

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

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
February 2, 2015

- CLOSED MEETING President Shackelford called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the District Office, 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier. President Shackelford declared the meeting recessed to closed session at 6:31 p.m.
- CALL TO ORDER President Shackelford reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:30 p.m.
- The flag salute was led by William Hinz, Board of Trustees Member.
- 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; Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, and Sheri McDonald, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction.
- INTRODUCTION/
WELCOME President Shackelford welcomed CSEA President Darleene Pullen, LJEA President Allison Fonti, guests, and staff members present.
- REPORTING OUT
ACTION (IF ANY)
TAKEN IN CLOSED
SESSION This evening in closed session, the Board took action (4 - 0) to approve the following settlement agreement for Student No. 2147510215. Mr. Barber removed himself from closed session so the matter regarding this claim could be discussed and voted on.
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
OF CORRESPONDENCE None.
- APPROVAL OF
AGENDA It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the February 2, 2015, Board agenda.
- APPROVAL OF
MINUTES It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote, (5 – 0) to approve the minutes from the January 5, 2015, Board Meeting.
- TOPICS NOT ON THE
AGENDA None.

TIMELY INFORMATION None.
FROM THE BOARD
AND
SUPERINTENDENT

SCHOOL REPORTS

Mr. Hinz shared Macy Elementary School PTA has funded a field trip to the Museum of Latin American Art (MOLAA) in Long Beach for participating in the Reflection's field trip. On Friday, February 27, the PTA will host the 2015 FUN RUN. Students always look forward to the activities that promote a healthy environment. On Saturday, February 28, 20 Macy Science Olympians, in grades five and six, will compete at Occidental College in the Los Angeles County Elementary Science Olympiad competition. Events at the competition include: A is for Anatomy, Egg Drop, Name the Scientist, Pasta Mobile, and Weather or Not.

Mrs. Shackelford stated, during the month of January, students at Jordan Elementary School were hard at work setting goals. Mrs. Wissman challenged the students to set two goals, one academic and the other related to character building. On January 21 students who attended Stoves on Strike were invited to have a piece of birthday cake with Mrs. Wissman. On Friday, February 6 Jordan will hold its Good Citizen assembly recognizing students for the January character trait of goal setting. On Friday, February 13 Jordan students will participate in Career Day organized by the PTA. Finally, on Friday, February 27 the PTA is sponsoring a Family Bingo Night. The PTA is hosting this event to raise money to support educational programs and bring families together.

Mr. Schambeck stated that El Portal Elementary January ended with the Discovery Center talking about the "Water Cycle" in all grades TK-6 on January 29. El Portal had one of two second trimester MINDcraft sessions on January 30. This student choice enrichment activity takes place at the end of every trimester. The classes offered this trimester are: *Square-Dancing, Woodworking, The NASA Cart, Total Body Fitness, Soccer, and CSI*. There are 260 students participating. The Orange County Department of Education will be at El Portal on February 5th demonstrating RQI (The Right Question Institute) teaching questioning strategies with our fourth to sixth grade staff and students. The inquiry lesson will focus on the effects of bullying and a follow up Anti Bullying Assembly will be held on February 10 where we can see if the students questions were the right questions to ask. Kindergarten – second grades will celebrate the Lunar New Year on February 19. The celebration will begin at 10:20 a.m. with a Reader's Theater, then a Grand Kite Parade around the field, and end with students sampling cooked rice with chop sticks and fortunes cookies.

SCHOOL REPORTS
(Continued)

Mr. Jones reported that on January 30, Olita Elementary School staff and students dressed in their favorite tie-dye shirts to show school spirit. This was a student council sponsored event and counts toward Olita's school spirit contest. On Friday, February 6, Olita's primary students are invited to bring their parents to a "Candyland Ball". There will be dinner, music, games, and lots of fun going on that evening. Kindergarten through third grade families always look forward to this event. Olita teachers are preparing for the second trimester reporting period. They are working hard to cover all necessary standards so the students will be best prepared for the upcoming state test.

Mrs. Shackelford shared Meadow Green Elementary School participated in "The Great Kindness Challenge Week," during the week of January 26, 2015. Classrooms accepted the challenge to do something kind for other classrooms, students, and/or staff members. Many acts of kindness took place at Meadow Green: Students were challenged to complete a checklist of 50 acts of kindness during the week; Students made kindness trading cards for other students; Classrooms performed acts of kindness for other classrooms. For example, the T-K class delivered bags of popcorn to students in a sixth grade class; The whole school learned the song, *A Kind-Hearted Hand*, and sang it together on Thursday, January 29; All students made two decorated handprints, one to decorate our multiuse room and one to be submitted for a Guinness Book World Record. The quarterly PRIDE assembly will be held on February 6, to recognize Students of the Month for the character education trait of Kindness and Setting Goals. PRIDE recipients from each class will also be recognized for their efforts in developing and exhibiting these traits. Our Character Education focus for the month of February is Honesty and Truthfulness. Students will be challenged to work on these traits by honoring commitments, doing the right thing, taking pride in reputation, citizenship, and patriotism. The annual Meadow Green Father Daughter Dance will be held on Friday, February 20, in the school multi-use from 5:30 – 8:00 PM.

Mr. Barber reported that on February 5, Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School is welcoming the fifth and sixth grade parents to join the seventh and eighth grade parents for the next parent night on Cyber Safety. Students in Junior Achievement continue to meet each Friday after school. Over 70 students attend each week! February 13 students will attend a wonderful all day workshop on money management at the Junior Achievement headquarters in Burbank. This wonderful event educates the students in finances. The next REACH assembly is planned for Friday, February 20. The theme for this assembly, "Be a Star with Good Grades" celebrates our students for their hard work. Boot Camp kick off is this month, as well as Academic Excellence Day and the popular Quiz Bowl competition. Students have been busy preparing with elimination rounds for that event. Science Olympiad competition is on Saturday, February 28. 15 of the Rancho Starbuck future scientists will be attending this all day event at Occidental College. Students will participate in events such as events: Rockets, Towers, Anatomy, Road Scholar, and Crime Busters.

RECOGNITION OF THE
JOHN GREENLEAF
WHITTIER CHAPTER
DAUGHTERS OF THE
AMERICAN
REVOLUTION ESSAY
CONTEST WINNER

Dr. Bell introduced Aaron Franco, fifth grade student from Macy Elementary School; Cameron Rey, sixth grade student from El Portal Elementary School; Shannon White, seventh grade student, and Natalie Hermosillo, eighth grade student from Rancho-Starbuck Junior High School. Aaron, Cameron, Shannon, and Natalie each won the John Greenleaf Whittier Chapter Society Daughters of the American Revolution American History Essay Contest for their respective grade levels. They each read their “A Child’s Journey through Ellis Island” essays and were awarded a Certificate of Outstanding Achievement by President Shackelford.

**** RECESS****

Mrs. Shackelford declared a recess at 8:10 p.m. Mrs. Shackelford reopened the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

UPDATED/REVISED
BOARD POLICIES
(SECOND READING)

As the District updates current Board Policy and any accompanying Administrative Regulations regarding Personnel – Health Examinations (BP 4112.4 and BP 4312.4) with current regulations and procedures, it is imperative to disseminate updated information.

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote (5 – 0) to adopt Board Policy 4112.4 and Board Policy 4312.4, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the documents.

LOCAL CONTROL
ACCOUNTABILITY
PLAN UPDATE

Dr. Bell shared that the California Assembly Bill 97 (AB 97) dictates a new funding formula for all California K-12 schools. This new finance system is called the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). One goal of this new law is to improve academic outcomes by providing more money to school districts that serve high-needs students. Another goal is to give local school districts and stakeholders more authority to determine how best to spend education dollars. Under AB 97, all school districts and charter schools are required to prepare a Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP), which describes how they intend to meet annual goals for all pupils along with specific activities to address state and local priorities. The LCAP plan is to be developed with input from community stakeholder groups.

Dr. Bell explained the proposed timeline, as attached, of activities for seeking consultation, review, and public comment. A Board of Trustees Study Session will be held on Monday, March 9, 2015, at 5:30 p.m. for the Local Control Accountability Plan.

PUBLIC HEARING:
INITIAL PROPOSAL
FROM THE LOWELL
JOINT EDUCATION
ASSOCIATION FOR
REOPENING THE
CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT

Dr. Bell introduced Allison Fonti, Lowell Joint Education Association President. Mrs. Fonti shared “The Lowell Joint Education Association would like to thank the Board of Trustees and the Administration for successful and fair negotiations for the first year of our current contract. The teachers appreciate that the Board of Trustees recognizes the quality of our work and understands that the Lowell Joint teachers go well beyond the duties of the classroom and paycheck to benefit the students of our district.

In accordance with the Educational Employment Relations Act and the operable provisions of our Collective Bargaining Agreement, the following represents LJEAs public notice and “sunshine proposals” on reopener negotiations covering 2014/15 and 2015/16. It is LJEAs intent to bring closure to all remaining open issues through the expiration of the current CBA, June 30, 2016. According to Article 1.D. the parties agree to limit reopeners to only Article XXIV (Salaries), Article XXV (Benefits), and up to two other articles as designated by the District and up to two articles as designated by the Association. In addition to the salaries and benefits, at this time LJEAs designates Article XIII (Working Environment) and Article XV (Teaching Hours and Adjunct Duties).

LJEAs desires to continue its strong working relationship with the District and we look forward to quick and amicable resolution to the issues at hand.”

President Shackelford opened a Public Hearing at 8:30 p.m. and no public comments were received. The Public Hearing was closed at 8:31 p.m.

2015/16 STATE BUDGET
UPDATE

Andrea Reynolds, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the Governor’s 2015/16 State Budget Proposal Ms. Reynolds shared that Governor Brown is staying the course on funding the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and utilizing the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP), the “wall of debt” continues to come down and is replaced with the Rainy Day Fund, and overall a very good State Budget for public education. Updates to the state budget will be presented in June, after the Governor releases his May Revised budget.

Ms. Reynolds is hopeful that the Second Interim Report to be presented on March 9, 2015, for approval will be a positive certification. More information regarding the 2015/16 State Budget Proposal can be found at www.ljeds.org.

APPROVAL OF THE
2013/14 SCHOOL
ACCOUNTABILITY
REPORT CARDS

Dr. McDonald announced that the School Accountability Report Cards (SARCs) purpose is to provide parents and the community with important information about each public school. A SARC can be an effective way for a school to report on its progress in achieving goals. SARCs must be updated annually and published by February 1. The 2013/14 School Accountability Report Card published during the 2014/15 school year for each school site is available at the District Office and on each school's website.

It was moved, seconded, and carried by unanimous vote (5 – 0) that the 2013/14 School Accountability Report Cards, for each school site, be approved, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

Mr. Barber stated, “the new look to the SARCs created by Dr. McDonald is very nice and makes the reports easier to read. Great job Dr. McDonald.”

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
2014/15 #7

Approved Purchase Order Report 2014/15 #7, which lists all purchase orders issued December 11, 2014, through January 22, 2015.

Warrant Listing Report
2014/15 #7

Approved Warrant Listing Report 2014/15 #6, which lists all warrants issued December 11, 2014, through January 22, 2015.

Employer-Employee
Relations/Personnel
Report 2014/15 #7

Ratified Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2014/15 #7, as attached, which includes hiring, resignations, contract adjustments, and retirements for certificated, classified, and confidential employees.

Resolution 2014/15 No.
634 Regarding Layoffs
and Reduction of Hours
of Classified Personnel

Adopted Resolution 2014/15 No. 634 Regarding Layoff and Reduction of Hours of Classified Personnel, which will allow the elimination of one (1) Special Education Support Aide position due to a lack of work and/or funds, and authorized the Superintendent or designee to execute the necessary documents.

BOARD MEMBER/
SUPERINTENDENT
COMMENTS

Mrs. Shackelford, Mr. Hinz, and Mr. Schambeck shared the stories they have heard from family members and a friend that had travelled through Ellis Island were exactly how they were portrayed in the essays the students wrote. They each stated the essays were remarkable!

ADJOURNMENT

President Shackelford 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.

Clerk/President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Date Approved:
