

LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier, CA 90603

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
April 4, 2016

CALL TO ORDER	President Jones called the meeting to order at 5:40 p.m. at the District Office, 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier.
BOARD STUDY SESSION	Mr. Ron Wenkart, Attorney from Orange County Department of Education, presented a Brown Act Study Session.
CLOSED MEETING	President Jones declared the meeting recessed to closed session at 7:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	President Jones reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:45 p.m.
	The flag salute was led by Mrs. Rosie Blankenship, Director of Personnel and Student Services.
	Trustees Present: Darin W. Barber, William A. Hinz, Brandon A. Jones, Fred W. Schambeck, and Anastasia M. Shackelford.
	Trustees Absent: None.
	Staff Present: Bonnie Bell, Superintendent; Sheri McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction; and Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services.
REPORTING OUT ACTION (IF ANY) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION	None.
INTRODUCTION/WELCOME	President Jones welcomed CSEA President Darleene Pullen, LJEAs President Allison Fonti, guests, and staff members present.
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE	None.
APPROVAL OF AGENDA	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the April 4, 2016, Board agenda.
APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2016, Board Meeting.

TOPICS NOT ON THE  
AGENDA

None.

TIMELY INFORMATION  
FROM THE BOARD  
AND  
SUPERINTENDENT

Dr. Bell shared that the Lowell Joint Educational Foundation had a successful Golf Classic Tournament and Dinner where they honored Mr. Glenn Sheppard. Thank you for all that attended. This year there were more golfers than previous years.

Dr. Bell has been able to visit some of the school sites, either for “Brown Bag Lunch with the Superintendent” or visiting classrooms. Dr. Bell also attended the Honorary Service Awards for the La Habra Council PTA. This event highlighted the volunteers that go above and beyond each and every day for the students of the Districts in La Habra and Whittier.

Dr. Bell attending the incoming Sixth grade parent night at Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School. Mrs. Takacs and her entire team did a great job.

Chromebooks and carts were delivered this past week and will be used for testing. With the addition of the Chromebooks, we have cut our testing period by a week. The Curriculum and Technology Departments worked diligently to ensure that they were ready for testing.

Lastly, Dr. Bell thanked Dr. McDonald for doing an outstanding job creating a District-Wide Professional Development Day on March 25.

## SCHOOL REPORTS

Mr. Hinz shared that Macy Elementary School primary grades will be going on field trips this spring. The April awards assembly is scheduled for Friday, April 8. Macy School will recognize students who showed Self-Control. Finally, on Friday, May 6, the special education classes will attend the California State University, Special Games. Hundreds of special needs students from all over Southern California will participate in these athletic events.

Mr. Barber stated that the month of April is busy at Rancho-Starbuck as they begin to prepare for the end of the year. State testing will occur; incoming seventh grade students will take Honors placement tests for English/Language Arts and Math. A Mother-Son game night is scheduled for April 15, and the Top 100 dinner takes place on April 26. The performing arts programs are finishing the year strong! The competitive drumline will be competing in semi-finals and hopefully moving onto the finals. And choir and band students will be performing at festivals. Math field day is coming! Students will compete on Saturday, April 30 in the Los Angeles County Math competition under the direction of Mrs. Behura. Mrs. Behura leads our math teams to success each year in LA County Math Field Day. We are proud of her leadership in that event. I know that my other fellow Board members join me, in wishing them good luck!

Mr. Jones shared that on Friday, March 18, Jordan Elementary School students participated in the Color-Move-A-Thon fundraiser. Students raced through an obstacle bouncer, hula hooped, jumped rope and got blasted with colored powder. Students could also purchase small cups of powder to toss at their teacher or Mrs. Wissman. Great fun was had by all at this fundraising event. There are exciting events also happening throughout the month of April at Jordan! The monthly citizenship assembly will be held on Friday, April 8. On April 15, parents are invited to enjoy a cup of coffee with the Principal and on April 22, the PTA will host Donuts with Dad.

Mr. Shackelford reported that Meadow Green's next PRIDE Assembly will be held on April 8, to recognize students for the Character Education traits of self-discipline and self-control. First graders are going to Tanaka Farms on April 7, fourth grade students will explore the Science Discovery Center, and Transitional Kindergarten class will go to the La Habra Children's Museum. Meadow Green School will have a Family Math Night Festival put on by the California Mathematics Council on April 7, from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Activities related to math will be set up and students and their families will be able to play games and explore math concepts in a fun way. Students who attend will be given a homework pass.

SCHOOL REPORTS  
Continued

Mr. Schambeck shared that Science On the Go will be at El Portal Elementary School in the month of April to provide every grade level with information on Magnetism. All students look forward to these assemblies that the El Portal PTA provides. April 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> will be the last MINDcraft dates for the year. The enrichment classes offered will be: Dance, Gardening and Composting, Drumline, Jewelry Making, Coding, as well as two sports programs provided by partnerships with Whittier Christian High School- who will be overseeing a Volleyball clinic- and La Habra High School cheerleaders who will provide students with an opportunity to cheer! The annual Spring Fair will be held on Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. The fair will begin at 3:00 p.m. and end at 7:00 p.m. It will be a family evening filled with carnival games, opportunity drawings, a silent auction, food, and live music. This community is always a lot of fun.

Mr. Jones stated that many Olita Elementary School students will be honored for their hard work and achievements at the monthly Citizenship assembly on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup>. The school will recognize students for making good choices, which was Olita's Character Education theme for March. Students will also hear the Republican Women's essay contest winner, Colin Quinlan, recite his speech about why he feels, "The United States of America Is a Special and an Exceptional Country Because..." On Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, second graders will be taking a field trip to the Natural History Museum in Los Angeles. They will get to experience the exhibits as they begin learning about dinosaurs. The museum will be a fun way to see actual models of the creatures they will be studying in class. Bingo Night is back! On Thursday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, the Olita PTA will be hosting an evening filled with fun and fellowship. By purchasing a dinner the night of this event, families will receive a pack of ten bingo game cards. There will be a free opportunity drawing along with many great prizes to win throughout the night.

RECOGNITION OF THE  
RANCHO LA HABRA  
REPUBLICAN WOMEN  
FEDERATED ESSAY  
CONTEST WINNERS

Dr. Bell introduced and thanked Dr. Spruston, Mrs. Owens and Mrs. Averill, members of the Rancho La Habra Republican Women Federated, for organizing the essay contest for the District. These ladies read approximately 1,100 essays and had to choose one winner from each grade level.

Kaitlyn Shaw, the first grade winner from Macy Elementary School; Cohen Payne, the second grade winner from Macy Elementary School; Lily Jimenez, the third grade winner from Macy Elementary School; Colin Quinlan, the fourth grade winner from Olita Elementary School; Celeste Rangel, the fifth grade winner from El Portal Elementary School; Evan Taylor, the sixth grade winner from Macy Elementary School; Bradley Yoshihara, the seventh grade winner, and Davess Verdugo and Eileen Zhao, the eighth grade winners, from Rancho-Starbuck Intermediate School. Each won the Rancho La Habra Republican Women Federated Essay Contest for their respective grade levels. They each read their “The United States of America is a Special and an Exceptional Country because...” essay and were awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement by President Jones.

RECESS

President Jones declared a recess at 8:09 p.m.

President Jones opened the meeting again at 8:16 p.m.

SUBMISSION OF  
WILLIAMS LITIGATION  
SETTLEMENT –  
QUARTERLY UNIFORM  
COMPLAINT REPORT  
FOR QUARTER  
JANUARY 1 –  
MARCH 31, 2016

Approved the submission of the Williams Litigation Settlement – Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for quarter January 1 – March 31, 2016, as attached, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute any necessary documents.

RESOLUTION 2015/16  
NO. 662 PROCLAIMING  
APRIL 18 – 22, 2016, AS  
“PUBLIC SCHOOL  
VOLUNTEER WEEK”

It was moved, seconded and carried by unanimous roll call vote (5 – 0) to adopt Resolution 2015/16 No. 662, recognizing April 18 – 22, 2016, as “Public School Volunteer Week,” and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING:  
RESOLUTION 2015/16  
NO. 661 APPROVING  
AN INCREASE IN  
STATUTORY SCHOOL  
FEES IMPOSED ON  
NEW RESIDENTIAL  
AND COMMERCIAL/  
INDUSTRIAL  
CONSTRUCTION  
PURSUANT TO  
EDUCATION CODE  
SECTION 17620 AND  
GOVERNMENT CODE  
SECTION 65995

Government Code Section 65995 establishes a maximum statutory fee that may be charged against development projects within the school district and authorizes that amount to be biennially adjusted for inflation as determined by the State Allocation Board (SAB) at its January meeting in even numbered years.

President Jones opened a Public Hearing at 8:17 p.m. and no public comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:18 p.m.

It was moved, seconded, and carried by roll vote (4 – 0 – 1) to adopt Resolution 2015/16 No. 661 approving an increase in statutory school fees imposed on new residential and commercial/industrial construction pursuant to Education Code section 17620 and Government Code section 65995 and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Mr. Barber abstained on this Resolution.

PUBLIC HEARING:  
CALIFORNIA SCHOOL  
EMPLOYEES  
ASSOCIATION INITIAL  
PROPOSAL FOR A  
SUCCESSOR  
AGREEMENT

Darlene Pullen presented the California School Employees Association, Chapter #294, successor agreement, as attached.

President Jones opened a Public Hearing at 8:18 p.m. and no public comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:19 p.m.

CONSENT CALENDAR

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, (5 – 0), to approve/ratify the following items, under a consent procedure.

Purchase Order Report  
2015/16 #9

Approved Purchase Order Report 2015/16 #9, which lists all purchase orders, as attached, issued February 23, 2016, through March 21, 2016.

Warrant Listing Report  
2015/16 #9

Approved Warrant Listing Report 2015/16 #9, which lists all warrants issued, as attached, February 22, 2016, through March 18, 2016.

Employer-Employee  
Relations/Personnel  
Report 2015/16 #9

Ratified Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2015/16 #9, as attached, which includes hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated, classified, and confidential employees.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Mr. Jorge Montalvo to Provide After-School Coaching Services for the 2015/16 School Year	Ratified the consultant agreement with Mr. Jorge Montalvo to provide after-school coaching services for the 2015/16 school year. Mr. Montalvo will be paid \$700.00 at the end of each sport season coached, not to exceed \$700.00, from the monies secured by the Lowell Joint Education Foundation donation, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approval of Consultant Agreement with Mr. Omar Morales to Provide After-School Coaching Services for the 2015/16 School Year	Ratified the consultant agreement with Mr. Omar Morales to provide after-school coaching services for the 2015/16 school year. Mr. Morales will be paid \$700.00 at the end of each sport season coached, not to exceed \$700.00, from the monies secured by the Lowell Joint Education Foundation donation, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approval of Consultant Agreement with Mr. Carlos Perez to Provide After-School Coaching Services for the 2015/16 School Year	Ratified the consultant agreement with Mr. Carlos Perez to provide after-school coaching services for the 2015/16 school year. Mr. Perez will be paid \$700.00 at the end of each sport season coached, not to exceed \$700.00, from the monies secured by the Lowell Joint Education Foundation donation, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approval of Amendment of Contract with Shawna Goldhammer, Independent Contractor, to Provide Compensatory Educational Services Pursuant to a Signed Settlement Agreement	Ratified the amended contract with Shawn Goldhammer, Independent Contractor, to provide compensatory education services pursuant to a signed settlement agreement from February 1, 2016, through June 28, 2016, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.
Approval of Agreement with SENECA Family of Agencies, a Nonpublic Nonsectarian Agency, to Provide Behavioral Intervention Services and a Functional Behavior Assessment for the 2015/16 School Year	Ratified the agreement with SENECA Family of Agencies, a nonpublic nonsectarian agency, to provide Behavioral Intervention Services and a Functional Behavior Assessment for the 2015/16 school year, at a rate of \$75.00 per hour and not to exceed \$30,300, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.
Approval of Independent Contract with Michael R. Hass, Ph.D., to Provide an Educationally Related Mental Health and Autism-Specific Evaluation for the 2015/16 School Year	Ratified the independent consultant agreement with Michael R. Hass, Ph.D., to provide an Educationally Related Mental Health and Autism-Specific Evaluation for the 2015/16 school year, for an estimated cost not to exceed \$4,500, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.

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Approval of Contract with Los Angeles County Office of Education for Processing District's School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities Program for the 2014 – 2017 School Years	Ratified the contract with Los Angeles County Office of Education for processing the District's School-Based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities for the 2014 – 2017 school years for an annual cost of \$6,080, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.
Approval of Additional Individual Service Agreements with Mary Kay Gallagher, Gallagher Pediatric Therapy, a Nonpublic Nonsectarian Agency, to Provide Occupational and Physical Therapy Services for the 2015/16 School Year	Ratified the Individual Service Agreement for the following students to be added to the current contract with Mary Kay Gallagher, Gallagher Pediatric Therapy, a nonpublic nonsectarian agency, to provide occupational and physical therapy services for the 2015/16 school year, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the agreement.  Student # 6119068948 42954040631 1007577562 9935342155 5613307907
Acceptance of Gift/Donation	Accepted the gift/donation from Oltman's Construction of 30 Chairs and 19 5' Tables, and requested a letter of appreciation be written to the donor on behalf of the Board of Trustees and District.
Approval of Amendment of Agreement #80154 with Inside the Outdoors Field Program, Orange County Department of Education, to Provide an Additional Field Trip to Rancho Sonado for the 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Students of Macy Elementary School	The amendment of the contract with Inside the Outdoors, Orange County Department of Education, to provide an additional field trip to Rancho Sonado for the fifth-grade students of Macy Elementary School on March 23, 2016, not to exceed \$3,015.00 (90 students) to be paid from PTA and Donation Funds, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approval of Services Agreement with Robert Broski, to provide Abraham Lincoln Lives Presentations at El Portal, Jordan, Macy, and Olita Elementary Schools for the 2015/16 School Year	Ratified the services agreement with Robert Broski to provide Abraham Lincoln Lives presentation at El Portal, Jordan, Macy, and Olita Elementary Schools for a total cost \$1,200.00 to be paid from Title I and site budget accounts, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.



BOARD MEMBER/  
SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS

Mr. Jones thanked Mr. Barber for a great job emceeding at the Lowell Joint Educational Foundation Golf Classic held at Friendly Hills Country Club.

Mr. Hinz shared that in September his daughter will be married and his first grandchild will be born on that same day.

Dr. Bell thanked Leslie Mangold and Cathe Milward, from Meadow Green Elementary School, for the fabulous Bulletin Board.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. in accordance with Government Code Section 54956.9 (a, b, c) and indicated no further public action would be taken.

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Clerk/President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Date Approved:

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