of the Open Enrollment Act on the district.
(Mr. Baier, Mr. Kenyon) [20 minutes]

Discussion**4.5 Board Advisory Committees**

The board will review and discuss its policy and procedures related to membership and roles and responsibilities of the various board advisory committees. These committees include the Curriculum Council, Budget Review Committee and Citizens Advisory Committee for Finance, among others.
(Mr. Baier, Mrs. Gallagher, Mr. Kenyon) [30 minutes]

Discussion**4.6 Feasibility Task Force**

Mr. Baier will present information on the timeline for the next steps in the parcel tax study process.
(Mr. Baier) [15 minutes]

Discussion**4.7 Resolution #10/11-03, Allocation of Teaching Stations to Bullis Charter School**

The board will continue discussing and 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]

Action

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 13:

- Draft Response to the Santa Clara County Grand Jury
- Financial Update
- Rosita Park Update
- Water District's Proposal for Blach School
- Blach Neighborhood Traffic Study Results

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.

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