

LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
Los Altos School District Board Room
201 Covington Road, Los Altos
October 10, 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, Niki Mitchell, Jim Grijalva, Curtis Schneider
PRESS	Traci Newell, Nicole Baldocchi
OTHERS	Vladimir Ivanovic, Tom Campbell, Margaret Brooks, Nils Kuper, Ilse Kuper, Andre Kuper, Maria Kuper, Peter Boennighausen, Sue Boennighausen, Curtis Cole
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 7:05 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, Ms. Logan to approve the agenda of the meeting. AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0
STAFF AND STUDENT SUCCESSES	Mr. Baier recognized the Egan Chess Team, comprised of students Selynna Sun, Katherine Xia, David Brodkey, Peter Boennighausen, Henry Ma and Richard Wang, for winning a national chess tournament. In addition, Katherine Xia placed second in her division both days of the tournament, Henry Ma placed third in his division one day and David Brodkey placed first in his division on day. Mr. Curtis Scheinder, Egan science teacher, was also recognized for his leadership with the chess team and at Egan School. Mr. Baier recognized Egan student Nils Kuper for winning the Los Altos City Council's Storm Drain Design Contest. Nils designed a graphic to accompany the city's "No Dumping" message. His winning entry will be displayed on 70 storm drains throughout the downtown area.

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| 2012-13 District Calendar | <p>Mr. Baier presented Drafts B and D of the 2012-13 district calendar for continued board discussion. Also presented were Drafts B.1 and D.1. These draft versions are the same as Drafts B and D with the exceptions of ending the school year on a Wednesday and moving the start of the December Recess to December 21, 2012. Staff recommends the approval of draft version B.1. If approved, the district will survey parents during the 2012-13 school year for their input on the difference in starting dates between LASD and the high school district.</p> <p>MSC: Mr. Smith, Ms. Logan to approve Draft B.1 of the 2012-13 district calendar as presented.</p> <p>AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0</p> |
| 2011-12 District Calendar Revision | <p>Mr. Baier presented a revision to the 2011-12 district calendar for approval. The agreement reached last spring with LATA called for the reinstatement of one furlough day if the district's ending balance exceeded targeted projections. The reinstated furlough day would be November 22, 2011 for junior high school teachers and January 17, 2012 for elementary teachers. These are the only scheduled professional development days for the school year and are needed to meet objectives set in the Educational Blueprint. These dates do not affect any student days.</p> <p>MSC: Ms. Logan, Mrs. Harrigan to approve the revision to the 2011-12 district calendar as presented.</p> <p>AYES: 3 NOES: 2 (Goines, Smith) ABSENT: 0</p> |
| Agenda Online Agreement | <p>Mr. Baier reported he has been reviewing options to move the board packet online in order to reduce costs and provide the public access to the information shared at board meetings. After reviewing three different options, Agenda Online was selected as the system that would best suit the needs of the district as it is specific to California and will be in compliance with any changes to legislation. The system is web-based and all supporting documentation will be available in PDF format. Paper copies of the board packet will no longer be printed; however, copies of the meeting agenda will be available for the public at each meeting and postings will be made in accordance with the Brown Act. Each board member will have their own log-in into the system for their notations. A training session for the board has been scheduled for January 11, 2012 at 6:00pm.</p> <p>MSC: Mr. Goines, Mr. Smith to approve the Agenda Online agreement as presented.</p> <p>AYES: 5 NOES: 0 ABSENT: 0</p> |
| BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS, UPDATES, QUESTIONS, ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS | <p>The board members used this opportunity to share their participation in district and community events followed by comments and concerns.</p> <p>Mrs. Gallagher reported the second blended learning training using Khan Academy will be held on October 13, 2011. District representatives will be attending a Digital Citizenship Conference on October 14, 2011. Twelve teachers and principals will be attending the Nueva Conference on October 20 and 21, 2011.</p> <p>Mr. Kenyon reported CACF will be meeting on October 12, 2011. The Egan traffic situation will be discussed at the Traffic Commission meeting on October 11, 2011.</p> |

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Mr. Baier reported he will be meeting with the Los Altos city clerk on October 11, 2011 regarding webcasting of the board meetings. The City/Schools Subcommittee will be meeting on October 12, 2011. Kammie Thordarson, Santa Rita teacher, will be participating in a panel discussion at the 1st Annual California STEM Summit on October 11, 2011 at UC Davis. Mr. Baier will be participating in a Gates Foundation roundtable discussion on October 13, 2011 regarding blended learning and the impact on education. The board will be visiting Loyola School on October 14, 2011. The hearing for the BCS appeal will be held on October 18, 2011. The district will hold an earthquake drill on October 20, 2011.

Mr. Baier reviewed the precautionary lockdown of four schools that took place on October 5, 2011. A meeting was held with the principals involved on October 6, 2011 and information from that meeting will be shared with the administrative staff on October 11, 2011. The staff and students executed the precautionary lockdown extremely well.

Ms. Logan will be attending the Tri- County School Boards Association dinner on October 26, 2011.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Date _____

Jeffrey Baier, Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Doug Smith, Clerk