



Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
02/10/2025 - 07:00 PM
District Office Board Room
201 Covington Road, Los Altos
Closed Session - 6:00 PM -- Open Session - 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES



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- 1-10 speakers: 3 minutes
- 11-15 speakers: 2 minutes
- 16+ speakers: 1 minute

Speaking time cannot be delegated to another person.

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Attendees

Voting Members

Bryan Johnson, Board Member
Vladimir Ivanovic, Vice-President
Vaishali Sirkay, President
Stella Kam, Board Member
Jim Malone, Clerk

Non-Voting Members

Sandra McGonagle, Superintendent
Carrie Bosco, Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services
Erik Walukiewicz, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services

A. CALL TO ORDER (6:00 PM)

Board President Sirkay called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

There were no requests for public comment.

C. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:00 p.m.

1. Anticipated Litigation

2. Conference with Labor Negotiators

3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation

D. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION (7:00 PM)

The meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.

Board President Sirkay announced a recording and/or broadcast of this meeting is being made at the direction of the Board which may capture images and sounds of those attending the meeting.

1. Roll Call

All Trustees were present.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Almond students led the flag salute.

3. Agenda Approval

Motion: Approve the agenda as presented.

Motion made by: Vladimir Ivanovic

Motion seconded by: Bryan Johnson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

4. Closed Session Report

Board President Sirkay reported no action was taken in closed session.

5. Superintendent's Update

Superintendent McGongle shared the following report:

- Working with principals, school secretaries and teachers on our policies and procedures should ICE come on campus. A letter has been sent to families, our website has been updated with immigration resources, and we have registered with Santa Clara County Counsel for pro bono legal services, if needed. Principals are also having conversations with students so they feel safe at school.
- Visited Santa Rita, Covington and Springer last week with Trustees Kam and Malone. Following their last two school visits after the break, dates will be scheduled for the rest of the trustees to visit school sites.
- Due to the number of TK enrollments for next year, an additional TK section will be added. Families will be notified this week. This coming school year TK classrooms must meet the 20:2 teacher to student ratio, and each teacher of record has to be fully credentialed or have a specific number of credits for early childhood education. We are working with staff to ensure all requirements are met.
- Junior high school principals are visiting the elementary school sites to meet with 6th grade students and parents. Students will visit their junior high school site in March. This same process is taking place with our 8th grade students and the high school district.

E. SCHOOL PRESENTATION

1. Almond School

Almond School staff and students shared information on their 6th grade community service program.

F. CONSENT CALENDAR

Assistant Superintendent Walukiewicz shared the reasons for the change of auditors.

Motion: Approve the Consent Calendar with the change of adding an 's' to the word *agreement* in number 4, so it reads *Agreements with Christy White Associates*.

Motion made by: Vladimir Ivanovic

Motion seconded by: Stella Kam

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Minutes of the January 27, 2025 Regular Meeting

2. Purchase Orders

3. Comprehensive School Safety Plans

4. Agreement with Christy White Associates

5. Denial of Interdistrict Transfer Requests #24/25-16 and 24/25-17, Does Not Meet Criteria of

BP/AR 5117

6. Personnel Action

Classified

1. Employment

- 1.1 Lilian Cabral, Noon Duty
Effective: February 3, 2025
Salary: \$22.47
- 1.2 Jorge Rico, Gardener
Effective: February 10, 2025
Salary: Range 38, Step 1

2. Resignation

- 2.1 Jeannette Ring, Program Specialist - Library
Effective: February 7, 2025
- 2.2 David Vargas, Behavior Intervention Technician
Effective: January 31, 2025
- 2.3 Abel Velazquez, Family Engagement Facilitator
Effective: February 7, 2025

G. EMPLOYEE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

1. Los Altos Teachers Association

Alex Schroeder, LATA President, shared LATA's sincere appreciation for the Listening Tour held at each school. The prominent themes that came from this were Teacher Advisory Group (TAG), student behaviors, and curriculum. LATA looks forward to working with administration to find solutions to the challenges that will address these themes to co-create a shared vision in supporting the well-being of our teachers and the educational experience of our students.

2. California School Employees Association

There was no report from the California School Employees Association.

H. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no requests for public comment.

I. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Mental Health Services Update

Claire Crane, Coordinator of Student and Staff Services, presented an update on the mental health services provided in LASD.

2. 2025-26 State Budget Update

Assistant Superintendent Walukiewicz presented an overview of Governor Newsom's 2025-26 education budget proposals and shared next steps in the budget cycle.

3. 2025-26 Board Meeting Calendar

Superintendent McGonagle presented the 2025-26 Board Meeting Calendar for review and

approval.

Motion: Approve the 2025-26 Board Meeting Calendar.

Motion made by: Vladimir Ivanovic

Motion seconded by: Stella Kam

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

4. Board Policy Update for Review and Approval

Superintendent McGonagle presented two board policy updates for review and approval.

Motion: Approve Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 6153, and Exhibit 9130.

Motion made by: Vladimir Ivanovic

Motion seconded by: Stella Kam

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

a. BP/AR 6153, School-Sponsored Trips

b. E(1) 9130, Board Committees

5. Revised 2025 Board Committees and Appointments

Superintendent McGonagle reported with the approved revision to E(1) 9130, Board Committees, a trustee is needed for the Citizens Advisory Committee for Finance (CACF).

Motion: Add CACF to the list of Board Committees where we assign board members as liaisons and have Jim Malone be the board member representative for the 2025 calendar year.

Motion made by: Bryan Johnson

Motion seconded by: Vladimir Ivanovic

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

6. Appointments to Citizens Advisory Committee for Finance

Assistant Superintendent Walukiewicz presented three applications for two appointments to the Citizens Advisory Committee for Finance (CACF).

Motion: Approve the appointments of Jessica Mullen and Nikhil Abraham to CACF.

Motion made by: Stella Kam

Motion seconded by: Vladimir Ivanovic

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

7. Resolution #24/25-12, Lincoln Holiday Date Change

Superintendent McGonagle presented a resolution for approval determining the observance of the Lincoln holiday to be February 17, 2026.

MOTION: Approve Resolution #24/25-12, Lincoln Holiday Date Change

Motion made by: Vladimir Ivanovic

Motion seconded by: Stella Kam

Voting:

Bryan Johnson - Yes

Vladimir Ivanovic - Yes

Vaishali Sirkay - Yes

Stella Kam - Yes

Jim Malone - Yes

J. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS

Assistant Superintendent Bosco:

- Recruiting efforts is one of the best parts of the job, but not with having to recruit a new principal at Egan due to Ms. Cullimore's retirement. A parent input session is scheduled for tomorrow evening, and staff input will be later in the week. Thanked Ms. Green for her assistance with coordinating the interview panels, which will include Egan students.
- Lynette White, Director of Communications, has been visiting each school, attended a Leadership Team meeting, attended the Cabinet meeting earlier today to discuss our strategic goal of coordinated district communications, and will attend the Board meeting on March 17.

Assistant Superintendent Walukiewicz:

- Recognized Lino Silveira, Landscape Specialist, and Sandy Elefant, Kindergarten Aide and Living Classroom Docent, for their garden rehabilitation efforts at some of our school sites.
- Enjoyed filling in for a substitute who was running late.

Superintendent McGonagle:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Trustee Kam:

- Spoke with Isabel Agustin in Senator Becker's office, who offered their services for grant application budget support letters.

Trustee Malone:

- Attended school site visits and have been very impressed with the students sharing their work and their enthusiasm for learning.

Trustee Ivanovic:

- Attended a Capitol Advisor workshop. Assistant Superintendent Walukiewicz has the slides from the presentation if any trustees would like a copy.
- Will attend the Network for Public Education annual conference in April.
- Will include pronouns in email signature.
- Requested adding grades 7-8 to the Palo Alto Unified School District Memorandum of Understanding for a future agenda.

Trustee Johnson:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Board President Sirkay:

- Nothing to report at this time.

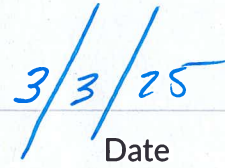
K. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

L. AGENDA ITEMS FOR FUTURE REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

- Oak School Presentation
- 2nd Interim Financial Report
- 2025-26 Preliminary Budget


Board Clerk


Date