

CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order by Mr. Cooper at 6:00 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. Randall Kenyon, Assistant Superintendent, Business; Mrs. Alyssa Gallagher, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction
STAFF	Marcy Birnie, Jim Grijalva, Judi Hultberg, Susan Evard, Genie Sitler, Niki Mitchell
PRESS	Traci Newell
OTHERS	Jeani Wong, Jeff Wong, Mary Fran Miller, Kathy Camin, Tom Campbell, Beth Levy, David Estrada, Collin Wedel, Vladimir Ivanovic, Karey Gutierrez, Janet Medlin, Mimi Blauvoch, Liz Parker, Shawn Descourouez, Lance Descourouez, Chetna Gagloni, Jennifer Jones, Sandy Kandel, Marilyn Stanley, Jeff Miller, Margaret Yen, Lisa Curpett, Maryam Imam, Joe Seither, Mike Carlton, Marcia Chmyz, Andy Chmyz, Jean Limbach, Chi-Kai Chien, Stacy Pena, Sue Boennighausen, Samir Menta, Heather Quigley, Kaley Corley, Paul Nyberg, Amy Stewart, Michelle Sturiolo, Karen Pereira, Kristine Bardman, Audrey Crowley, Margaret Brooks, Jay Gill, Dave Chiang, Jessica Davidson, Michelle Blaine, Lee Hartley, Kavitha Vendatraman, Tanya Raschke, Ed Lee, Anthony Shortland, Gil Ahrens, Richard Caloca, Jen Carlstrom, Martha McClatchie
CLOSED SESSION	The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 6:01 p.m. for anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code §54957 and conference regarding negotiations with LATA, CSEA and non- represented groups pursuant to Government Code §54957.6.
RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION	The meeting reconvened at 7:10 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: Mr. Smith, Ms. Logan to approve the agenda of the meeting.
	AYES: 5                      NOES: 0                      ABSENT: 0

SCHOOL  
PRESENTATION

Covington School Student Council President Peter Boennighausen and students Marin Baugh, Alex Carty, Ashley Chang, Hannah Choi, Stella Elefant, Mandy Fischer, Noa Goldstein, Lauren Hung, Omar Ibrahim, Sana Khader, Parisa Larson, Soha Mehta, Katelyn Mihalko, Allie Murdock, Jude Rossi, Will Trischler, Hannah Wendelken, Morgan Williams and Stephanie Wong shared that they are focusing on the local and global community this year. The sixth grade student council members attended a social justice class where they learned about global issues and current events. The students at Covington and Almond Schools are working together to raise funds to build a school in Sierra Leone through Free the Children. The students are also helping the local community with a food drive and bringing Project Cornerstone to their school.

## CONSENT ITEMS

MSC: Mrs. Harrigan, Mr. Goines to approve Consent Items 1.1 through 1.7:

- 1.1 Regular Board Meeting Minutes, March 7, 2011
- 1.2 Purchase Orders
- 1.3 Denial of Interdistrict Transfer Requests #11/12-06 and 11/12-07
- 1.4 Personnel Actions

Certificated

- 1. Resignation
  - 1.1 Lynne Bush, 1.000 Resource Teacher, Covington School  
Effective: June 11, 2011
  - 1.2 Judy Harabaglia, 1.000 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, Loyola School  
Effective: June 11, 2011

Classified

- 1. Employment
  - 1.1 Beth Wolff, Noon Duty Aide, Springer School  
Effective: March 8, 2011

Administration

- 1. Resignation
  - 1.1 Nancy Davis, on leave of absence without pay since 7/1/09  
Effective: March 8, 2011

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

EMPLOYEE  
REQUESTS TO  
ADDRESS THE  
BOARD

Jim Grijalva, LATA President, reported they are surveying their membership regarding salary and benefits. He stated that LATA is serious about being part of the solution.

Kris Swenson, CSEA President, was unable to attend the meeting.

COMMUNITY  
COMMENTS

None.

INFORMATION/  
ACTION ITEMSRecognition of  
Retiring Los Altos  
Educational Foundation  
Foundation President

Mr. Cooper introduced Glenn Goldberg and thanked him for his years of service to LAEF and the district. Mr. Goldberg served as LAEF President for two years and on the LAEF board for four years. In his first year as Leadership Circle Committee Chairman, Mr. Goldberg doubled the participation and revenues of the Leadership Circle. He has been an active parent volunteer at Loyola and Blach and will now be helping with the MVLA Foundation. Mr. Cooper presented Mr. Goldberg with a certificate of appreciation for his support of the district.

Alternate Budget Ideas	<p>Mr. Ron Haley presented an alternate district budget which includes the idea of unifying the Bullis Charter School, the high school district and LASD into a new district with all schools converting to charter schools. The budget assumptions include LASD using the same cost per student as Cupertino Union School District, MVLA using the same cost per student as Fremont Union High School District, increasing the property tax projections from 4% to 6% and relocating the Bullis Charter School to a permanent site. With the budget assumptions and using the Bullis Charter School model for fund raising and teacher compensation, Mr. Haley projects a cost savings of \$37M between now and 2016-17.</p> <p>Tom Campbell and Jay Gill provided public comment.</p>
Parcel Tax	<p>In response to the question Ron Haley posed at a previous board meeting regarding whether voter reauthorization is required on the current parcel tax and what the board is planning to do, Mr. Goines reported that in October the board received an update from the district's tax attorney stating the Gann Limit rule no longer requires districts to seek voter reauthorization. Following the Measure E campaign, the board will address the current parcel tax.</p>
LASD Students' High School Performance	<p>Dr. Barry Groves, Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District Superintendent, reported that LASD graduated students have performed extremely well in high school. Students from Blach and Egan score at or above the local highest performing school districts and are among the highest performing students at the state and national levels. In past years the top academic student in the state and the second ranked debater in the country both came from LASD schools.</p>
Financial Update	<p>Mr. Kenyon reported that all but two bills needed to adopt the 2011-12 state budget have been passed. The two bills remaining are redevelopment reform and the extension of the temporary state taxes. The Legislature is expected to approve a proposal from the Legislative Analyst's Office to increase the "fair share" contribution of basic aid districts from 5.8% to 8.9%, resulting in an additional \$1M loss of funding for the district and increases the potential worst-case deficit from \$4.5M to \$5.5M for 2011-12.</p> <p>Negotiations are continuing with certificated and classified personnel. The deadline for issuing provisional layoff notices for certificated staff has been met. The deadline for issuing classified layoff notices is 60 days prior to the first day of school for 10 month employees and 60 days prior to July 1 for 12 month employees. Staff asked for input from the board on issuing layoff notices to classified personnel in order to meet those deadlines.</p>
LAEF Parent Survey Results/Program Priorities	<p>Mr. Joe Seither shared the results of the LAEF parent survey. The focus of this year's survey was on the satisfaction of the programs LAEF funds. Overall satisfaction is high across all grade levels and with most programs. Small class size is most important to parents with students in grades K-3 and 7-8. There is strong support for the library program among elementary parents but support drops off with junior high school parents. Physical Education is most important for parents of students in grades 4-6.</p> <p>The possibility of combination classes received mixed reviews. Many parents would like additional information, as this is a seemingly new concept for the district. Most parents felt the three furlough days did not have an adverse impact on their children's education and would support extending the furlough days to the next school year. There is increased sentiment among parents that they are making sacrifices but help is needed from the broader community of non-parents, non-donors and staff. Parents also want the board to take bold action to balance revenues and expenses, as well as consider cost-cutting ideas other than eliminating parent-funded programs.</p>

LAEF Parent Survey  
Results/Program  
Priorities (continued)

Mrs. Gallagher shared the results of the staff survey. This survey was completed at the end of February with 234 certificated, classified and district office personnel responding. All employees agreed the funding of small class size was a top priority for kindergarten, primary and upper elementary grades. The second most important priority was library for kindergarten, PE for grades 1-6 and small class size in English and math for grades 7-8.

Mr. Kenyon reported that the Budget Review Committee's preliminary ranking of possible programs to restore if funding is available are:

1. Maintaining current class sizes at all grade levels. The committee unanimously agreed that utilizing combination classes is preferable to moving students out of neighborhood schools.
2. Library program, PE specialists and junior high teacher-in-charge and counselors.
3. Computer specialists and elementary music.

Mr. Kenyon is hoping to have additional information from the committee in May.

2011-12 Final Offer  
of Facilities to  
Bullis Charter School

Mr. Kenyon reported the final facility offer for the Bullis Charter School includes an additional classroom to accommodate the growth at the junior high, two additional classrooms for specialized instruction and doubling the access to the Egan PE facilities.

Tanya Raschke, Kim Monsalve, Ann-Marie Romero, Gil Aherns, Stephanie Lau-Chen, Jennifer Jacobson, Stanford Young, Kavitha Venkatraman, Lee Hartley, Michelle Blaine, Janet Medlin, Chi-Kai Chien, Mike Carlton, Courtney Corrigan, Anthony Shortland and Kristen Barton provided public comment.

MSC: Ms. Logan, Mr. Smith to approve the final offer of facilities to the Bullis Charter School.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

Second Reading of  
Board Policy 5118,  
Open Enrollment Act  
Transfers

Mr. Kenyon reported the recently enacted Open Enrollment Act allows students in low performing schools to transfer outside their district to higher performing districts. Mr. Kenyon and Ms. Logan have taken the CSBA recommended policy and tailored its language for LASD. Presented tonight is the progress made on the policy for board review and input.

Collective Bargaining,  
California School  
Employees Association  
(CSEA)

Mr. Kenyon sunshined the district's interest in entering the collective bargaining process with classified employees. The district's interest for 2011-12 is to negotiate compensation, to submit one or more job description revisions and to reserve the right to make an initial proposal on at least one other topic.

Resolution #10/11-19,  
Senate Constitutional  
Amendment 5

Mr. Kenyon reported Senator Simitian is promoting a measure that would reduce the approval of parcel tax elections from two-thirds to 55%. Senator Simitian has asked school boards to approve a resolution in support of this measure.

MSC: Mr. Smith, Ms. Logan to approve Resolution #10/11-19, Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 as presented.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

BOARD AND  
ADMINISTRATION  
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.

ADJOURNMENT

MSC: Mr. Smith, Mrs. Harrigan to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 p.m.

AYES: 5

NOES: 0

ABSENT: 0

Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Jeffrey Baier, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

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Doug Smith, Clerk