LOS BANOS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 11, 2016

City Council Chambers

Mr. Parreira called the meeting to order at 6:00 P.M. — Call to Order

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

A closed session was held prior to the beginning of the meeting for: — Closed Session
1. Leave Extension Request classified employees (Section 54957) (Action)

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 Ms. Renee Leonard, Principal Los Banos Elementary School. — Pledge of Allegiance

On motion by Member Falasco, seconded by Member Jones, Trustees approved the agenda with a revised Certificated Report. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Mueller, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried. — Approval of Agenda

Public Hearing

None

Public Forum

Kristen Areias, a concerned citizen and grandparent, came forward and read a recent article from the Los Banos Enterprise. She voiced her concern with the recent Creekside Junior High School cost analysis study, saying that the study was money wasted and the reputation of Superintendent Steve Tietjen was smeared, with no apology. She stated she fears this pattern is about to repeat itself with four members of the Board recently voting to approve the OP Construction agreement. Mr. David Silva came forward and offered his condolences to Mr. Parreira. He expressed concern regarding Member Smith's comments at the special board meeting regarding fellow Board Members Jones and Areias. He stated if she was that displeased with Mr. Jones why does she continue to vote with him? He also questioned the honesty of Board Members. Ms. Carolyn Smith came forward and thanked the Board Members and the community that fought and supported the new junior high school project. She said it is a beautiful facility and she looks forward to a great year. She stated she was very concerned to hear that four Board Members voted to award the construction management agreement for the MSE Project to OP Construction with full knowledge of Mr. Opinski's prior history with the District. She also stated she did not understand why this important decision was held at a special meeting, rather than a regular meeting. She said that she finds it odd that Mr. Opinski has already worked 300 hours on the project, saying she wonders if he had been assured he would be awarded the contract. Mr. Mueller came forward and stated that within thirty minutes of the July 21st Board Meeting, Mr. Jones called Mr. Parreira and informed him that he had received calls from three other Board Members wanting to schedule a Special Board Meeting to vote on the OP Development agreement. He questioned whether this was a violation of the

Brown Act. Ms. Chu'an Menefee came forward and thanked those that supported the new junior high. She stated that as a mother of five children she has seen many different grade levels and school sites and she is very discouraged to see the money spent on the OP Development Agreement. She stated that with Mr. Opinski's history, she fears this will be a costly project. She feels the money saved could be used in other areas such as full day kindergarten. She also voiced concern regarding the request by Board Member Jones to research options for disciplining students caught using marijuana. She urged the Board to do what is best for the students: get along, put personal agendas, vendettas, and financial gains aside. She asked that the Board think only about one thing; what is best for the students of this community?

Recognition

Los Banos Junior High MESA Prosthetic Arm Team and Advisors were recognized for their recent win in Ogden, Utah. The team gave a demonstration of the prosthetic arm projects.

LBTA Report

Mr. Jason Walsh, LBTA President, came forward and invited all Board Members to attend the LBTA New Teacher Reception to be held August 19th at 3:45 at Espana's. He thanked Ms. Barbara Severns for extending an invitation to attend and speak at the new teacher orientation where over 50 new teachers were in attendance. He commended the district office staff for all of the hard work and effort that went into recruiting and hiring of close to 60 new teachers. He applauded the local county library for the great events made available to children this past summer and encouraged everyone to visit friendsofthelibrary.com. He also welcomed and stated that he is looking forward to working with new Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources, Ms. Tammie Calzadillas.

CSEA Report

No report

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Bubar commended Mr. Walsh for a great report. He extended a big thank you to St. Alban's Church for coordinating the "Stuff the Bus" event and the community generously donating. He said the event allowed the District to receive a bus load of school supplies which were distributed to numerous needy students throughout the District. He mentioned that opening day of school went well. He thanked all classified employees and certificated for helping to make a smooth start to the new year. He said that the Back to School Breakfast was very successful and wishes all staff a great year. On behalf of the District, he extended his condolences to Mr. Parreira on the recent passing of his Mother.

Facilities Report

Mr. Tom Worthy, Director of Facilities, Maintenance and Operations, came forward and provided an update on Creekside Junior High School.

Trustee Reports

Mr. Jones, with respect for Mr. Parreira, stated that he had no report. Mr. Falasco wished all staff a great year. Mr. Areias welcomed everyone back to school. He stated that he attended a very nice flag raising ceremony at Volta Elementary. He congratulated the LBJH MESA Team for all they accomplished and job well done. Mr. Areias stated that he was not in favor of

the Special Meeting held on July 26th and saw no reason for the rush. He stated the vote could have taken place at this meeting due to the fact that the project is already behind schedule. He questioned the rush to vote at a meeting that was not televised for the public. He stressed that he still has concerns in regard to the hiring of OP Construction, past litigation with the company, and the cost of the project. He stated that he is concerned that this could be a misappropriation of funds and if it continues he would like to see a grand jury investigation. He asked Mr. Jones to answer yes or no if he had ever taken perks or money from Mr. Opinski, and if he had ever paid fellow board members to secure a vote. Mr. Mueller welcomed staff back, wishing them a great new year. He stated that unfortunately the Board is a circus and commended the staff for doing their job, looking the other way, and making sure education happens. Ms. Smith welcomed all staff back. She addressed previous comments, stating that she is not a liar, does not make decisions for personal financial gain and finds these remarks slanderous. She stated that in the past she had requested drug and alcohol counselors at each site. She said that she has talked with her manager at Sutter Hospital and that they have shown interest in bringing counselors to the school sites through a grant that they have available. She asked that Mr. Bubar present the bids proposed by the two applicants for the construction manager position. Mrs. Duffy welcomed everyone back, telling everyone to continue to do the great job they are doing. Mr. Parreira welcomed everyone back.

On motion by Member Areias, seconded by Member Falasco, Trustees approved Provisional Internship Permits for the following teachers: Solis, Joshua - Science-Biology - Grades 9-12- Pacheco High School, Wormstall, Kelsey – Grade 6 – Volta Elementary, Espinosa, Leopoldo – Science-Biology-Grades 9-12-Pacheco High School. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Mueller, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	Provisional Internship Permit
On motion by Member Jones, seconded by Member Areias, Trustees adopted Resolution #32-16 approving identified certificated staff to teach outside of their credential authorization per Education Code #44258.3. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Mueller, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	Authorization of Teaching Assignments
On motion by Member Areias, seconded by Member Mueller, Trustees approved the Consent Calendar as submitted. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Mueller, Parreira, Smith; Noes: 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried.	CONSENT CALENDAR
Trustees approved the minutes of the following meetings as submitted: 1. Regular Meeting, July 21, 2016 2. Special Meeting, July 26, 2016	Minutes
Appointment: see attached documentation	Personnel Actions
The monthly Fiscal Report was submitted.	Fiscal Report

Trustees approved the following agreements/contracts: 1. Applied Best Practices, LLC, Agreement, Disclosure Services 2. MCOE Lease Agreement, Special Ed Classrooms at Valley Community School	Contracts and Agreements
Trustees approved Overnight/Out-of-State travel: 1. LBHS/PHS FFA National Convention and Leadership Trip, Louisville, KY and Washington D.C., Oct 18 – Oct. 26, 2016	Overnight/Out-of-State Travel
Approved the warrants for payment.	Warrants
Discussion/Information/Future Agenda Items: 1. Mr. Areias clarified that Marlene Smith has never called him a liar and stated that he was still waiting for an answer from Mr. Jones. 2. Mr. Jones asked for a recorded copy of the meeting.	Discussion, future agenda items
On motion by Member Areias, seconded by Member Mueller, Trustees denied the leave extension request for classified employee #862. Ayes: Areias, Duffy, Falasco, Jones, Mueller, Parreira, Smith; Noes 0; Absent: 0. Motion carried	Reporting Closed Session Action
The meeting was adjourned at 7:54 by Mr. Parreira.	Adjournment

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