

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING: April 21, 2015**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Service Center by the President, Mr. Winet.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board members present: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Board members absent: None

Staff members present on assignment: Feliciano, Holston-Arteaga, Marshall, Martinez, Sardina, Smith

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Babbitt, and carried with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, Abstain: Duff, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of March 17, 2015, as presented.

**MINUTES  
Approved as presented**

**COMMUNICATIONS**

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The Board recognized Laura Autio, Teacher at Lemon Avenue Elementary School, on her selection as the District's 2014-15 Teacher of the Year and presented her with a plaque. Ms. Autio will go on to participate in the County Teacher of the Year competition.

L. Autio  
District Teacher of the Year

The Board recognized William White, Skilled Maintenance Worker II, on his selection as the District's Classified School Employee of the Year and presented him with a plaque.

W. White  
Classified School Employee  
of the Year

Email from Beth Thomas, Principal, La Mesa Middle School/La Mesa Arts Academy, regarding their designation as a SupportMusic Merit Award School

B. Thomas, Principal  
LMMS/LMAAC  
SupportMusic Merit Award

Email from Clarence Standard, Parent, Northmont Elementary School, commending the Northmont ESS staff for their assistance and support

C. Standard, Parent, NOR  
Commendation: NOR ESS staff

Notification of California Longitudinal Pupil Achievement Data System (CALPADS) Training Recognition Certificate awarded to Wendy Rochester, Computer Support Technician

CALPADS Training  
Recognition Certificate  
W. Rochester, Computer Support  
Technician

Memo from Barbara Martinez, Superintendent's Office, regarding the CSBA Masters in Governance Program

B. Martinez, Supt's. Office  
CSBA MIG Program

PowerPoint for the Students with Special Needs Report

PPT for Students with Special  
Needs Report

**AGENDA**

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It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the agenda as presented.

Approved as presented

**HEARING SESSION(S)**

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The President announced a hearing for anyone who wished to address the Board on any topic relating to public education. There being no one wishing to address the Board, the session was closed.

General Education

The President announced a hearing for anyone who wished to address the Board regarding District Board Policy 6158 – Independent Study. There being no one wishing to address the Board, the session was closed.

BP 6158 – Independent Study

The President announced a hearing for anyone who wished to address the Board regarding a Tentative Agreement between California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 419, and the Board of Education. There being no one wishing to address the Board, the session was closed.

Tentative Agrmt. between CSEA, Chapter 419 and Board of Ed.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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It was moved by Duff, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve a Tentative Agreement between California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 419, and the Board of Education.

**Tent. Agrmt. between CSEA, Chapter 419 & Board of Ed.**

Approved

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Babbitt, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to establish Salaries for Certificated Management Employees.

**Salaries for Certificated Mgmt. employees**

Established

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to establish Salaries for Classified Management Employees.

**Salaries for Classified Mgmt. employees**

Established

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to establish Salaries for Supervisory and Confidential Employees.

**Salaries for Supervisory and Confidential employees**

Established

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to establish Salaries for Hourly Employees.

**Salaries for Hourly employees**  
Established

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

**REPORTS**

A plan has been created to move from a model of Mild/Moderate special day classes clustered at a few schools across the District to a model of Specialized Academic Instruction with most students receiving the services they need at their home school. Andrew Smith, Director, Special Education, presented the special education plan and responded to clarifying questions.

Students with Special Needs

In September 2014 a Gifted and Talented Education (GATE) Task Force was initiated in order to update the District’s existing GATE program. A summary of Task Force recommendations is as follows: Program Language: LMSV PACE (Programs for Acceleration, Challenge and Enrichment); Program Purpose: To provide maximum opportunities for advancement to high ability students in a rigorous and flexible learning environment; 1) Program Goals & Objectives: provide a comprehensive continuum of services and program options to meet needs of advanced ability students in Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade; 2) Teaching & Learning: Use of instructional models and strategies that are aligned with and extend state standards with a focus on intellectual challenge, critical thinking and creativity; 3) Identification: Use of equitable, understandable and ongoing procedures using multiple criteria to identify students with advanced skills and abilities; and 4) Professional Development: Participation in research-based professional development addressing foundations for gifted education and best instructional practices. Elisa Arteaga-Holston, Director, Learning Support, presented the GATE Task Force recommendations and responded to clarifying questions.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

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It was moved by Babbitt, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to appoint Member Babbitt to the La Mesa Environmental/Sustainable Committee, as previously agreed; and appoint Member Chong to the Grossmont Schools Federal Credit Union East County STEAM Council.

**Board member representation on committees**  
Appointed

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to adopt Board Policy Updates.

**Board Policy Updates**  
Adopted

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the following:

**Consent Calendar**  
Approved

Purchase Orders 0000003223 through 0000003789 totaling \$1,263,820.02

Purchase Orders

Warrants March 4 through April 7, 2015 totaling \$1,494,279.91

Warrants

Expenditures in the amount of \$2,093.38

Revolving Cash Fund  
Reimbursements from the General Fund

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to Award Contract for Energy Performance Contracting Services, RFP/RFQ No. 1-14/15 (Proposition 39) to Opterra Energy Services, Inc.

**Contract for Energy Performance Contracting Services (Prop 39)**  
Awarded

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to reject claim regarding property damage and refer to Joint Powers Authority of the S.D. County Office of Education.

**Claim – property damage**  
Rejected/referred to SDCOE

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to reject claim regarding property damage and refer to Joint Powers Authority of the S.D. County Office of Education.

**Claim – property damage**  
Rejected/referred to SDCOE

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to reject claim regarding injury at La Presa Middle School and refer to Joint Powers Authority of the S.D. County Office of Education.

**Claim – Injury at LPMS**  
Rejected/referred to SDCOE

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into an Agreement with Demsey, Filliger and Associates to Provide Actuarial Valuation Services.

**Agrmt. w/Demsey, Filliger & Assoc. for valuation services**  
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to accept the following gifts with thanks: a Macintosh G4 computer, monitor, keyboard, mouse and an HP inkjet printer valued at \$1,000.00 from Kurt Van Gunst, a community supporter, to Lemon Avenue Elementary; a TV with mount valued at \$2,000.00 from College Community Church to Maryland Avenue Elementary to be installed in the multi-purpose room; \$846.00 from Murdock Elementary School PTA to Murdock Elementary to fund the Safety Patrol’s trip to Disneyland; and \$1500.00 from Rolando Elementary School PTA to Rolando Elementary to fund the Safety Patrol’s trip to Disneyland and \$1920.00 for the 4<sup>th</sup>-grade Ballroom Dance program.

**Gifts – LEA, MAA, MUR, ROL**  
Accepted with thanks

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into an expanded Special Education Master Contract with Aseltine School and Excelsior Academy for the 2014-15 School Year.

**Expanded Sp.Ed. Master  
Contracts w/Aseltine Sch. &  
Excelsior Academy for 2014-15**  
Authorized

It was moved by Chong, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Santa Sophia Academy for NCLB Title III Provision of Limited-English-Proficient Student Programs and Services to Private Schools.

**MOU w/Santa Sophia Academy  
for NCLB Title III LEP  
programs/ services to private  
schools**  
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the California Partnership for Achieving Student Success.

**MOU w/CA Partnership for  
Achieving Student Success**  
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Babbitt, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into a Contract with San Diego County Office of Education for the First 5 San Diego Quality Preschool Initiative Rating and Classroom Enhancement Funding.

**Contract for First 5 SD Quality  
Preschool Initiative Rating**  
Authorized

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to accept Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report for the quarter ending March 31, 2015 with no complaints.

**Uniform Complaint Qtly Report**  
Accepted

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Chong, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to approve Student Excursion – La Presa Middle School Jazz Band.

**Student excursion – LPMS Jazz  
band**  
Authorized

## **HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS**

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Babbitt, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve standard Human Resources recommendations as amended to include 19 additional Lecturer/Presenter and/or Short-Term Employment forms.

**Human Resources  
Recommendations**  
Approved as amended

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Babbitt, Chong, Duff, Turner, Winet; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve revision to Salary Placement for Supervisor, Payroll and Benefits Classification on Classified Supervisory Salary Schedule to Salary Range \$62,026 (Step A) to \$77,314 (Step F).

**Rev. to Salary Placement for  
Supvr., Payroll & Benefits**  
Approved

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS, REPORTS, COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE BOARD**

Member Turner announced she read in Kindergarten classes at Bancroft Elementary in honor of Dr. Seuss Week. She plans to read at other schools in the coming weeks.

Member Turner announced in news from the National School Boards Association (NSBA) that she ran and was elected to the Chair-Elect position of the National Black Council for NSBA.

Member Babbitt announced he attended the recent Mt. Helix Council PTA Roundtable meeting and noted the dedicated and talented individuals who donate much of their time to our schools.

Member Babbitt announced that Peter Pan Jr. Theater was a rousing success.

Member Chong announced he attended the recent Open House at Spring Valley Middle School, where student helpers were leading tours. He stated this event was well attended by families and programs are strong. Mr. Villegas and the SVMS band put on a great show.

The Superintendent announced he and Member Turner visited the La Mesa Arts Academy with Assemblymember Shirley Weber. The school represented our District well and Assemblymember Weber was impressed with the programs. The Superintendent and Member Turner encouraged the legislator to allow local school boards to manage their funds. Thanks to Jay Steiger for his assistance in organizing this event.

At 8:37 p.m. the President announced a recess.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:51 p.m. the President called for a closed session to discuss negotiations update – LMSV Teachers Association; negotiations update – California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 419; negotiations update – Administrators Association and other Unrepresented Bargaining Groups; and conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation (4 cases). The Superintendent; Board; and Assistant Superintendents Business, Human Resources and Learning Support adjourned to the session, which was held in the Boardroom.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

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Brian Marshall, Secretary to the Board of Education

Approved and ordered into the proceedings of the District at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education to be held May 5, 2015.

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Emma Turner, Clerk of the Board of Education