

**MINUTES  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
LA MESA-SPRING VALLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING: February 5, 2019**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the Education Service Center by the President, Jim Long.

**CALL TO ORDER**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Addison Carter, sixth grade student at Casa de Oro and Jacob Carter, fifth grade student at Casa de Oro.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Board members present: Jim Long, President  
Emma Turner, Vice President  
Rebecca McRae, Clerk  
Chardá Fontenot, Member  
Megan Epperson, Member

**ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

Board members absent: None

Staff members present on assignment: David Feliciano, Superintendent  
Dori Guzman, Board Recording Secretary  
Guido Magliato, Assistant Superintendent, Learning Support  
Jennifer Nerat, Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Deann Ragsdale, Assistant Superintendent, Student Supports  
Tina Sardina, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

**MINUTES**

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Fontenot, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of January 15, 2019, as presented.

**MINUTES**

Approved as presented

**AGENDA**

It was moved by McRae, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the agenda as presented.

**AGENDA**

Approved as presented

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

Innovation and Engagement Spotlight Series: Dr. Meg Jacobsen, Executive Director, Innovation and Engagement, provided the Board with information regarding the District's efforts to promote early education, which includes preschool, early admission kindergarten, and transitional kindergarten. Dr. Jacobsen then shared a video highlighting the kindergarten program at Murray Manor Elementary.

**COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD**

MUM Kinder Program

Invitation from La Mesa Arts Foundation to 'Party in the Stars' on March 9, 2019

LMAAC: Party in the Stars Invitation

PowerPoint: Partnership with San Diego State University

PPT: SDSU Partnership

Email from Ann Ezell, parent, commending the work of Shannon Johnson, Counselor, Casa de Oro Elementary

A.Ezell, Parent, CDO  
Commend: S. Johnson,  
Counselor, CDO

Recognition of Clara Izadi Calabrese, District Psychologist, and Rachel Trahan Salinas, District Special Education Teacher, and invitation to SELPA recognition dinner on March 11, 2019

SELPA Recognition of Special  
Ed Employees

**PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

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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.

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD**

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The La Mesa-Spring Valley School District, in partnership with San Diego State University and US Prep, hosts the Student Teacher Collaborative at Northmont Elementary School. The program supports aspiring teachers as they enter their profession. They are mentored by experienced District teachers through coaching and collaboration. The program is designed to prepare teacher candidates to meet the needs of all students, especially those who are historically underserved.

Teacher Prep Partnership  
w/SDSU

The following staff from San Diego State University School of Education discussed the importance of collaboration between new and experienced teachers in both general and special education:

- Dr. Laura Hall, Professor and Chair, Department of Special Education
- Dr. Regina Brandon, Associate Professor, Department of Special Ed.
- Dr. Estella Chizhik, Associate Professor, School of Teacher Education

Laura Hollis, Principal, Northmont Elementary, provided examples of the benefits of the collaboration for student teachers, District teachers, and students.

Dr. Saul Maldonado, San Diego State University Assistant Professor, Department of Dual Language and English Learner Education, and Wendy Newmark, Principal, Kempton Street Literacy Academy, addressed the need for quality teaching candidates in English learner and dual immersion classrooms.

Tina Sardina, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, presented information about the collaboration and responded to clarifying questions from the Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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It was moved by Turner, seconded by Fontenot, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the following:

**Consent Calendar**  
Approved

Purchase Orders dated January 4, 2019 through January 22, 2019

Purchase Orders

totaling \$454,442.76

Warrants dated January 4, 2019 through January 22, 2019 totaling \$878,489.79

Warrants

Purchasing contracts utilized since last board meeting: Corona-Norco School District-Bid #15/16-006 for Classroom and Office Supplies; National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA); North County Educational Purchasing Consortium (NCEPC).

Purchasing Contracts Utilized Since Last Board Meeting

Lecturer/Presenter/Contractor agreements as presented

Lecturer/Presenter/Contractor Agreements

Sale of Surplus Items

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It was moved by Turner, seconded by Epperson, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into an agreement with Christy White Associates to provide audit services.

**Agmnt: Christy White Assoc.**  
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by McRae, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to reject a claim of injury at Murdock Elementary School and refer the claim to San Diego County Office of Education Joint Powers Authority.

**Reject & Refer Injury Claim at MUR to SDCOE JPA**  
Rejected

It was moved by Fontenot, seconded by Epperson, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to authorize administration to enter into an agreement with Grossmont Union High School District for allocation of school facilities developer fees pursuant to Education Code Section 17623.

**Agmnt: GUHSD for Allocation of Developer Fees**  
Authorized

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Fontenot, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to accept a gift of \$5,000.00 from Lowe's Corporation to La Mesa Dale Elementary to be used for campus revitalization.

**Gift: \$5,000 from Lowe's Corp. to LMD for Campus Revitalization**  
Accepted with Thanks

It was moved by Turner, seconded by Epperson, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the Low Performing Students Block Grant Plan.

**Low Performing Students Block Grant Plan**  
Approved

It was moved by Epperson, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve the Comprehensive School Safety Plans.

**Comprehensive School Safety Plans**  
Approved

It was moved by Turner, seconded by McRae, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve standard Human Resources recommendations as presented.

**Human Resources Recommendations**  
Approved as presented

It was moved by McRae, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to adopt Resolution 18-19-13, Reduction in Classified Service.

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

Ms. Fontenot attended the District special education parent meeting, which was informative and had a good guest speaker. She recommended adding an afternoon or evening meeting in the future.

Ms. Fontenot also joined Casa de Oro Elementary on a field trip to Helix Water District. The trip was worthwhile, and she recommended the two District schools who have not attended, La Mesa Dale and Bancroft, inquire about attending.

Ms. Epperson attended the District special education meeting, and appreciated the perspective of the guest speaker, a parent with a special needs child.

Ms. Epperson also attended a presentation at La Mesa Arts Academy, presented by Kaiser Educational Theater. The assembly focused on anti-bullying and how to handle peer pressure. She recommended the free assembly be offered to other District middle schools.

Ms. Epperson shared that as she visits District schools, she is getting positive feedback regarding Cabinet and the new Board.

Ms. McRae experienced her first student-led conference with her student at La Mesa Arts Academy, and found the experience enjoyable and empowering for students.

Ms. McRae also praised the staff of Extended School Services. She noted they provide one-on-one help with homework, offer arts and crafts time, and help foster positive relationships.

Dr. Turner reported that as president of the California School Boards Association, she has met with Secretary of Education, Betsy DeVos; and California Lieutenant Governor Eleni Kounalakis, and has stressed to both the importance of fully funding California schools.

Mr. Long visited Avondale Elementary and was pleased with the enthusiasm and professionalism of all staff. He noted the unoccupied building, which is a facilities issue.

Mr. Long also attended the CSBA training for board presidents, and recommended LMSV Board vice presidents attend the training in the future.

Mr. Feliciano informed the Board that he is coordinating new member training through CSBA.

Mr. Feliciano also shared the District average daily attendance (ADA) increased by .90%. He recognized the positive effect of the Attend Connect Belong campaign.

Mr. Feliciano mentioned that February 5, 2019 was the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school, and appreciated the staff and students' enthusiastic participation in celebrations at the school sites.

Mr. Feliciano encouraged Board members to read an article in the San Diego Union Tribune regarding Dr. Turner's CSBA presidency; and an article written by Dr. Turner for the CBSA Newsletter entitled, "Justice for all Students is Imperative".

At 7:32 p.m. the President announced a recess.

### **CLOSED SESSION**

At 7:44 p.m. the President called for a closed session to discuss:

- Negotiations Update, LMSVTA and CSEA Chapter 419
- Existing Litigation, Office of Administrative Hearings, Case No 2018101096 for Student No. 348140

The Superintendent; Board; and Assistant Superintendents Business Services, Human Resources, Learning Support, and Student Supports adjourned to the session, which was held in the Boardroom.

At 8:05 p.m. the President reconvened the meeting and announced the Board, in closed session, took the following action:

It was moved by McRae, seconded by Turner, and carried unanimously with the following votes: Ayes: Epperson, Fontenot, Long, McRae, Turner; Noes: None; Absent: None, to approve a special education settlement in an amount not to exceed \$12,000.00.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

### **CLOSED SESSION ACTION**

**Spec.Ed. Settlement not  
to Exceed \$12,000  
Approved**

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David Feliciano, Superintendent

Approved and ordered into the proceedings of the District at the next regular meeting of the Board of Education to be held March 5, 2019.

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Rebecca McRae, Clerk of the Board of Education