MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, October 15, 2025

OPEN SESSION, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Brad Buller at 6:01 PM. Present were members Buller, Davies, Chung, Hurley and Martinez. Absent none.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Buller led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Buller read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Dr. Hurley seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda of the meeting as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of September 10, 2025, as presented.

RECOGNITONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Student Recognition – Perfect CAASPP Score

Students who received a perfect score on their English Language Arts (ELA) and Math CAASPP tests were recognized for their outstanding efforts. Those students received a certificate of excellence, a medal, and the opportunity to have their photo taken with their principal, Superintendent Smith and the Board of Trustees. These students were:

- Carlo Austin Boudreaux, ELA & Math
- Luke Beck, ELA
- Samuel Bock, ELA
- Oona Bowman, ELA
- Matthew Broadhurst, Math
- Owen Bruton, Math
- Delilah Burries, ELA
- Geramie Castro, Math
- Holly Chang, ELA
- Ruohan Chen, ELA
- Aaron Chow, Math
- Henry Takeuchi Chung, ELA
- Evan Chu, Math
- Avery Cook, ELA & Math
- Kareena Dhillion-Herrera, ELA
- Nalyni Diep, Math
- Andrew Duong, ELA
- Jake Ferguson, ELA
- Ari Friedman, ELA
- Emma Garcia, ELA
- Riya Gomez, ELA
- Alejandro Gonzalez, ELA
- Jiaying Guo, Math
- Charlie Hampton, ELA, math & CAST

- Nora Hays, Math & CAST
- Samantha Hays, Math
- Rian Hills, Math
- Nathaniel Hofert, Math
- Abigail Huang, ELA
- Addison Huang, ELA & Math
- Edward Jiang, Math
- Ethan Jin, Math
- Parker Johnson, Math
- Hudson Kanyr, Math
- Cole Kessler, Math
- Raymond Kim, Math
- Leela La Savio-Hill, ELA
- Connor Landis, Math
- Bowen Lang, Math
- Audrey Leal, Math
- Amelia Lee, ELA
- Lori Lee, Math
- Simone Leos, ELA
- William Li, Math
- Rainier Lin, Math
- Camden Mahood, ELA
- Malia Mendoza, Math
- Jude Moreno, ELA
- Andrew Musharbash, ELA
- Katy Namy, ELA & Math
- Aberdeen Nguyen, ELA
- Felicity Nguyen, ELA & Math
- Ralunna Nnamonu, ELA & Math
- Joonwoo Park, ELA & CAST
- Lucas Phillips, ELA
- Abigail Polidano, ELA
- Presley Richardson, ELA
- Desmond Roche, ELA
- Addalyn Rohde, ELA
- Amelia Salata, ELA
- Jonathan Schmidt, Math
- William Shen, Math & CAST
- Pengfei Song, Math
- Yimo Tang, ELA
- Aaron Thai, ELA
- Emily Thomas, ELA
- Ryan Tian, Math & CAST
- Avianna Vanzini, ELA
- Aaron Wang, Math
- Danielle Watkins, ELA
- Rydell Wong, Math
- Junhong Wu, ELA
- Adams Xue, Math
- Ya Qin Yang, Math
- Patrick Yen, Math
- Maya Yiman, ELA
- Brayden Zhang, Math
- Miaohan Zhang, Math
- Richard Zhang, Math
- Yan Zhang, Math

- Jules Zheng, ELA
- Justin Zuo, ELA

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chad Comeau, Rancho Cucamonga Fire Battalion Chief came and spoke on behalf of City Councilman, Ryan Hutchinson. Mr. Comeau shared Mr. Hutchinson's reflections from serving as "Principal for the Day" at Carnelian Elementary School under the guidance of Ms. Autumn Williams. Mr. Comeau described the significant responsibilities of supporting more than 300 students and highlighted one memorable incident illustrating Ms. Williams' compassion and dedication. During a post-recess incident involving a student experiencing intense emotions, Ms. Williams demonstrated exceptional care. While Mr. Hutchinson assisted another student, Ms. Williams provided comfort to a recently enrolled student who had limited English proficiency and was overwhelmed. She knelt on the ground to engage with the student at eye level, prioritizing the child's emotional well-being. Mr. Hutchinson expressed deep admiration for Ms. Williams' empathy, energy, and commitment to students, as well as gratitude to Superintendent Sherry Smith and the Board of Trustees for the opportunity to participate in such a meaningful experience.

Rika Baum, a parent addressed the Board to thank members for their time and to advocate for consistent, evidence-based reading interventions across the District. She shared her son's experiences as a student with dyslexia, noting that he made significant progress only during the years when he received structured, research-based support delivered with fidelity. Ms. Baum cited two examples of dramatic improvement, she emphasized that when effective programs are consistently implemented and taught by trained staff, students with learning disabilities can make rapid progress. She urged the District to consider adopting a standardized intervention program for all school sites and to ensure multiple trained teachers are available on each campus. While acknowledging the initial investment, she believes it would demonstrate responsiveness to families and reduce long-term intervention costs. She also expressed willingness to support the District in any way possible and noted that many families share similar experiences and concerns.

Kurtis Downs, member of the community addressed the Board with concerns regarding student safety, identification requirements, and recent state legislation. He referenced an affidavit used for authorizing individuals to pick up a child from school and raised questions about identification procedures. Mr. Downs expressed concern that current ID requirements and background check policies may contain gaps that could allow unqualified adults access to students. Mr. Downs also referenced several California Assembly Bills, including AB 727 regarding student ID cards and LGBTQ youth resources, and mentioned AB 1454, which provides funding for evidence-based literacy and was recently approved.

ALEA President Shari Megowan, spoke about the importance of supporting and retaining high-quality staff in the District. Reflecting on over 30 years in the profession, Ms. Megowan noted that the District has historically attracted strong teachers due to trust, autonomy in instructional decisions, and a shared commitment to student success. Despite being among the lowest-funded districts, it has consistently achieved high student performance. With current enrollment declines and budget pressures, Ms. Megowan emphasized the need for difficult but necessary decisions, particularly regarding competitive compensation. She stressed that teachers, specialists, and counselors are the core of the District's success, and adequate pay is essential to

keep experienced professionals who drive student achievement. Ms. Megowan urged the Board to demonstrate its priorities by investing in the educators who serve students every day.

BOARD REPORTS

Board Member Jessica Martinez … expressed appreciation for participating in the "Principal for the Day" event on October 3, noting that the event has grown since last year and that community members offered thoughtful and heartfelt feedback about staff and principals; participated in Walk to School Day at Victoria Groves alongside Trustee Davies, with city council members also in attendance; Member Martinez remained for Principal Peralta's school assembly, where students received awards and celebrated with great enthusiasm; joined the LCAP meeting and commended Dr. Pierce for an engaging video presentation on artificial intelligence, highlighting the effective use of multiple methods to explain the topic and appreciated seeing the District's AI Task Force and data science initiatives, emphasizing the importance of using data to guide students toward emerging academic requirements; reflected on the shift from past instruction focused on memorization, to today's emphasis on deeper thinking, analysis, and interpretation; Member Martinez concluded by expressing appreciation for the LCAP meeting and her enthusiasm for future sessions.

Board Member Rebecca Davies … attended the Parent Leader Group meeting where Superintendent Smith discussed the upcoming Winter Wonderland and Battle of the Books events; participated in Victoria Groves' dine out at Mendocino Farms and Deer Canyon's dine out at Handel's Ice Cream; also attended the memorial service for Special Education teacher Stephanie Diaz with District leadership and many staff members, it was heart wrenching; listened to the African American Parent Advisory Group virtual meeting, noting valuable information shared about the LCAP, dashboard data, the Explore program, and enrichment opportunities, along with positive participant feedback; Member Davies highlighted the success of the Principal for a Day program that strengthens the partnership between our schools and the community; submitted a letter to the Governor requesting a veto of AB 772 due to concerns about expanded district responsibility and authority over off-campus student behavior; joined Walk to School Day with Victoria Groves, District leadership, City of Rancho Cucamonga officials, and community members, emphasizing its value for safety, community building, and school spirit; recognized School Administrators Week, commending principals and District administrators for their leadership and support of schools and staff.

Board Member Malinda Hurley… attended the 14th annual Latino Educational Advisory Day (LEAD) Summit at Cal State San Bernardino, which emphasized addressing the crisis in Latino education and empowering students and families through representation and cultural voice, described the event as uplifting and meaningful; also participated in the local "Let Freedom Read" event at Central Park, which featured reading activities, raffles, book exchanges, and family reading spaces, Member Hurley highlighted how engaged and excited the children were, noting that many did not want to leave because they were enjoying the literacy activities so much; expressed enthusiasm for attending the upcoming San Bernardino County and Riverside County School Boards Association dinner, which will focus on key updates, strategic planning, and collaboration with other board members to support student success regionally; finally, she thanked the staff at Victoria Groves and Banyan for their effective response during a recent electrical outage, commended their professionalism, flexibility, and care for students, noting that both staff and students handled the situation exceptionally well.

Board Member Eric Chung… acknowledged that the Board will be accepting the resignation of Kristy Johnson. and he shared that Victoria Groves was the first school he visited after being sworn in, and he was deeply impressed by Ms. Johnson's interactions with students, her extensive knowledge of i-Ready, and her strong understanding of District culture; Member Chung noted that she continued to excel after transitioning to the District office, and expressed sincere appreciation for her contributions and wished her well, stating that San Bernardino County is fortunate to have her joining its staff.

Board Member Brad Buller … emphasized that community outreach and school site visits are truly a team effort, acknowledged that each Trustee's schedule varies, and expressed appreciation for how Board members support one another by attending events when others cannot; thanked the Board for their continued presence in the community and noted that he was able to attend a few additional events not previously mentioned; recently attended several junior high sports events and was pleased to see strong participation from both students and the community; Member Buller commended the coaches for their dedication and praised the student athletes for their hard work and enthusiasm on the field.

SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Smith shared that there were no reportable incidents for the District's quarterly submission for Williams Reporting for the period of July 1, 2025 through September 30, 2025.

Superintendent Smith shared her experience participating in Operation Classroom Assist, which allowed her to step into Ms. Deanna Conroy's fourth and fifth grade combo class at Alta Loma Elementary. It was a tremendous experience, but both humbling and enlightening, noting the dedication and skill of the teachers. Superintendent Smith humorously admitted her challenges with teaching math and appreciated the students' guidance.

Superintendent Smith also mentioned the upcoming Operation Classified Assist in the spring, where participants can experience roles such as school secretary or proctor. She expressed gratitude to the teachers for welcoming her and encouraged others to participate in the program, emphasizing its inspirational and educational value.

Superintendent Smith shared that a letter regarding the California density law has been completed and will be sent to the city, emphasizing the Board's willingness to partner on the issue and advocate with state legislators. She also discussed Senate Bill 800, recently signed into law by Senator Elise Gomez Reyes, which requires consultation with public health and local governments to incorporate suicide deterrent features in bridges and overpasses. Superintendent Smith highlighted the importance of this legislation for youth mental health and the shared responsibility of schools and communities in prevention. She noted that Assembly Bill 1390, signed into law on October 11, allows school boards to raise compensation for board members, acknowledging the demands of the role while also recognizing budget constraints. Lastly, she expressed gratitude to District administrators, principals, support staff, directors, and coordinators for their dedication, teamwork, and commitment to students, praising their leadership and service.

Assistant Superintendent Christina Pierce reported that the recent staff development day for staff was highly successful, with approximately 98% attendance. Sessions were tailored to teacher needs and aligned with LCAP priorities, covering evidence-based reading programs, the science of reading, math, science, NGSS, AI for junior highs, and arts education, along with

opportunities for yearlong planning and collaboration. Feedback from surveys was overwhelmingly positive, with only minor improvements noted for one science session.

Assistant Superintendent Cara Cerecerez shared that Classified staff also participated in professional development, including training on slip/fall prevention, body ergonomics, behavior management, and adult sexual misconduct prevention, with support from the custodial and operations teams. Overall, the training day was considered productive and well-received by all staff.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried unanimously to adopt the following Consent Calendar items, as presented:

Vendor Agreements

Approved agreements with the following vendors, and authorized Sherry Smith, Eric Hart, and/or applicable administrators to sign all related documents:
1) BMX Freestyle Team, LLC; 2) Booster Enterpriser, Inc.; 3) Campus Safety Group; 4) CUE Conference; 5) California Afterschool Network; 6) California Science Center Foundation; 7) JFK Transportation; 8) Knott's Berry Farm; 9) Kyle's Cartoon Platoon; 10) Main Event; 11) NIC Partners Inc.; 12) Prismatic Magic Show; 13) San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools; 14) Sawdust Factory; 15) School Series of California, Inc.; 16) Vector USA; 17) Visser Bus Services; 18) Wheels Squared BMX Show.

Board Payment Report

Approved the Board Payment Report, as presented.

Routine Personnel Items

Approved employment, terminations, resignations, leaves and temporary assignments, as presented.

Donations

Accepted with appreciation the following donations:

1. Donation of $825.00 from Alta Loma Elementary PTA to Alta Loma Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
2. Donation of $440.00 from Chelsey Mirabel, The Kids Hair Studio to Alta Loma Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
3. Donation of $1,000.00 from Dani Morin Media, Inc. to Alta Loma Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
4. Donation of $1,500.00 from Griffith Observatory Foundation to Alta Loma Elementary school's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
5. Donation of $25,000.00 from Stork Elementary PFSA to Stork Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
6. Donation of $100.00 from Angela Eisenbrey to Victoria Groves School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
7. Donation of $192.88 from Chipotle Mexican Grille to Victoria Groves School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
8. Donation of $314.24 from Kroger (Ralph's Club Reward Program) to Victoria Groves School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.

2025-26 Junior High Budgets
Approved the 2025-26 Budgets for Alta Loma Junio High and Vineyard Junior High Associated Student Body Accounts.

Agreement with Azusa Pacific University
Approved the agreement with Azusa Pacific University and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Assistant Superintendent Cara Cerecerez to sign all related documents.

Board Policies
A second reading was held to amend Board Policies related to Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans, Personnel, Students, and Instruction, as presented.
BP 0410 – Nondiscrimination in District Programs and Activities
BP 4030 – Nondiscrimination in Employment
BP 5141.5 – Mental Health
BP 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment
BP 5145.7 – sexual Harassment
BP 6142.91 – Reading/Language Arts Instruction.

Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation
The newly appointed Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Transportation, Cory Nottingham was introduced and congratulated by the Board and Executive Cabinet.

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

Annual Organizational Meeting
Moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Chung and carried unanimously to designate December 10, 2025 as the annual organizational meeting for the Board of Trustees.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Agreement – Healthy Campus, LLC
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mrs. Davies and carried unanimously to approve the Platform and Services Agreement with Healthy Campus, LLC and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric Hart to sign all related documents.

Thurmaduke Hot Food Serving System
Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried unanimously to authorize the Purchase of Thurmaduke Hot Food Serving System for Stork Elementary for a total cost of $11,194 and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric Hart to sign all related documents.

Permission for E-Rate – Category 1
Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried unanimously to approve the Permission to Issue Request for Proposals for E-Rate – Category 1, and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric Hart to sign all related documents.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Initial Proposal for Negotiations – Alta Loma School District
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and accepted the initial proposal for negotiations for the 2025-26 school year from the Alta Loma School District, as presented.

Initial Proposal for Negotiations - ALEA
Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and accepted the initial proposal for negotiations for the 2025-26 school year from the Alta Loma Educators Association, as presented.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Board Policies – First Reading
BP 1312.3 – Uniform Complaint Procedures
BP 4119.11/4219.11/4319.11 – Sexual Harassment
BP 4156.2/4256.2/436.2 – Awards and Recognition
BP 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information
BP 5141.4 – Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting
BP 6141.2 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs and Customs
BP 6142.1 – Sexual Health and HIV/AIDS Prevention Instruction

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, November 19, 2025, 6:00 PM at Alta Loma School District Support Center, 9390 Base Line Road.

CLOSED SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:12 PM for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Code Section §3549.1, §54956.9, §54956.9(d), §54957, and §54957.6.

The Board reconvened to open session, no announcements were made, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM.