

**LOS ALTOS SCHOOL DISTRICT
Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes
Via Video Conference
May 10, 2021**

- CALL TO ORDER** Regular Meeting was called to order by Mrs. Sirkay at 6:00 p.m.
- PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA** There were no requests for public comment.
- ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION** The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:00 p.m. for anticipated litigation, conference with labor negotiators, and public employee performance evaluation.
- RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** The meeting reconvened at 7:03 p.m.
- Mrs. Sirkay announced a recording and live stream of this meeting is being made at the direction of the Board and the recording and live stream may capture images and sounds of those attending the meeting.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Mrs. Vaishali Sirkay, President; Mr. Steve Taglio, Vice-President; Ms. Jessica Speiser, Clerk; Mr. Vladimir Ivanovic, Member; Mr. Bryan Johnson, Member
- Absent: None
- ADMINISTRATION** Mr. Jeffrey Baier, Superintendent; Mrs. Sandra McGonagle, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Mr. Randy Kenyon, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services
- AGENDA APPROVAL** MSC: Mr. Ivanovic, Ms. Speiser to approve the agenda as presented.
- Roll Vote: Mr. Ivanovic Aye
Mr. Johnson Aye
Mrs. Sirkay Aye
Ms. Speiser Aye
Mr. Taglio Aye
- CLOSED SESSION REPORT** Mrs. Sirkay reported no action was taken in closed session.
- SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE** Mr. Baier shared the following report:
- Teacher and staff appreciation celebrations have taken place last week and this week to recognize the work they have done during this unprecedented year.
 - It was recently announced Mrs. Narula, Blach Principal, accepted a new position in another district and Mr. Land, Santa Rita Principal, will be moving to Blach next school year. Mrs. Narula and Mr. Land have begun working on the transition. Mr. Land will begin meeting with the Blach staff soon and will meet with Blach parents next week. The Santa Rita principal position has been posted and input meetings with staff and parents will be held tomorrow.
- CONSENT ITEMS**
1. Minutes of the April 26, 2021 Regular Meeting
 2. Purchase Orders
 3. Dannis Woliver Kelley Agreement for Professional Services, 2021-22
 4. Denial of Interdistrict Transfer Request #21/22-01
 5. Disposal of Surplus Technology Equipment

CONSENT ITEMS
(continued)

6. Personnel Action

Certificated

1. Employment

- 1.1 Fiona Graham, 1.000 Resource Teacher
Effective: August 16, 2021
Salary: Column IV, Step A plus advanced degree
- 1.2 Bettina Lee, 1.000 Resource Teacher
Effective: August 16, 2021
Salary: Column III, Step O plus advanced degree
- 1.3 Genevieve Patino, 1.000 History Teacher
Effective: August 16, 2021
Salary: Column I, Step A
- 1.4 Anna-Katherine Rowley, 1.000 Elementary Teacher
Effective: August 16, 2021
Salary: Column I, Step E

Classified

1. Employment

- 1.1 Nina Calderon, Behavior Intervention Technician I
Effective: May 10 2021
Salary: Range 52, Step 6
- 2.1 Lucero Rios, Instructional Assistant, Special Education
Effective: April 28, 2021
Salary: Range 29, Step 5

2. Resignation/Termination

- 2.1 Ermelinda Kraja, Instructional Assistant, Small Group Support
Effective: April 30, 2021
Reason: Child Rearing
- 2.2 Sylvia Martin, Noon Duty Assistant
Effective: April 27, 2021
Reason: Personal
- 2.3 Maria Puga, Instructional Assistant, Small Group Support
Effective: May 7, 2021
Reason: Personal

MSC: Mr. Ivanovic, Ms. Speiser, to approve Consent Items E.1 through E.6 as presented.

Roll Vote: Mr. Ivanovic Aye
Mr. Johnson Aye
Mrs. Sirkay Aye
Ms. Speiser Aye
Mr. Taglio Aye

EMPLOYEE
REQUESTS TO
ADDRESS THE
BOARD

Kate Schermerhorn, LATA Vice-President, shared the following report:

- Last week was Teacher Appreciation Week and teachers would like to thank their students, and families, and the district for the thoughtful and heartfelt signs of appreciation. Teachers across the district received notes, flowers and other gestures which raised their spirits.
- The LATA Executive Board elections concluded last week and Mrs. Schermerhorn is honored to be the LATA President next year. The remainder of the Executive Board are Brian Conte and Kaili Salyers, Vice-Presidents; Alison Gentile, Secretary; and Grace Choi, Treasurer. We all look forward to working with the district and board.

No report was made from the California School Employees Association.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS

There were no requests for public comment.

INFORMATION/ACTION

School Reopening Update

Mr. Baier reported junior high school graduations and elementary school promotion ceremonies will be held on June 9. Egan and Blach graduations will be held on the football fields of Los Altos High School and Mountain View High School, respectively. LASD is grateful for the collaboration with MVLA to hold our graduations in alignment with California Department of Public Health and Santa Clara County Public Health Department guidelines. Promotion ceremonies will be held at our elementary schools.

Planning is on-going for this year’s Summer School program and returning all to students to in-person learning 5-days a week for the 2021-22 school year.

Mr. Baier noted this is School Nurses Appreciation Week and acknowledged our district nurses, Monica Sidher and Mary Fitzgerald, for all their hard work and dedication in keeping our students and staff safe this year.

Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan

Mrs. McGonagle reported LASD has an opportunity to receive \$2.28M in state funding through this grant to deal with the post-pandemic response to support students in the areas of supplemental instruction, support for social-emotional well being, and to the maximum extent possible, meals and snacks to specified student groups who have faced adverse learning and social-emotional circumstances. These students include low-income, English learners, foster youth, homeless, students at risk of abuse, neglect, or exploitation, disengaged students, and students who are below grade level, including, but not limited to, those who did not enroll in kindergarten in the 2020-21 school year, and other students identified by certificated staff.

Stakeholder input for the plan was received through the LCAP Survey review, teacher and principal “task force” small group discussions, and the Leadership Team “field trip” in pairs to the Curriculum and Instruction Office. The allowable areas for spending the grant were shared.

Mrs. McGonagle recommended approving the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan.

Nicole Emens provided public comment.

MSC: Mr. Ivanovic, Ms. Speiser to approve the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant Plan.

Roll Vote: Mr. Ivanovic Aye
 Mr. Johnson Aye
 Mrs. Sirkay Aye
 Ms. Speiser Aye
 Mr. Taglio Aye

2021-22 Negotiating Interests for Los Altos School District and California School Employees Association Chapter 103

Mr. Kenyon shared the 2021-22 negotiating interests for the California School Employees Association Chapter 103.

The 2021-22 negotiating interests for Los Altos School District were presented for approval.

2021-22 Negotiating Interests for Los Altos School District and California School Employees Association Chapter 103 (continued)

MSC: Mr. Ivanovic, Ms. Speiser to approve the 2021-22 negotiating interests for Los Altos School District.

Roll Vote: Mr. Ivanovic Aye
 Mr. Johnson Aye
 Mrs. Sirkay Aye
 Ms. Speiser Aye
 Mr. Taglio Aye

Resolution #20/21-13, Authorizing the Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN)

Mr. Kenyon presented a resolution for short-term borrowing up to \$25M until the property and parcel tax revenues are received.

MSC: Mr. Ivanovic, Ms. Speiser to approve Resolution #20/21-13, Authorizing the Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes (TRAN).

Roll Vote: Mr. Ivanovic Aye
 Mr. Johnson Aye
 Mrs. Sirkay Aye
 Ms. Speiser Aye
 Mr. Taglio Aye

Resolution #20/21-14, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Renewal Notes

Mr. Kenyon reported in October 2019, General Obligation Bonds in the amount of \$65M and Bond Anticipation Notes in the amount of \$79M were issued to help purchase the 10th school site. At the time it was thought LASD would receive proceeds from the sale of developer rights from the TDR program with the City of Mountain View. Due to the pandemic, the process of TDRs moving forward through the City of Mountain View has slowed down significantly so additional time is needed before those proceeds will materialize.

Mr. Kenyon presented a resolution to extend the Bond Anticipation Notes to their maximum length of October 2024.

MSC: Mr. Ivanovic, Ms. Speiser to approve Resolution #20/21-14, Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bond Anticipation Renewal Notes.

Roll Vote: Mr. Ivanovic Aye
 Mr. Johnson Aye
 Mrs. Sirkay Aye
 Ms. Speiser Aye
 Mr. Taglio Aye

Change to 2021 Board Committees and Appointments

Mr. Baier reported there was a request to change a committee appointment on the 2021 Board Committees and Appointments. Mrs. Sirkay asked to be removed from Community Health Awareness Council (CHAC) committee appointment. Mr. Baier spoke with Mr. Taglio to fill the vacancy, which he has agreed to do.

Mrs. Sirkay shared her employer is launching a mental health initiative that may change the professional relationship with LASD and CHAC. There has not been a conflict of interest but she wanted to step down from her CHAC assignment now to avoid a possible future conflict of interest. This decision has nothing to do with CHAC and she has the utmost respect for CHAC as an organization.

Mr. Ivanovic offered to step down from one of his assignments if any board member is interested. Mrs. Sirkay shared she is interested in the Santa Clara County School Board Association appointment.

Change to 2021 Board Committees and Appointments (continued)

MSC: Mrs. Sirkay, Mr. Ivanovic to replace Vaishali Sirkay with Steve Taglio on the CHAC Board as the JPA representative from LASD to the CHAC Board.

Roll Vote: Mr. Ivanovic Aye
 Mr. Johnson Aye
 Mrs. Sirkay Aye
 Ms. Speiser Aye
 Mr. Taglio Aye

MSC: Mr. Ivanovic, Mrs. Speiser to replace Vladimir Ivanovic with Viashali Sirkay on the Santa Clara County School Boards Association as the representative from LASD.

Roll Vote: Mr. Ivanovic Aye
 Mr. Johnson Aye
 Mrs. Sirkay Aye
 Ms. Speiser Aye
 Mr. Taglio Aye

Board Meeting Date Change

Mr. Baier reported at the last meeting there was a request to change the meeting dates from the second and fourth Mondays of each month to the first and third Mondays to avoid conflicts with MVLA Board meetings. A draft revised calendar and board bylaw was presented for review.

Mr. Baier noted the certification of an election in election years is to take place after December 10. For consistency, it was suggested to keep the December meeting the second Monday in non-election years.

Mr. Johnson asked if August 2 is too early for a meeting due to the time requirement for staff preparation. Mr. Baier was in agreement and recommended either holding one meeting in August, on August 16, or adding an additional meeting on August 30.

Mr. Johnson shared he would not be able to attend a meeting on September 7 due to Rosh Hashanah and proposed moving the September 7 meeting to August 30.

The revised calendar and updated board bylaw will be brought back at the next meeting for approval.

City of Los Altos/ LASD Schools Subcommittee Meeting

Mr. Baier reported the City of Los Altos has requested a meeting of the subcommittee. The availability of City representatives were shared. Board member were concerned the meeting times provided were during the day and would make it difficult for parents to attend. Staff was directed to ask the City representatives for their meeting availability in the evening.

The following items were recommended for inclusion on the agenda:

- Reopening the back entrance at Egan to provide for student safety.
- The status of public housing for various income brackets. Would like to advocate for the housing to not be in one place but spread throughout the city boundaries as much as possible. From an educational perspective it is better to have families mixed together rather than segregated.
- For Safe Routes to Schools, where can LASD have crossing guards. The work recently completed on Cuesta that feeds into Covington has created an interesting intersection between South Clark and Campbell. Would like to advocate treating that area as one intersection rather than two separate intersections. The bike lanes also need improved markings as there will be increased student traffic when schools reopen in August.

City of Los Altos/
LASD Schools
Subcommittee Meeting
(continued)

- As this has been a very different year, what will traffic patterns look like when schools reopen next year and how might LASD partner with the City to help plan for the changes to the possible increased vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- Confirmation of any changes to the School Resource Officer program for LASD.

BOARD AND
ADMINISTRATIVE
COMMENTS

Mrs. McGonagle:

- The District English Language Advisory Committee and Curriculum Council both met last week.
- Teachers in grades 3-8 are preparing for administering our local assessments beginning next week.
- Our new teachers participating in the induction program to clear their credential will share their reflections and inquiry projects next week.

Mr. Kenyon:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Baier:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Taglio:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Ms. Speiser:

- Attended the teacher and staff appreciations at a few campuses last week.
- Attended the DELAC meeting.

Mr. Ivanovic:

- Nothing to report at this time.

Mr. Johnson:

- Attended the DELAC meeting. Ms. Speiser is working on a celebration for all our English learners who will be reclassified as achieving English fluency.

Mr. Ivanovic:

- Looking forward to our graduation ceremonies.

Mrs. Sirkay:

- Attended the Challenge Team meeting.
- Attended a CHAC Board meeting.
- Attended Kids in Common workshops for their children's data book.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



Jeffrey Baier, Secretary to the Board of Trustees



Jessica Speiser, Clerk