

LOWELL JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 District Office Board Room  
 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier, CA 90603

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
 September 13, 2016

**CLOSED MEETING**                      President Jones called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier. President Jones declared the meeting recessed to closed session at 6:31 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**                      President Jones reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:30 p.m.

The flag salute was led by Mr. Darin Barber, Board of Trustees Vice President.

Trustees Present:                      Darin W. Barber, William A. Hinz, Brandon A. Jones, Fred W. Schambeck, and Anastasia M. Shackelford.

Trustees Absent:                      None.

Staff Present:                          George J. Giokaris, Acting Superintendent, Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services and Sheri McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.

**REPORTING OUT ACTION (IF ANY) TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**                      In closed session, the Board of Trustees approved a settlement agreement and general release with Dr. Bonnie Bell, Superintendent of Schools. The agreement results in the resignation of Dr. Bell, effective August 31, 2016, and provides for severance payments and health and welfare benefits for up to 9 months; subject to cessation should she obtain qualifying employment.

Those voting in favor: Mr. Schambeck, Mr. Hinz, Mr. Barber, Mrs. Shackelford, and Mr. Jones.

Those voting against: None

**INTRODUCTION/WELCOME**                      President Jones welcomed CSEA President Darleene Pullen, LJEA President Allison Fonti, guests, and staff members present.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF CORRESPONDENCE**                      Mr. Barber received nice information from the principals regarding Dr. Giokaris.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**                      It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, (5 – 0) to approve the September 13, 2016, Board agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, (5 – 0) to approve the minutes from the August 15, 2016, Board Meeting.
TOPICS NOT ON THE AGENDA	None.
TIMELY INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD AND ACTING SUPERINTENDENT	<p>Dr. Giokaris shared with the resignation of Dr. Bell as Superintendent; the process to find a successor will be to fly the position on EdJoin and mail out Superintendent of School vacancy brochures. Once the position has closed, the Board of Trustees is holding a special board meeting on Monday, September 19, at 5:30 p.m. to select those candidates who qualify for the position.</p> <p>Dr. Giokaris further shared a survey will be sent out to staff members and community members inviting them to share what the qualities and characteristics they are looking for in a successor Superintendent.</p>
RECOGNITION OF TEACHER OF THE YEAR	Dr. Giokaris introduced and welcomed Aly Saeiva, 2017 Teacher of the Year, to the Board of Trustees and Lowell Joint School District.
INTRODUCTION OF EL PORTAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL	Dr. Giokaris introduced and welcomed Rhonda Esparza, recently named El Portal Elementary School Principal, to the Board of Trustees and Lowell Joint School District.
INTRODUCTION OF DIRECTOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION	Dr. Giokaris introduced and welcomed Kaleo Igarta, the new Director of Special Education, to the Board of Trustees and Lowell Joint School District.
SCHOOL REPORTS	The Board of Trustees shared highlights of each school’s activities for the month of September.
RESOLUTION 2016/17 NO. 678 PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 17 – 23, 2016, AS CONSTITUTION WEEK”	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (5 – 0), as attached, to adopt Resolution 2016/17 No. 678 proclaiming September 17 – 23, 2016, as “Constitution Week,” as attached, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
RESOLUTION 2016/17 NO. 679 DESIGNATING OCTOBER 2016 AS “CHARACTER EDUCATION MONTH”	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous roll call vote (5 – 0), as attached, to adopt Resolution 2016/17 No. 679 designating October 2016, as “Character Education Month,” as attached, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

APPROVAL OF PBK FOR ARCHITECTURAL/ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR THE OLITA MAJOR MAINTENANCE AND GROWTH PROJECT	Approved the agreement with PBK for architectural/engineering services for the Olita Major Maintenance and Growth Project, at a rate not to exceed \$217,802, to be funded from the special reserve fund, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
APPROVAL OF THE 2015/16 UNAUDITED ACTUALS AND CONCURRENT APPROVAL OF THE FUND BALANCE CHANGES TO THE DISTRICT'S 2016/17 BEGINNING BUDGETED BALANCES	According to Education Code 42100, the Governing Board of each school district shall approve an annual statement of all receipts and expenditures of the District for the preceding fiscal year on or before September 15, 2015. The Board was presented the estimated 2015/16 income and expenditure figures when the 2016/17 was presented on June 27, 2016.
CONSENT CALENDAR	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0), to remove Item IX-B1-1-II-B20 and Item IX-B3 from the consent calendar and vote on separately.
	It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous roll call vote, (5 – 0), to approve/ratify the remaining items, under a consent procedure.
Warrant Listing Report 2016/17 #2	Approved Warrant Listing Report 2016/17 #2, which lists all warrants issued July 12, 2016, through August 18, 2016.
Purchase Order Report 2016/17 #2	Approved Purchase Order Report 2016/17 #2, which lists all purchase orders issued July 7, 2016, through August 26, 2016.
Resolution 2016/17 No. 677 Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit	Adopted Resolution 2016/17 No. 677 Gann Amendment Appropriations Limit, as attached, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.
Approve Agreement to Update Route Rates with Whittier Christian High School for Transportation Services for 2016/17	Ratified the agreement with Whittier Christian High School to update route rates for transportation services for 2016/17, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Employer-Employee  
Relations/Personnel  
Report 2016/17 #2

It was moved, seconded, and roll call vote (4-0-1) to approve Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2016/17 #2, as attached, which includes hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated, classified, and confidential employees.

Ayes: Mr. Barber, Mr. Hinz, Mr. Jones, and Mrs. Shackelford.

Noes: None

Abstain: Mr. Schambeck

Approval of "New Term"  
Agreement with  
California School  
Employees Association  
(CSEA) and its Lowell  
Joint Chapter #294

Ratified the "New Term" agreement with California School Employees Association (CSEA) and its Lowell Joint Chapter #294 through June 30, 2019, all other language in the contract remains as is until changes are bargained during the Fall and approved by the Board of Trustees, CSEA, and its Lowell Joint Chapter #294, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Resolution 2016/17 No.  
670 Regarding Layoff  
and Reduction of Hours  
of Classified Personnel

It was moved, seconded and roll call vote (4-1-0) to adopt Resolution No. 670, as attached, allowing the elimination of the Director of Personnel and Student Services position due to work and/or lack of funds, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant  
Agreement with  
Ms. Jennifer Church to  
Provide After-School  
Coaching Services for  
the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Ms. Jennifer Church to provide after-school coaching services for the 2016/17 school year, at the amount of \$700.00, not to exceed \$700.00, to be paid from the monies secured by the Lowell Joint Education Foundation donation, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant  
Agreement with  
Ms. Ashley Hernandez to  
Provide After-School  
Coaching Services for  
the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Ms. Ashley Hernandez to provide after-school coaching services for the 2016/17 school year, at the amount of \$700.00, not to exceed \$700.00, to be paid from the monies secured by the Lowell Joint Education Foundation donation, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Contract  
with Mary Kay  
Gallagher, Gallagher  
Pediatric Therapy, a  
Nonpublic Nonsectarian  
Agency, to Provide  
Occupational and  
Physical Therapy  
Services for the 2016/17  
School Year

Ratified the agreement with Mary Kay Gallagher, a Gallagher Pediatric Therapy, a nonpublic nonsectarian agency, to provide occupational and physical therapy services for the 2016/17 school year, at the rate of \$88.00 per hour, not to exceed \$7,000.00 per student per year, and not to exceed \$85,000.00, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Independent Contract with Hear Now dba Abramson Audiology to Provide a Central Auditory Processing Disorder Evaluation for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the independent consulting agreement with Hear Now dba Abramson Audiology to provide a central auditory processing disorder evaluation for the 2016/17 school year, for a total fee not to exceed \$1,750.00, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Updating to Add Services and an Additional Student to the Approved Agreement with SENECA Family of Agencies, a Nonpublic Nonsectarian Agency, Providing Behavioral Intervention Services for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the agreement with SENECA Family of Agencies, a nonpublic nonsectarian agency, to provide direct Behavioral Intervention Services for two District students for the 2016/17 school year, for the estimated annual expenditure of \$105,067.50, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Income Agreement with Orange County Department of Education to Provide Instructional Coaching for a Teacher During the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the income agreement with Orange County Department of Education to provide instructional coaching for a teacher during the 2016/17 school year, for 2 full days for \$1,200 and ten 2 hour sessions for \$3,000 for a total not to exceed \$4,200.00 to be paid from the Educator Effectiveness Grant, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Angela Hutcherson to Provide Art Instruction at Jordan Elementary School for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Angela Hutcherson to provide art instruction at Jordan Elementary School for the 2016/17 school year, at an hourly rate of \$21.00, not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid from Jordan Elementary School's Donation Fund, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Trina Dunford to Provide Choral Music Instruction at Jordan Elementary School for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Trina Dunford to provide choral music instruction at Jordan Elementary School for the 2016/17 school year, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, not to exceed \$3,500.00 to be paid from Jordan Elementary School's Donation Fund, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Trina Dunford to Provide Musical Keyboarding Instruction at Jordan Elementary School for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Trina Dunford to provide musical keyboarding instruction at Jordan Elementary School for the 2016/17 school year, at an hourly rate of \$15.00, not to exceed \$3,500.00 to be paid from Jordan Elementary School’s Donation Fund, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Approval of Consultant Agreement with Jan Jacobsen to Provide Art Instruction at Meadow Green Elementary School for the 2016/17 School Year

Ratified the consultant agreement with Jan Jacobsen to provide art instruction at Meadow Green Elementary School for the 2016/17 school year, at an hourly rate of \$21.00, not to exceed \$3,000.00 to be paid from Meadow Green Elementary School’s Donation Fund, and authorized the Acting Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

BOARD MEMBER/  
ACTING  
SUPERINTENDENT  
COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Jones declared the meeting adjourned at 8:45 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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