LOS BANOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 13, 2016

City Council Chambers

Mr. Parreira called the meeting to order at 6:30 P.M. — Call to Order

PRESENT: Mr. Areias, Mrs. Duffy, Mr. Falasco, Mr. Jones, Mr. Martinez, Mr. Parreira, Ms. Smith — Roll Call

A closed session was held for: Parental Request for Early Graduation for Pacheco High School student #4000357. Parental Request for waiver from Physical Education graduation requirement, Los Banos High School student #4138677450. — Closed Session

The regular meeting was opened by Mr. Parreira at 7:00 P.M. — Regular Meeting

The audience was led in the Pledge of Allegiance by LBHS Student Representative, Bailey Allen. — Pledge of Allegiance

A moment of silence was held for Mr. Michael Parillo, an English teacher at Pacheco High School.

On motion by Member Falasco, seconded by Member Martinez, Trustees approved the agenda as submitted with a revision to agenda item C: Provisional Internship Permits. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Martinez, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried. — Approval of Agenda

None — Public Hearing

Ms. Ila Nelson, parent and teacher at Pacheco High School, came forward and expressed disappointment in the CAC's recent claims against LBTA. She said as an advisor for many diverse school clubs and organizations at PHS, she cares deeply for equality and advocates for minority students and is deeply offended by the CAC's accusations that LBTA President and Teachers are racist. She stated that CAC is a distraction to the District. She said LBTA stands for students first and stands behind President Jason Walsh. — Public Forum

Kathy Davis, teacher at Charleston Elementary, came forward and stated that at the last meeting she said had promised to contact the elections office to get clarification on the absentee ballot process for ballots without a signature. She stated after contacting the state elections office, the recall election process was handled correctly.

Amy Montgomery came forward and voiced concern regarding the CAC accusations about diversity of the District teaching staff. She said, as a parent of six children that have attended local schools, her experience with district teachers is that they are diverse. She stated that the community has always been diverse and the CAC is trying to create a problem that isn't there. She said teachers should be hired based on their qualifications not their ethnicity.

She stated that the four Board Members that have placed the CAC's agenda before that of the District should be removed from their positions.

Bob Plass came forward and stated that he would like to see other Board members recalled.

Jeff De La Cruz, parent and PHS History Teacher, came forward and expressed concern regarding recent claims by the CAC. He said he is a passionate Latino teacher that has taught in the district for 17 years, currently teaching government/economics at PHS. He stated he asked his students to attend the meeting and is appalled at what is happening. He said CAC by definition is a racist group. He said Los Banos has a civic duty to vote and encouraged everyone to do so. He said as a parent of two children, he is worried about the future of the School District.

Ms. Kirsten Areias came forward and addressed a letter to the Los Banos Enterprise from CAC member, Baldo Salcido. She said in the letter, Mr. Salcido claims that at a special board meeting, held September 22, 2016, members of the community displayed venomous hatred and racism. She stated this was not true, encouraging everyone to go online and watch the video for themselves.

Mr. Paul Villareal came forward and stated that he recently moved back to Los Banos and was very disappointed to see and hear about the turmoil taking place within the School District. He stated he is very concerned about these issues and what they are doing to the students. He said he loves the city of Los Banos and encouraged everyone to draw the line, stand by your principles and think of the children first.

Aaron Barcellos came forward and encouraged everyone to focus on the students not the CAC. He stated that all of this started when Mr. Jones was elected to the Board. He encouraged the Board to censure Mr. Jones and asked Mr. Jones to resign allowing the District to move forward to do what is best for the students.

Marcia Newton came forward and stated that she is worried about what all of this disruption is doing to the city of Los Banos. She believes everyone would agree, all students should receive a quality education. She suggested that rather than argue, everyone should come together, discuss what is best for the students, District and community and come up with a plan to accomplish that.

Patricia Ramos Anderson came forward and said the District needs to embrace and support student needs, provide staff with the necessary tools and hire tutors to help students that need extra help. She said the District needs to help the underachievers and provide resources for the EL and low-income community. She said we need to help the students succeed by working together, not against each other.

Paul Montemurro voiced concern regarding money spent for a contractor rather than tutors for students in need.

Andrea Clark, teacher for 19 years, came forward and said that she stands behind LBTA President, Jason Walsh. She stated that teachers put a lot of time and dedication into educating students and test scores are not the deciding factor to what makes a good teacher.

Anahi Rodriguez, came forward and asked that everyone to stop pointing fingers, work together and do what is best for students.

Kathy Davis came forward and said there is a lot more to being a good teacher than achieving high test scores, a good teacher cares about the well being of their students.

Dan Fialho came forward and said he is disgusted to see what is happening to this community and to the school district. He said he does not understand why the voters put Mr. Jones and his followers into office. He said not only was Mr. Jones a bad mayor; he is also a bad school board member.

John Mueller, former board member, came forward and said that he felt racism from the CAC during his recent recall election. He challenged Mr. Salcido to come forward and speak in support of the CAC. He thanked Mr. Parreira, Mr. Areias and Mr. Falasco for staying on the board and doing a good job. He said he hopes to see a few new board members after the November election.

Student Report

Los Banos High School Student Representative, Bailey Allen, reported on the many activities at Los Banos and Pacheco High Schools.

Recognition

Mr. John Mueller was recognized for 6 years of service as a Board Member. Merced County Employee of the Year Nominee, Dolores Valenzuela and Teacher of the Year Nominee, Deanna Lee Martin were recognized.

LBTA Report

Mr. Jason Walsh, LBTA President, came forward and offered condolences to the family of Michael Parilla. He asked that everyone keep the Parillo family and Pacheco High School in their thoughts and prayers. He gave a brief update on upcoming events. He congratulated the Teacher and Employee of the Year Nominees. He asked the Board to adopt the resolutions supporting Proposition 51 and 55. He said he felt is necessary to explain the process in which LBTA chose which candidates to endorse in the upcoming election. He said the LBTA Political Action Committee recently held interviews to talk with the candidates running for school board and after the interview process the committee gave their recommendation to the LBTA Representative Council. He announced that LBTA officially endorses: Megan Goin-Soares, Margaret Benton and Dominic Falasco. He said that in response to the endorsement he has been attacked personally by CAC Representative, Mr. Baldo Salcido. He said Mr. Salcido has attempted to discredit him as the leader of the association and accused him of being racist. He said those that know him, know these accusations are false. He encouraged everyone to get out and vote.

No report

CSEA Report

Mr. Bubar said he attended the Excellence in Education Award Ceremony in Merced and congratulated Teacher of the Year Nominee, Deanna Martin and Employee of the Year Nominee, Dolores Valenzuela. He reported the PHS turf project is 75% near completion, with an expected early November substantial completion date. He said the PHS culinary arts room is 95% near completion. He also reported the MSE expansion project is expected to start October 24th pending the approval of bids on the agenda.

Superintendent's Report & Facilities Report

Mr. Jones offered his condolences to the family of Michael Parillo and congratulated the employee and teacher of the year nominees. Ms. Smith said she appreciates Ms. Clarke and all teachers, thanking them for all of their hard work. She addressed recent allegations against her, stating that she has done nothing wrong. She addressed accusations by Mr. Areias that she had met Mr. Opinski regarding the MSE project, stating that she did not attend a meeting with him. She said if she had met with someone in private, that was her personal business and it was not to discuss the MSE project. She said she has not been contacted or questioned by law enforcement. She said she has done nothing wrong or illegal and has not put the District at risk. She voiced concern regarding a possible threat by the Ku Klux Klan, stating that she does not feel it is a real threat, but has taken the necessary precautions for security and plans to stay in her position as Trustee. She enjoyed attending the PHS football game on the new field and thanked Ms. Latta for hosting Author Robert Renteria at LBHS. Mr. Areias stated that he wants what is best for students. He said the CAC has no business running the District and controlling the Board. He said that the CAC filed the recall of John Mueller, which resulted in a 13 vote difference and $24,287.89 cost to the District. He expressed concern regarding four Board Members that are supported by and/or members of the CAC that hold a majority and are not doing what is best for the students of this District. He stated that this election is crucial to the success of the students and the District and he joins LBTA in endorsing: Margaret Benton, Megan Goin-Soares and Dominic Falasco. Mr. Falasco said the PHS field is beautiful and is glad to see it completed. He said he attended WUES Constitution Day and commended staff and students for a job well done. He said the MCSBA Conference he recently attended was very informative and he is looking forward to speaking at WUES Career Day on October 19th. He congratulated Teacher and Employee of the Year Nominees, along with all District staff for the great job they do. He said everyone should be proud and supportive of all District staff. He said he has known Mr. Jason Walsh to be a good man, great teacher and has never seen him display any form of racism. He said the District needs more teachers like him. He encouraged everyone to exercise their right to vote on November 8th and to support Propositions 51 and 55 which will benefit the District and students. He said the Board should agree that students come first. Mr. Martinez thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and sharing their concerns. He asked that all administrators, teachers and district employees stand and be recognized. He said since becoming a Board Member he has visited numerous sites and is totally amazed, impressed and has such respect for all employees. He asked that everyone applaud the staff for the amazing job they do. He said he would like to take school security to the next level.

Trustee Reports

He said he would like the District to be prepared if something happens and he welcomes any ideas to improve. Mrs. Duffy said that students come first and teachers are a close second. She said she appreciates teachers for their hard work. She said in response to Mr. Areias, her campaign signs are in compliance. She said she attended the Charleston Fall Carnival and it was success as usual. She said her son is suing the District and the trial begins March 7, 2017. Mr. Parreira addressed a letter to the editor regarding test scores. He said the numbers given in the letter did not tell the entire story. He explained the test score process, clarifying that they are not as bad as the letter would make one think. He said test scores should not be the only factor for a good student. He said a recent survey of graduating PHS and LBHS Seniors show 79% will be attending college and he congratulated students and staff for this accomplishment.

Arrest of Board Member Jones

Mr. Parreira explained purpose of this agenda item and the censure process. Mr. Aaron Barcellos came forward and asked all Board members to voice their own opinion regarding this matter, let the community know where they stand and encouraged them to take responsibility for their actions. Ms. Patricia Ramos Anderson came forward and said that we cannot be judge and jury. She said this is a rush to judgment and against God's law. Ms. Andree Soares came forward and said this has nothing to do with God; it has to do with Tommy Jones skimming and stealing from students. Ms. Kirsten Areias came forward and encouraged Board Members to ask Member Falasco if the allegations against Mr. Jones are true and then vote as a Trustee, not a friend. Mr. John Mueller came forward and said the CAC always tries to set-up a diversion. He said this item is not about Mr. Falasco's issue, it is about Mr. Jones'. He said Mr. Jones is being accused of taking public money from the tax payers and the education of our children. Mr. Dan Fialho came forward and said the evidence is there, this is corruption. He encouraged the Board to vote yes to censure. Ms. Anahi Rodriguez came forward and said there is a lack of reconciliation and no accountability from the Board. She said as a group, everyone is responsible, please do the right thing. Ms. Andrea Clarke came forward and said in her classroom she teaches integrity and Board Members are welcome to come by and have a lesson. Ms. Kathy Davis encouraged the Board to collaborate with one another, listen to one another, reach consensus, make an educated honest conclusion and do what is best for the District. Ms. Duffy said Mr. Jones is innocent until proven guilty and she will not vote to censure until that is decided. Mr. Areias said the District is not convicting Mr. Jones if they choose to censure him. He said he is in favor of the censure. Mr. Martinez said that he feels a censure is a form of prejudgment. Mr. Falasco said this is not about convicting, it is about making a public statement. He said as public officials the Board has to make some type of judgment. Ms. Smith believes innocent until proven guilty, if he is convicted she will censure. She would like to see a Board process in place to censure a Board Member. The Board continued to discuss the censure of Mr. Jones. Mr. Parreira read excerpts from the latest article in the Los Banos Enterprise report outlining the investigation. He said the information in article is very upsetting.

2017-18 School Calendar

Trustees reviewed the 2017-18 school calendars with an anticipated adoption at the November 10, 2016 Board meeting.

On motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Falasco, Trustees approved Provisional Internship Permits for the following teacher: Debbie Teixeira – English Teacher Grades 9-12- Los Banos High School and Katherine Teresi – Math Teacher Grade 9-12 – Los Banos High School. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Martinez, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	Provisional Internship Permit
On motion by Member Areias, seconded by Member Falasco, Trustees approved the recent bids for the MSE expansion project. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Martinez, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	Bids for MSE Expansion
On motion by Member Areias, seconded by Member Martinez, Trustees approved the agreement for the development of conceptual designs with LDA Partners for the Loftin Stadium. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Martinez, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	LDA Partners
On motion by Member Falasco, seconded by Member Martinez, Trustees approved the District's participation in the Merced County Rescue Mission Thanksgiving Food Drive from October 20 through November 18, 2016. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Martinez, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	Thanksgiving Food Drive
Mr. Paul Enos provided a report on the boundary change options for LBHS/PHS.	Boundary Change
On motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Areias, Trustees adopted Resolution #35-16 and 36-16 supporting the passage of proposition 51 and 55 on the November 8, 2016 ballot. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Martinez, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	Proposition 51 & 55
On motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Martinez, Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as submitted. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Martinez, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	CONSENT CALENDAR
Trustees approved the minutes of the following meetings as submitted: 1. Regular Meeting, September 9, 2016 2. Special Meeting, September 22, 2016	Minutes
Released**:** Mancias, Julian – Math Teacher, Los Banos High School-effective 9/1/2016; Extra Duty**:** Jeanne Fournier-Flag Girl Advisor-LBJH, Wes Wing-Head Soccer Coach Varsity Boys-PHS, Daniel Maldonado-Girls Softball Coach Frosh-PHS, Louis Martinez-Asst. Wrestling Coach-PHS, Valerie Wormstall-Technology Coach-MSE, Leila Melgar-Auxiliary Director-LBHS, Mike Greenwood-Varsity Softball Coach Girls-LBHS, McKensie Ferreira-Technology Coach-DW, James Keller-Pentathlon Coach-MSE, Trichelle Larkins-Technology Coach-LFE, Mary Lou Calcagno-Technology Coach-CE, Jaclyn Ritchie-Technology Coach-LBE; Resigned: Christina Souza-Technology Coach-LBE, Trichelle Larkins-Technology Coach-DW; New Hires: Alvarez, Monserrat – WUES, Instructional Aide (5.0 Hrs), Bachelder, Monique – FS, Food Service Worker II (1.5 Hrs), Follick, Patricia – LEAP,	Personnel Actions

Instructional Aide (4.5 Hrs), Gomez, Lucerito – LBJH, Bilingual Clerk Typist (8.0 Hrs), Gonzalez Ruiz, Arturo – LBJH, Custodian (8.0 Hrs), Gutierrez, Fabian – LEAP, Instructional Aide (4.5 Hrs), Ketcher, Justina – LBE, Instructional Aide (1.25 Hrs), Nunes Ballez, Diane – FS, Food Service Worker II (1.5 Hrs), Orozco, Jena – LEAP, Instructional Aide (4.5 Hrs), Rasberry, Cecilia – FS, Food Service Worker II (1.5 Hrs), Saille, Alicia – LBE, Instructional Aide (3.25 Hrs), Talamante, Marisa – WUES, Instructional Aide (3.0 Hrs), Torlano, Nick – CE, Custodian (8.0 Hrs), Winburn, Katelyn – LEAP, Instructional Aide (4.5 Hrs); Appointments: Aaron, Christina – HME, Instructional Aide; Extended Day Kindergarten (2.0 Hrs), Aragon, Perla – LBE, Inst. Aide; Supervision (1.25 Hrs), Fachin, Arcelia – HME, Instructional Aide; Extended Day Kindergarten (2.0 Hrs), Gonzalez, Alice – LBE, Instructional Aide; Extended Day Kindergarten (3.0 Hrs), Hazan, Emma – RME, Instructional Aide; Extended Day Kindergarten (3.0 Hrs), Jimenez Rodriguez, Teresa – LBE, Inst. Aide; Supervision (1.0 Hrs), Murphy, Michelle – RME, Instructional Aide; Extended Day Kindergarten (2.0 Hrs), Olivas, Cecilia – LBE, Instructional Aide; Extended Day Kindergarten (2.0 Hrs), Vargas, Michelle – LBE, Inst. Aide; Supervision (1.25 Hrs); Promotional: Arburua, Kristin – LFE, Instructional Aide (5.3 Hrs); Resigned: Barcellos, Stacee – SS, Clerk Typist – Effective 10/3/2016, Noriega, Alejandro – LBE, Instructional Aide I – Effective 9/2/2016; Termination: Esparza, Tina – Transportation - Effective 9/30/2016 .

The monthly Fiscal Report was submitted.	Fiscal Report
The annual Community Facilities District #2 information was provided.	Annual Community Facilities Report
The annual report of fees collected, interest earned and expenditures for the fiscal year was submitted.	Annual Developer Fee Report
Trustees approved the third quarter Williams Complaint Summary as submitted.	Williams Complaint Summary
Trustees adopted the Senior Commencement Ceremony Contract for Los Banos High School and Pacheco High School.	Senior Contract
Trustees approved the donation of $10,000 from Henry Miller Elementary School Parent Club to support the cost of 5 days stay at Jack L. Boyd Outdoor Camp, Camp Green Meadows for HME 6th Grade students.	Donation
Trustees approved the following agreements/contracts: Agreement, Lane Engineers, Inc. Topographic Survey for proposed New San Luis High School	Contracts and Agreements
Trustees approved Overnight/Out-of-State travel: PHS Baseball, Nipomo Easter Classic, Santa Maria, CA April 17-21, 2016 LBJH/CJH MESA, College Road Trip, November 21-23, 2016 LBJH/CJH MESA, Catalina Island Marine Institute, April 18-21, 2017 HME 6th Graders, Jack L. Boyd Outdoor School, May 15-19, 2017 LBJH Teacher, National Science Teachers Conference, October 27-29, 2016	Overnight/Out-of-State Travel

Trustees approved the removal and disposal of obsolete electronic equipment.	Obsolete Electronic Equipment
Trustees approved the disposal of an obsolete vehicle.	Obsolete Electronic Equipment
Approved the warrants for payment.	Warrants
Discussion/Information/Future Agenda Items: On motion by Member Areias, seconded by Member Falasco, Trustees approved a motion to place an item on the November agenda to censure Member Tommy Jones. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Parreira, Smith; Noes: Jones, Martinez; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	Discussion, future agenda items
Mr. Falasco asked if anything could be done to help insure the safety of the students that cross Highway 152 at 11th Street. He stated that a volunteer citizen, Max the Insurance Bird, has taken it upon himself to help students cross the highway by walking out onto the highway with a hand-held stop sign. City Police have asked him to stop doing this. Mr. Falasco asked if there is anything the District can do to have someone at the site as a crossing guard to help with this issue. Mr. Bubar stated he has not spoken with Max the Insurance Bird, but did have a message from Vince the Crow regarding the crosswalk. Mr. Parreira said he recently attended at a city traffic safety committee meeting and the city is willing to draft a letter with the District to the department of transportation asking them to look into this issue.	
On motion by Member Areias, seconded by Member Martinez, Trustees approved the request for early graduation from Pacheco High School student #4000357. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Parreira, Jones, Martinez, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	Reporting Closed Session Action
On motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Martinez, Trustees approved the request for waiver from Physical Education graduation requirement, Los Banos High School student #4138677450. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Martinez, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	
The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 by Mr. Parreira.	Adjournment

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