

LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
Los Altos School District Board Room
201 Covington Road, Los Altos
September 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cooper at 6:30 p.m.
PRESENT	Mr. Bill Cooper, President; Mr. Mark Goines, Vice-President; Mr. Doug Smith, Clerk; Mrs. Margot Harrigan, Member; Ms. Tamara Logan, Member
ABSENT	None
ADMINISTRATION	Mr. Jeffrey Baier, Superintendent; Mrs. Alyssa Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Randall Kenyon, Assistant Superintendent, Business
STAFF	Marcy Birnie, Kris Swenson, Jim Grijalva, Genie Sitler, Erin Zaich, Raquel Matteroli, Susan Goforth-Mauthes
PRESS	Traci Newell, Nicole Baldocchi
OTHERS	Tom Campbell, Vladimir Ivanovic, Katie Roper, Audrey Crowley, Rob Dinneen, Kristine Bardman
CLOSED SESSION	The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:31 p.m. for conference regarding negotiations with LATA, CSEA and non-represented groups pursuant to Government Code §54957.6 and anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54956.9.
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION	The meeting reconvened at 7:06 p.m.
PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE	Mr. Cooper asked the public to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.
CLOSED SESSION REPORT	Mr. Cooper reported no action was taken in Closed Session.
AGENDA APPROVAL	MSC: Mrs. Harrigan, Mr. Smith to approve the agenda of the meeting. AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0
STAFF AND STUDENT SUCCESSES EMPLOYEE	Mr. Baier recognized Raquel Matteroli, ELD Coach, and Carrie Middleton, Santa Rita Teacher, for attending a week long Systematic ELD Institute this summer. The institute was geared towards elementary teachers responsible for ELD instruction to learn a detailed framework for planning, teaching and assessing English language development at each proficiency level. After completion of this institute, Ms. Matteroli and Ms. Middleton are able to provide teaching training within LASD. Joanie Craddock, Loyola Teacher, and Genie Sitler and Erin Zaich, Covington Teachers, participated in the Twelfth Annual SVMl Coaching Institute this summer. The coaching institute is sponsored by the Silicon Valley Mathematics Initiative and the Santa Clara Valley Math Project and is designed for participating teachers to improve their own math content, develop effective teaching practice and expand their pedagogical content knowledge. All three teachers will continue their professional development in math with SVMl and are choosing to be part of a Lesson Study Model working with Bob Celeste, retired LASD principal.

CONSENT ITEMS	<p>MSC: Mrs. Harrigan, Mr. Goines to approve Consent Items 1.1 through 1.8:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, August 29, 2011 1.2 Purchase Orders 1.3 Resolution #11/12-02, Single Subject Teaching Credential 1.4 Resolution #11/12-03, Multiple Subject Teaching Credential 1.5 Resolution #11/12-07, Adopting the Gann Limit 1.6 BP/AR 3513.3, Tobacco-Free Schools 1.7 Disposal of Surplus Technology Equipment 1.8 Personnel Actions <p><u>Classified</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Employment <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Antonio Moules, .500 Gardner, District Office Effective: September 6, 2011 2. Rescind Resignation from August 15, 2011 Personnel Action <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Karen "Kim" Sheehan 3. Resignation <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Nicole Yeaman-Sanchez, Instructional Assistant, Special Education Effective: August 30, 2011
	<p>AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0</p>
EMPLOYEE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD	<p>Jim Grijalva, LATA President, shared additional information on the golf tournament and the TGIF with the board.</p> <p>Kris Swenson, CSEA President, had nothing to report at this time.</p>
COMMUNITY COMMENTS	None.
INFORMATION/ ACTION ITEMS	
Curriculum and Instruction Update	<p>Mrs. Gallagher reported the district's Academic Performance Index (API) is 969, an increase of four points over last year. Los Altos tied with Hillsborough as the highest performing school district in the state.</p> <p>School districts and local education agencies are required to meet or exceed criteria annually in four areas in order to make Adequate Yearly Performance (AYP). The district met all goals except one. The Hispanic or Latino subgroup scored 68.3% in mathematics with the goal being 68.5%.</p> <p>The students with disabilities subgroup continued to improve. With an increased focus on math instruction in special education and resource, this subgroup increased their math proficiency from 58.8% to 66.1%. Although the targeted 68.6% proficiency was not met, this subgroup did meet AYP criteria with 5% growth.</p> <p>The socioeconomically disadvantaged subgroup is an area of concern. Although there are currently only 74 students in this subgroup, 54% of these students are English learners, 23% are special education students and 10 students meet all three criteria. There are 43 students below proficiency in English language arts and 48 students below proficiency in mathematics. Mrs. Gallagher reported these numbers do not always tell the story as she shared, as an example, the significant progress one student in this subgroup has made over the past five years.</p>

Resolution #11/12-06,
Restore Budgetary
Flexibility Needed as a
Result of AB 114

Mr. Baier presented a resolution supported by CSBA restoring budgetary flexibility that local educational agencies need to deal with mid-year cuts, should they occur.

Vladimir Ivanovic provided public comment.

MSC: Mr. Goines, Mr. Smith to approve the resolution with the following noted changes:
paragraph 1: change 'would' to 'could' and replace 'nearly' with 'difficult or';
paragraph 7: remove 'sorely';
paragraph 8: replace 'recklessly' with 'needlessly';
paragraph 9: delete 'irresponsibly' and add 'improperly' to the end of the sentence.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

BOARD AND
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COMMENTS,
UPDATES,
QUESTIONS, ITEMS
FOR FUTURE
AGENDAS

The board members used this opportunity to share their participation in district and community events followed by comments and concerns.

Mr. Goines reported he attended the Imagine K12 presentation.

Mr. Kenyon reported CACF will be meeting on September 14, 2011.

Mrs. Gallagher reported Khan Academy training for teachers in grades 5-7 took place on September 8, 2011, Write Tools training for teachers in grades K-2 will take place on September 13, 2011 and Google Docs training will take place on September 15, 2011. District committees are beginning their work with the Writing Committee meeting earlier today, the Junior High Middle School Task Force will meet on September 13, 2011 and Curriculum Council will meet on September 19, 2011. The district will be hosting a press primer on digital learning on September 20, 2011.

Mr. Baier reported he is meeting with city representatives and webcasting vendors in the next few weeks, the LAEF Ambassadors meeting is September 18, 2011, the PTA presidents will be meeting on September 16, 2011, the district earthquake drill with the local school districts and emergency agencies is September 20, 2011 and the board visit to Santa Rita is September 23, 2011. The teacher of the year celebration will be on September 27, 2011 at the Heritage Theater in Campbell.

Laura Massaro has been selected as the district's teacher of the year.

Mr. Smith reported he would be attending Assemblyman Gordon's Education Advisory Council meeting on September 15, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Date _____

Jeffrey Baier, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Doug Smith, Clerk