

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING: October 6, 2009**

The meeting was called to order at p.m. at the Education Service Center by the President, Mrs. Halgren.

The President led the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Board members present: Baber, Duff, Halgren, Turner, Winet

Board members absent: None

Staff members present on assignment: Bender, Marshall, Martinez, Yoshihara, Walker

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of September 15, 2009, as presented.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Letter from Art Madrid, Mayor, City of La Mesa, regarding maintenance of the field at the Jr. Seau Sports Complex

Letter from Laurance Baldauf Jr. regarding science curriculum

Letter from Gene Hinds regarding airing of President Obama's speech

Letter from John Watson, Parent, Loma Elementary School, commending Kristin Jacobson, Teacher; and Laurice Grafstein, Health Technician, Loma Elementary, for their efforts in helping his son.

Note from Terry Miller, La Mesa resident and former District parent, regarding airing of President Obama's speech

Letter from Elizabeth Labadie regarding airing of President Obama's speech

Lecturer/Presenter and/or Short-Term Employment forms

Accountability Progress Report PowerPoint

Additional Lecturer/Presenter and/or Short-Term Employment forms

**AGENDA**

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

**MINUTES**

Approved as presented

**COMMUNICATIONS**

Mayor A. Madrid,  
City of La Mesa  
Jr. Seau Sports Complex

L. Baldauf  
Science curriculum

G. Hinds  
Obama speech

J. Watson, parent, Loma Elem.  
Commendation: K. Jacobson &  
L. Grafstein

T. Miller, La Mesa resident/  
former District parent  
Obama speech

E. Labadie  
Obama speech

Lecturer/Presenter forms

APR PowerPoint

Addl. Lecturer/Presenter forms

**AGENDA**

Approved as presented

## HEARING SESSION

## HEARING

The President announced a hearing for anyone who wished to address the Board on any topic relating to public education.

Ray Lutz, representative, Citizenoversight.org, encouraged the public to attend public meetings like this. He presented the Board with a resolution entitled, "You've got to be kidding," and generally read the following into the record:

R. Lutz, representative,  
Citizenoversight.org  
Obama speech

*For: Bogus Apology and Slap at the Public. WHEREAS, the agenda for the September 15 meeting of the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District Board indicated that the body would be apologizing to the public. No apology was submitted by the board; the action to accept apologies of individual board members was inappropriate, with one of the members who apologized seconding the motion (Winet). The board should have crafted an apology to the public for the action of the board to ban the Presidential Address;*

*WHEREAS: The resolution by Winet to use all legal means to protect board members from "threats" was in response to an email by a member of the public discussing political action against the board due to the improper banning of the Presidential Address to students. This resolution is a misuse of power and threatens a member of the public if they should make comments about the board members, and is therefore inappropriate, acting to stifle discussion and debate; it was also passed without the normal two-meeting process for such a policy statement;*

*THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District Board is hereby awarded the "You've Got To Be Kidding!" award for these actions that do nothing to further the central purpose of the board, confuse the public and do not invite participation:*

*AND, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the members who voted for the ban of the Presidential Address should be removed from office. "If you strike the King, you must kill the King," according to Ralph Waldo Emerson.*

*Raymond Lutz*

*Citizens' Oversight Projects (COPs) Coordinator*

## REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD

## REPORTS

In April-May 2009 all 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>-grade District students participated in the California Standardized Testing and Reporting program (STAR). The STAR program includes the California Standards Test (CST), California alternate Performance Assessment (CAPA), California Modified Assessment (CMA), and the Standards Test in Spanish (STS). In addition to the District score, sixty-two percent of our schools have an Academic Performance Index (API) score greater than the state target of 800. Over the last five years (2005-2009) the District has seen growth with every group of students, and the subgroups associated with the achievement gap have shown even greater growth.

2009 Accountability Progress  
Report

## NEW BUSINESS

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It was moved by Duff, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to approve the following:

**Consent Calendar**  
Approved

Purchase Orders D10853 through D11108 totaling \$808,909.39

Purchase Orders

Warrants September 8, 2009 through September 23, 2009 totaling \$1,212,501.51

Warrants

Expenditures in the amount of \$395.70

Revolving Cash Fund  
Reimbursements from the  
General Fund

Approve travel as attached.

Travel

Rejection of Claim – Vehicle Damage

Rejection of Claim

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 09-10-12, Designating Authorized Agents and Signatures.

**Res. 12, Designating  
Authorized Agents/Signatures**  
Adopted

It was moved by Winet, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 09-10-13, Authorization to Submit Application for 2009-10 K-3 Class-Size Reduction Program (Operations) Funding.

**Res. 13, Submit Application  
for 09-10 K-3 Class-Size  
Reduction Program Funding**  
Adopted

It was moved by Duff, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to accept the following gift with thanks: \$595.00 from Parkway Middle School PTA to Parkway Middle for a BrainPOP Media Lab subscription.

**Gifts – PKMS**  
Accepted with thanks

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Duff, and carried unanimously to accept the Uniform Complaint Quarterly Report with zero deficiencies for the quarter ending 9/30/09.

**Uniform Quarterly Report**  
Accepted

It was moved by Baber, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously to adopt Resolution 09-10-14, Participation in Drug Awareness/Red Ribbon Week October 23-31, 2009.

**Res. 14, Drug Awareness/Red  
Ribbon Week**  
Adopted

**HUMAN RESOURCES RECOMMENDATIONS**

It was moved by Baber, seconded by Winet, and carried unanimously to approve standard Human Resources recommendations as amended to include three additional Lecturer/Presenter and/or Short-Term Employment forms.

**Human Resources  
Recommendations**  
Approved as amended

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

Mr. Duff announced the upcoming East County Intergenerational Games at La Mesa Middle School on October 9. This community event is sponsored by, among other agencies, the Cities of La Mesa and El Cajon.

Mr. Duff further announced that he attended the last Citizens’ Bond Oversight Committee meeting and stated that there is currently \$1.8 million remaining from Prop M Bond funds. These funds will be used for playground equipment, and CBOC should complete its work by this summer.

Dr. Turner announced that Paula Campbell, President, California School Boards Association (CSBA) visited our District on September 28. Ms. Campbell, Dr. Turner and President Halgren toured various programs at La Presa Middle and Quest Academy. Dr. Turner stated that Ms. Campbell was very impressed with what she saw on her tour.

Dr. Turner further announced she received a Vision Award from the Community Outreach Foundation for her work with children in the San Diego community, including her service on the LMSV Board, CSBA and her work with Emerald Hills Elementary students in putting together a poetry and literacy program.

At 8:10 p.m. the President announced a recess.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 8:20 p.m. the President called for a closed session to discuss conference with legal counsel – anticipated litigation (2 cases); negotiations update – LMSV Teachers Association; and negotiations update – California School Employees Association (CSEA), Chapter 419. The Superintendent; Board; Assistant Superintendents Business, Human Resources and Learning Support, and Daniel Shinoff, Attorney, Stutz Artiano Shinoff & Holtz, adjourned to the session, which was held in the Boardroom.

At 9:00 p.m. Attorney Shinoff left the session.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:41 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 November 3, 2009.

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Rick Winet, Clerk of the Board of Education