

**LYNWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
Education Center 11321 Bullis Road, Board Room B-105, B-106, Lynwood, California 90262  
June 24, 2021

**MINUTES**

**1. IMPORTANT ADVISORY REGARDING PUBLIC MEETING (COVID-19)**

The public meeting was held at 11321 Bullis Road, Lynwood, CA, 90262. Public participation was subject to the State's Guidance and the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health Order. Important information on how to participate in the public meeting and submit public comment were outlined on the agenda.

**2. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Board of Education, held on June 24, 2021, was called to order at 5:39 p.m. by the President, Mrs. Maria G. Lopez, to conduct a closed session. Dr. Shawna Dinkins, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, took the roll.

**3. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mrs. Maria G. Lopez, President  
Mr. Alfonso Morales, Esq., Vice President  
Dr. Alma Carina Castro, Clerk – ***Absent.***  
Mr. Gary Hardie, Jr., Member  
Mr. Julián Del Real-Calleros, Member – ***Absent.***

Legal Counsel, Mr. Terence Gallagher of Olivarez Madrugá Lemieux O'Neill, LLP, was also present.

**4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
ON JUNE 24, 2021**

Motion to approve the June 24, 2021 agenda by Mr. Morales; Seconded by Mr. Hardie.

Item passed with 3-0 votes.

**5. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS – *None.***

**6. GOVERNING BOARD - Recess to Closed Session at 5:41 p.m.**

**7. RECONVENE INTO OPEN SESSION/CALL TO ORDER**

The Board reconvened into open session at 6:05 p.m. Dr. Shawna Dinkins, Assistant Superintendent, took the roll.

**8. ROLL CALL**

**Present:** Mrs. Maria G. Lopez, President  
Mr. Alfonso Morales, Esq., Vice President  
Dr. Alma Carina Castro, Clerk – ***Absent.***  
Mr. Gary Hardie, Jr., Member  
Mr. Julian Del Real-Calleros, Member – ***Absent.***

Legal Counsel, Mr. Terence Gallagher of Olivarez Madrugá Lemieux O'Neill, LLP, was also present.

**9. FLAG SALUTE by Mr. Alfonso Morales, Esq.**

**10. REPORTS**

**10.A. Superintendent's Report** *(Full presentation available on website.)*

**Recognition:**

***Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation Scholarships***

Dr. Shawna Dinkins announced the scholarship recognition and invited Ms. Elsa Chagolla, Executive Director of the Lynwood Partners Education Foundation (LPEF), forward to acknowledge the scholarship recipients. Mr.

David Ramirez, Community Partnership Specialist, was present to assist in recognizing the students. Dr. Dinkins acknowledged the presence of Lynwood Rotary President, Mr. Fernando Millan.

Ms. Chagolla expressed the importance of this recognition for the Foundation. She announced that 27 students were selected to receive scholarships that have been made possible through fundraisers, donors, and partnerships with various organizations including Kaiser Permanente and the Lynwood Rotary Club. LPEF awarded \$27,000 in scholarships for the Class of 2021. LPEF is proud to acknowledge the hard work and accomplishments of the Lynwood USD students.

Scholarship recipients received a certificate of recognition on behalf of the Lynwood Partners Educational Foundation. The following students were recognized:

***2021 College Promise Scholarship - \$1,500.00***

1. Alexa Escamilla Morales, Lynwood HS; attending UCLA for Molecular & Cell Biology
2. Cintia Erazo-Cabrera, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Santa Cruz for History
3. Jamie Lopez, Lynwood HS; attending UC Santa Barbara for Veterinary Medicine
4. Neida Lugo, Lynwood HS; attending Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science for Biomedical Sciences
5. Anastacia Nwosu, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Irvine for Political Science
6. Ivan Rivera, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Irvine for Aerospace Engineering
7. Ivan Vega, Lynwood HS; attending UCLA for English

***Career Technical Education Scholarship - \$1,000.00 (Made possible through the ECMC Foundation)***

1. Nicholas Castellanos, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Irvine for Mechanical Engineering
2. Daniel Castillo, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Berkeley for Public Health
3. Laisha Hernandez, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Irvine for Biological Sciences
4. Vanessa Medina, Lynwood HS; attending Cal Poly Pomona for Animal Science
5. Paulina Montes Sanchez, Lynwood HS; attending Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science for Registered Nurse
6. Gabriel Montiel, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Riverside for Mechanical Engineering
7. Oscar Ortiz, Lynwood HS; attending CSU Long Beach for Dance
8. Angelica Pena, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Berkeley for Mechanical Engineering
9. Jala'Tay Pleasant, Lynwood HS; attending Long Beach City College for Culinary Arts
10. Christopher Rebollar-Ramirez, Firebaugh HS; attending UC San Diego for Computer Science
11. Miyaka-Sanae Whitaker, Lynwood HS; attending Southern University and A&M College for English

***2021 Kaiser Permanente Scholarship - \$1,000.00***

1. Gilbert Campos Jr, Lynwood HS; attending Cerritos College for Biology
2. Evelyn Gonzalez, Firebaugh HS; attending Cerritos College for Nursing
3. Jonathan Sandoval, Lynwood HS; attending Cerritos College for Biology
4. Gisselle Sepulveda, Lynwood HS; attending Long Beach City College for Nursing

***2021 Lynwood Rotary Club - \$500.00***

1. Nataly Aragon-Esqueda, Vista HS; attending East Los Angeles College for Child Development
2. Cintia Erazo-Cabrera, Firebaugh HS; attending UC Santa Cruz for History
3. Kevon Holland, Lynwood HS; attending CSU Dominguez Hills with an undeclared major
4. Jamie Lopez, Lynwood HS; attending UC Santa Barbara for Veterinary Medicine
5. Maday Machuca, Lynwood HS; attending UC Berkeley with an undeclared major

***Lynwood High School Girls Basketball Team***

Dr. Dinkins announced the recent accomplishment of the Lynwood High School girls basketball team, winning the Southern Section Regional Division 1AA championship. She welcomed the parents and thanked them for being present.

She expressed her gratitude for the team, highlighting their leadership, dedication and hard work. She acknowledged Mr. Ellis Barfield, Head Coach, for his commitment and dedication to the Lynwood community. The Lady Knights received a standing ovation as they entered the meeting room.

She commended the Lady Knights for being examples of perseverance as they navigated through the pandemic and participated in distance learning. She emphasized that they are the epitome of perseverance, leadership and excellence. It is because of them that we are now a city of champions.

Dr. Dinkins invited Ms. Ana Gonzalez, Principal of Lynwood High School, and Dr. Joaquin Valdez, Assistant Principal, forward to recognize the Lady Knights. Dr. Patricia Brent-Sanco, Director of Equity, Access and Instructional Services, assisted with the presentation.

The following Lady Knights received a bouquet of roses and a certificate of recognition:

Amalia Carvajal	Denisse Ortiz
Kimberly Cruz-Martinez	Sarahi Pena Alaniz
Jasmin Garcia	Jaushlynn Ruffin
Honesty Hanson	Leah Shaw
Shamarrah Jones	Briliyah Taylor
Jada Laititi	Jada Turner
Rayah Marshall	

The following coaches received a plaque of recognition:

Ellis Barfield, Head Coach  
Jolana Ford, Assistant Coach  
Albert Johnson, Assistant Coach  
Cynthia Lopez, Assistant Coach  
Pamela Moore, Assistant Coach  
Clifford Zeigler, Assistant Coach

Dr. Dinkins took a moment to highlight Coach Barfield's accomplishments and championships won under his leadership. His commitment and dedication is immeasurable. Dr. Dinkins shared that Coach Barfield chose to serve Lynwood and is from Lynwood. She expressed her appreciation for his service as he continues to plant the seeds and bring champions to this great city.

Dr. Dinkins thanked Ms. Wilkerson, LHS Athletic Director, for all of her support for the Lady Knights.

Mr. Morales took a moment to acknowledge the team, coaches and parents for all of their hard work, commitment, and dedication. He congratulated the Lady Knights for their accomplishment.

Mrs. Lopez congratulated the Lady Knights and coaches for this great accomplishment and adding to the history of the District and the entire city of Lynwood.

**Presentation:** *(Full presentation available on website.)*

#### **10.A.1.1. Facilities Update**

Mr. Gonzalez provided an update regarding the emergency facilities resolution (Resolution No 20-21/24), approved by the Board of Education on February 11, 2021. He gave an overview of the resolution and actions the District is taking to transition and relocate Lynwood High School to the Lynwood Middle School campus. Highlights of his presentation included:

- Continued improvements taking place at the Lynwood Middle School campus
- Improvements and repairs happening inside the classrooms
- Creating additional space for students such as dance floor
- Bringing in additional portables
- Working on new quad area

- Acquiring equipment such as benches and picnic tables

Mr. Gonzalez thanked the Board for their support of the resolution.

Mr. Hardie inquired about the construction/work schedule for the start of school.

Mr. Gonzalez confirmed that the project is on schedule to be completed by the start of school.

Mrs. Lopez thanked staff for their hard work and ensuring that the site is ready by the start of school.

Mr. Gonzalez thanked the Board and expressed his appreciation for their support.

### **10.B. Board Members' Reports**

**Mrs. Lopez** thanked everyone for participating in the Board meeting. She congratulated the Lady Knights once again for their great accomplishment. She shared that the Board was not surprised that they won the championship given that they are the best and have great coaches.

## **11. GOVERNING BOARD - Resolutions/Proclamations/Appointments**

## **12. PUBLIC COMMENT/COMMUNICATIONS**

### **Martina Rodriguez**

Ms. Rodriguez shared her daughter's experience with in-person instruction, stating that her daughter loved it. Ms. Rodriguez will share at a later time what her niece's experience was with distance learning. She addressed the Board regarding Item No. 14.B.3., Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Making reference to the five goals outlined in the plan, she expressed her concerns regarding inconsistencies between what is written in the plan and what is actually being carried out at the school sites. She believes there should be more accountability, beginning with the Board and leadership, to allow the District to move forward.

Ms. Rodriguez also expressed her concerns regarding the hiring process, stating that the District loses potentially good candidates because the process is very slow. She is aware of the frustration that administrators are experiencing, especially when it comes to funding and not being able to use the funds allocated for their sites to provide services for students.

As a former LUSD Board member, Ms. Rodriguez acknowledged that the District has improved since the 90s but still has more to improve. She reminded Mrs. Lopez of the corruption they witnessed during that period of time. Ms. Rodriguez feels that something is going on with the current Board and the items that are being passed. She would like the Board to be more transparent with the public and urged them to learn from past mistakes.

Mrs. Lopez requested that Dr. Dinkins follow up with Ms. Rodriguez to discuss her concerns.

## **13. PUBLIC HEARING**

- 13.A. Request for Public Hearing and Acceptance of the Initial Sunshine Proposal Successor Agreements and Negotiation Reopeners between the Lynwood Unified School District to California School Employees Association (Chapter 116) and California School Employees Association (Chapter 116) to the Lynwood Unified School District

### **PUBLIC HEARING:**

**Initial Sunshine Proposal Successor Agreements and Negotiation Reopeners between the Lynwood Unified School District (LUSD) to California School Employees Association (Chapter 116) (CSEA) and California School Employees Association (Chapter 116) to the Lynwood Unified School District**

*The public was given an opportunity to submit their request to speak during the public hearing. Instructions on how to participate in the public hearing and submit a request to speak were outlined on the agenda. The administration did not receive any requests by the established deadline.*

Motion to Open Public Hearing by Mr. Hardie; Seconded by Mr. Morales.

Public Comments and Communications – ***None.***

Motion to Close Public Hearing by Mr. Morales; Seconded by Mr. Hardie.

**MOTION TO ACCEPT:**

Motion to accept by Mr. Morales; Seconded by Mr. Hardie.

Item passed with 3-0 votes.

**14. ACTION ITEMS**

Mr. Hardie moved to approve Action Item No. 14.A.1. through 14.C.5. concurrently; Seconded by Mr. Morales.

Items passed with 3-0 votes.

**14.A. BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

14.A.1. Minutes - Request Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on May 27, 2021

14.A.2. Minutes - Request Approval of Minutes for the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education on June 3, 2021

14.A.3. Minutes - Request Approval of Minutes for the Special Meeting/Study Session of the Board of Education on June 10, 2021

**14.B. ADMINISTRATION**

14.B.1. Request Approval of Resolution No. 20-21/44, a Resolution of the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District, Los Angeles County, California, Authorizing the Issuance of Lynwood Unified School District (Los Angeles County, California) Election of 2012 General Obligation Bonds, Series E, and Actions Related Thereto

14.B.2. Request Approval to Enter into a Multi-Year Charter School Facilities Use Agreement with Soleil Academy Charter School to Provide it Exclusive and Shared Use Space at Rosa Parks Elementary School and Mark Twain Elementary School for the Pro-Rata Share Amount of \$75,586.95 for the 2021-2022 School Year and \$80,909.51 for the 2022-2023 School Year

14.B.3. Request Approval to Adopt the Local Control Accountability Plan for the 2021-2024 School Years

14.B.4. Request Approval to Adopt the 2021-2022 Budget

14.B.5. Request Approval to Begin the Planning to Rebuild the G Building at Lynwood High School After a Structural Collapse Last Summer Uncovered Extensive Structural Failures that Rendered the G Building Unsafe for Students and Staff

**14.C. FACILITIES - (Measure K and Measure N Projects)**

- 14.C.1. Review of Emergency Repairs and Consideration of Need for Continued Action at District Middle School Sites in Relation to the Transition of Moving Lynwood High School to Lynwood Middle School Campus
- 14.C.2. Request Ratification of an Additional Service Agreement with Del Terra to Provide Emergency Basis Project Assessments and Documentation for Claim Litigation, in Conjunction with the Plaster Soffits at Lynwood High School
- 14.C.3. Request Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with TYR, Inc. to Provide On-Call District-Wide DSA Inspection Services
- 14.C.4. Request Approval to Enter into a Service Agreement with Sandy Pringle Associates to Provide On-Call District-Wide DSA Inspection Services
- 14.C.5. Request Approval to Enter into an Asbestos and Lead Abatement Monitoring Service Agreement with Converse Consultants in Conjunction with Resolution No. 20-21/24, Emergency Repair, Replacement of Facilities, Procurement of Equipment and Services

### **15. CONSENT AGENDA**

*All items on the Consent Agenda, which are not debatable and which require a unanimous vote for passage, will be approved with one motion. Any member of the Board, the Superintendent, or the public, may request an item to be removed from this section and placed in the regular order of business following the approval of the Consent Agenda.*

Mr. Hardie motioned to approve the Consent Agenda; Seconded by Mr. Morales.

Items passed with 3-0 votes.

### **15.A. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

- 15.A.1. Request Approval for Secondary Teachers and Site Administrators to Attend the AVID Excel Virtual Summer Institute on August 4-6, 2021
- 15.A.2. Request Approval to Renew Services with the 10-20 Club, Inc. to Provide Substance Abuse Prevention and Counseling Services for Students and Families for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 15.A.3. Request Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Brightwheel Software Application to Provide Contactless Check-In for All Early Childhood Education Classrooms from June 25, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- 15.A.4. Request Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Hop Skip Drive, Inc., to Provide Specialized Transportation Services for Foster Students from August 2, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- 15.A.5. Request Approval to Renew Agreement with Bea Braun, Educational Audiologist, to Conduct Independent Educational Evaluations for Central Auditory Processing Disorder from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- 15.A.6. Request Approval to Purchase the Annual License for Newsela for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 15.A.7. Request Approval to Enter Into an Agreement with Discovery Education for the 2021-2022 School Year

- 15.A.8. Request Approval to Renew Agreement with SpeechCom, Inc. to Provide Two Speech Language Pathologists, a Speech Language Pathology Assistant, and a Registered Occupational Therapist from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- 15.A.9. Request Approval to Renew an Agreement with Think Together, Inc., to Provide Support for the Lynwood Enrichment After School Program for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 15.A.10. Request Approval to Renew Agreement with Oswaldo Escalante, BS, Certified Substance Abuse Counselor, to Provide Substance Abuse Support Services for All Lynwood Unified School District School Sites for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 15.A.11. Request Approval to Attend the California Association of Black School Educators Inaugural Institute in Palm Springs, CA on July 12-13, 2021
- 15.A.12. Request Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Hugo Aquino to Provide Substance Abuse Support Services for All Lynwood Unified School District School Sites to Meet Tobacco Grant Requirements for the 2021-2022 School Year

**15.B. HUMAN RESOURCES – CERTIFICATED**

- 15.B.1. Request Approval of Certificated Personnel Report: Personnel Assignment, Employment, Leaves, and Separations
- 15.B.2. Request Approval to Renew Agreement with the Los Angeles County Office of Education to Provide Services through the Employee Assistance Services for Education Program for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 15.B.3. Request Approval to Renew Membership with School Employers Association of California for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 15.B.4. Request Approval to Enter into an Agreement with Shaw HR Consulting for Interactive Process Assistance from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- 15.B.5. Request Approval to Adopt a Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 15.B.6. Request Approval to Renew Agreement with Alder Graduate School of Education from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022

**15.C. HUMAN RESOURCES – CLASSIFIED**

- 15.C.1. Request Approval of Classified Personnel Report: Personnel Assignments, Employment, Leaves, and Separations

**15.D. BUSINESS SERVICES**

- 15.D.1. Request Approval to Review and Ratify Purchase Orders for Period Beginning April 19, 2021 through May 25, 2021, per Education Code 17605 and 42636
- 15.D.2. Request Approval of Warrant and ACH Schedule for the Period of May 12, 2021 to June 1, 2021
- 15.D.3. Request Acceptance of Record of Collections #5 for FY 2020/2021

- 15.D.4. Request Approval of Resolution No. 20-21/51, Opening of the Student Activity Special Revenue Fund
- 15.D.5. Request Approval of Resolution No. 20-21/52, Temporary Inter-Fund Cash Borrowing in 2021-22
- 15.D.6. Request Approval of an Annual Organizational Membership to the California Association of School Business Officials for the 2021-2022 School Year
- 15.D.7. Request Approval to Virtually Attend the School Services of California School Finance and Management Conference on July 15, 2021
- 15.D.8. Request Ratification of Participation in the WC101 - Intro to Workers' Compensation Claims - Insurance Education Agency Webinar for the 2020-2021 School Year
- 15.D.9. Request Approval to Utilize Piggyback Contracts from Other Agencies for the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year in Accordance with LUSD Board Policy BP 3311(a) and Public Contract Code 20118
- 15.D.10. Request Approval to Virtually Attend the California Workers' Compensation Claims Administration and California Workers' Compensation Claims Professional Certification Programs for the 2020-2021 School Year
- 15.D.11. Request Approval to Dispose of Obsolete Furniture, Equipment, and Instructional Materials for Fiscal Year 2021-2022
- 15.D.12. Request Approval of Resolution No. 20-21/53, a Resolution of the Board of Education of the Lynwood Unified School District Requesting Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles to Establish Tax Rate for Bonds of the Lynwood Unified School District Expected to Be Sold During Fiscal Year 2021-2022, and Authorizing Necessary Actions in Connection Therewith

**15.E. TECHNOLOGY AND INNOVATION**

- 15.E.1. Request Approval to Attend the ASU+GSV Summit - Dawn of the Age of Digital Learning Conference in San Diego, CA on August 9-11, 2021
- 15.E.2. Request Approval to Enter into a Mutual Confidentiality Agreement between the Lynwood Unified School District and Education SuperHighway
- 15.E.3. Request Approval to Enter into an Agreement with ClickUp to Provide Productivity Management Software for the 2021-2022 School Year

**15.F. ADMINISTRATION**

- 15.F.1. Request Approval to Renew Agreement with Eleuterio Davila to Provide Translation Services, as Needed, from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022
- 15.F.2. Request Approval to Renew Agreement with Reshad Bahadori to Provide Video Production Services from June 2021 to June 2022
- 15.F.3. Request Approval to Attend Meetings, Workshops, and Conferences during the 2021-22 School Year

**16. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION**

- 6.A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation – Pursuant to GC § 54956.9(d)(1)



- 6.A.1. Case No. S-0306-20/21
  - ***With 3-0 votes, the Board approved the settlement, including \$5,371.00 in attorney's fees.***
- 6.B. Public Employment/Public Employee Performance Evaluation/Public Employee Discipline Dismissal/Release/Appointment (Pursuant to GC § 54957)
  - 6.B.1. Principal on Special Assignment
    - ***With 3-0 votes, the Board appointed Ms. Celinna Pinelo to the position of Principal on Special Assignment.***
  - 6.B.2. Principal, Middle School
    - ***With 3-0 votes, the Board appointed Mr. John Terry as Principal of Hosler Middle School.***
  - 6.B.3. Assistant Principal, Middle School
    - ***With 3-0 votes, the Board appointed Dr. Juanita Naranjo as Assistant Principal of Hosler Middle School.***
  - 6.B.4. Coordinator, Student Services
    - ***With 3-0 votes, the Board appointed Mr. Flavio Gallarzo as Coordinator of Student Services.***
  - 6.B.5. Certificated Employee: EID# SZ6712915
    - ***The Board did not consider this item.***
- 6.C. Conference with Labor Negotiator Agency Designated Representatives Employee Organizations - CSEA, LTA, and SEIU
  - ***The Board received information only. No final action was taken.***

## **17. ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Morales moved to adjourn the meeting; Seconded by Mr. Hardie. The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m. in honor of the Lady Knights.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gudiel R. Crosthwaite, Ph.D.  
Superintendent & Secretary to the Board