

LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Agenda
Monday, November 15, 2010

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

Closed Session – 6:00 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

Approval of Agenda

Staff and Student Successes

Information

Action

Information

- Curtis Schneider, Egan science teacher, received an Award of Merit for excellence as an educator both inside and outside of the classroom from the Kiwanis Club of Mountain View.

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

- Andrew Descourouez, eighth grade student at Blach Intermediate School, has been asked to serve as a youth representative of the Board of Free the Children. Drew's role on the board of Free The Children, (FTC) the largest group of children helping children around the world, is to be a voice for the youth. Drew and another representative from Southern California, will do their best to represent their fellow youth world changers. This job is a two-year commitment, where Drew will actively represent FTC, and assist in the promotion of the FTC message and presence. It is also required that Drew raise \$5,000 or volunteer 50 service hours for FTC. Drew will continue to maintain monthly communication with the FTC Youth Coordination team, make appearances, help with fundraisers, and speak publicly. In short, Drew is a youth face for Free The Children. We congratulate Drew on his accomplishments thus far and look forward to hearing great things about him in the future.

School Presentation

Representatives from Springer School will share activities taking place at their school.

Information**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 October 25, 2010 regular meeting.

1.2 Purchase Orders**Consent**

It is recommended the board approve the purchase orders from October 20, 2010 through November 9, 2010.

1.3 BP 4112.8, Employment of Relatives (certificated)**Consent****BP 4212.8, Employment of Relatives (classified)****BP 4312.8, Employment of Relatives (management)****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.

- Mr. Jim Grijalva, Los Altos Teachers Association
- 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 welcome 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 Sister School Visit to Hangzhou, China**

Mrs. Stromfeld and Mrs. Romem will report on their visit to Yucai School in Hangzhou, China.

(Mrs. Stromfeld, Mrs. Romem) [15 minutes]

Information**4.2 Single Plans for Student Achievement**

Mrs. Gallagher will present the Single Plan for Student Achievement for each school.

(Mrs. Gallagher) [20 minutes]

**Information/
Action****4.3 Financial Update**

Mr. Kenyon will provide a brief update on district finances.

(Mr. Kenyon) [10 minutes]

Information**4.4 District Goals/Educational Blueprint Retreat**

The Board of Trustees will consider approving incorporating the district goals with the goals set at the Educational Blueprint Retreat. Mr. Baier will report on the Educational Blueprint Retreat on November 2, 2010 and the process going forward.

(Mr. Baier) [25 minutes]

Action**4.5 Parcel Tax Feasibility and Planning Update**

The Board of Trustees will continue discussions on a future parcel tax election.

(Mr. Baier) [30 minutes]

Discussion**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 December 6:

- 1st Interim Financial Report

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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