MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, May 7, 2025

OPEN SESSION, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL
The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Brad Buller at 6:00 PM. Present were members Buller, Chung, Hurley, and Martinez. Absent member Davies.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Kathleen Minor, Teacher, Stork Elementary, led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT
Mr. Buller read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA
Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried with the following vote to adopt the agenda of the meeting, as presented.

AYES:	4	(Buller, Chung, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried with the following vote to adopt the special meeting minutes of March 19, 2025, as presented.

AYES:	4	(Buller, Chung, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried with the following vote to adopt the meeting minutes of April 2, 2025, as presented.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS
Special Recognition – Diana Minucci

County Classified Employee of the Year – Rudy Ontiveros

Alta Loma School District Employees of the Year
Mr. Ron Reiring - Volunteer of the Year
Margaux Cruz – DSC Support Staff of the Year
Marla Lowry – Administrator of the Year
Leslie Hitchcock – Teacher of the Year

Retiree Recognition
Vanessa Ashton, Catherine Fontana, Delia Aguilar, Gregory Edmon, Renee Taylor, Thomas Nixon, Dionna Growsky, Kimberly Tapsfield, Regina Cortes, Patricia Ness, and Kathleen Minor.

Principals and Directors reflected on the achievements of each retiree, and the Board and Executive Cabinet expressed gratitude for their years of dedicated service to Alta Loma School District. Each retiree in attendance was presented with the traditional acrylic paperweight and a *Certificate of Excellence* from the Board.

The Board took a ten-minute recess at 7:00 PM to visit with those present for the recognitions and their guests.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS
Letter of Positive Certification from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT
April Beargeon, a Banyan parent with a current first grader and an incoming kindergartner, shared her concerns about the implementation of full-day kindergarten for the 2025–26 school year. Mrs. Beargeon expressed that she was unaware of the shift to full-day until receiving a letter in January and was surprised by the lack of a true "transition" plan, despite the District's use of that term. She emphasized that families were not given a choice between full-day and half-day options and urged the Board to consider offering flexibility.

Antoinette Jensen, a former early childhood educator, expressed concerns regarding the proposed tuition increase for the C.H.A.M.P.S. preschool program. She questioned the legality of charging tuition for a program that is integrated with special education and receives state and federal funding. She urged the district to conduct a legal review of the tuition practice to ensure compliance with the California Constitution and education code, and raised broader concerns about the appropriate separation of special education and general education funds.

Eric Stalter, representing the Civil Review Board, addressed the Board regarding Board Bylaw 9006. He expressed opposition to the bylaw, stating that it undermines the independence of elected officials. Mr. Stalter urged the Board to reject policies he believes compromise trustees' accountability to the public, emphasizing that Board members report to the community, not to staff.

Catherine-Ann Byrness, representing the Civil Review Board, spoke in opposition to Board Bylaw 9006. She criticized the bylaw as overly restrictive, stating that it requires elected officials to seek permission before carrying out their duties and to report back after doing so. Ms. Byrness urged the Board to repeal any policy that, in her view, limits the autonomy and effectiveness of trustees in serving the public.

Susanne Franz, an Alta Loma resident and member of the Civil Review Board, spoke in opposition to Board Bylaw 9006. She described the bylaw as overreaching and urged the Board to take action to remove policies she believes restrict open communication and transparency.

Stephanie Evans, from the Civil Review Board quoted James Madison and expressed her opposition to Board Bylaw 9006.

LaVay Bland played a recorded statement on behalf of Andrea Woore, who was not present at the meeting. In the recording, Ms. Woore expressed displeasure with comments made by the Superintendent to the Board regarding Board Bylaw 9006, which were delivered following public comment at the previous Board meeting, where Ms. Woore had spoken in opposition to the bylaw. She then reiterated her opposition to BB 9006 and concluded by stating that a "yes" vote on the bylaw would mean Board members are comfortable with the elected Superintendent acting as their "puppet master."

Shari Megowan, ALEA President, shared that the association recently recognized Jennifer Reese from Alta Loma Junior High with the W.H.O. (We Honor Ours) Award. At the same event, Dr. Hurley was honored with the Beyond W.H.O. Award. Ms. Megowan thanked the Board and Executive Cabinet for their service, not only within the Board room but also in their support of the broader community. She referenced a recent email she had sent and encouraged the Board to consider the message behind it: if the District is able to cover half the cost of student transportation, perhaps there is also capacity to extend Assistant Principal support for another year or invest in additional teaching staff to help reduce class sizes. She asked the Board to reflect on the difficult decisions ahead and consider how those choices align with the District's priorities.

PUBLIC HEARING
None.

BOARD REPORTS
Board member Jessica Martinez … April 10 had the opportunity to attend the Annual West End Selpa Art and Writing event, it was well attended; thanked Chaffey Joint Union High School District for hosting the event, great to celebrate students for their creativity; April 14, attended the Honorary Service Awards ceremony, very well deserved awards for all the recipients; April 29, joined the county visits to Deer Canyon and Solorio Elementary; gave kudos to Assistant Superintendent Cerecerez for setting up the Kaiser Pop-up Eye Clinic; has received a lot of public feedback regarding the agenda, and Trustee Martinez appreciates the engagement of the community and she takes the feedback very seriously.

Board member Malinda Hurley . . . was honored to congratulate and hand out flowers to our dedicated Local Partnership members, School Site Parent members, PTA Parents and Volunteers; attended the LCAP meeting via Zoom and was happy to learn about Prop 28 funds available to create Arts Education Makerspaces at each of our elementary schools; the 38th Multilingual Recognition Dinner was truly inspiring, as we celebrated the outstanding contributions of our Multilingual Award Honorees, including Administrator Kristy Johnson, Resource and Support Staff Elida Castellanos, and Teacher Solmari Bosley; their visionary leadership is transforming Alta Loma School District into a beacon of excellence; "Newsies" play at Vineyard Junior High School performance by our students was phenomenal, Jenna Vandergrift does an outstanding job with our students; deeply grateful to Associate Superintendent Eric Hart for his kindness at the Spring Choir Concert; thanked Principal Andrew Carter, for the inspiring introduction, birthday song, and Ryan Wysocki for a truly unforgettable Spring Concert; the Warrior Choir's performance was exceptional; thanked Board President Buller for inviting the Board to participate in the 32nd Annual Inland Empire Prayer Breakfast; this event has the power to unite us as a community and drive meaningful change; Shari Megowan, your exceptional leadership as ALEA President has truly made a difference; thanked ALEA for inviting the Board to their end of the year celebration, which provided a wonderful opportunity to connect with our dedicated teachers; Alta Loma Junior High Schools Spring Concert, directed by Ryan Wysocki is a highly anticipated annual event that consistently exceeds expectations, showcasing the incredible talent of our students; kudos to Principal Carter for championing this outstanding program, empowering our students to reach new heights; congratulated Jennifer Reese from the Alta Loma Educators Association last night for receiving the Local WHO Award (We Honor Our Own).

Board member Eric Chung … April 16 attended the PTA, PFSA, PTSA, Site Council and Community Partners Recognition; Trustee Chung received a lot of good feedback, a lot of people

were appreciative that the Board and Executive Cabinet took the time to acknowledge them; May 1, was invited to the Inland Empire Prayer Breakfast; such a wonderful event, it was great to see community leaders from the Inland Empire and connect with them.

Board member Brad Buller … Trustee Buller attended many of the same events his fellow Trustees attended; he appreciates that the Board can be boots on the ground in many different ways, and thanked his fellow Trustees for all that they do.

SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Smith shared that there were no reportable incidents for the Williams Reporting for the period of January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025.

Superintendent Smith shared that she attended the Annual Art and Writing Showcase, and at the event Alta Loma School District received a recognition from Assemblyman Robert Garcia.

Assistant Superintendent Pierce shared that the DLI Task Force made a recommendation for Benchmark-Adelante as the Spanish curriculum for the Dual Immersion Program. It is out for public viewing and will be brought to the Board for approval at the May 21 meeting.

The ALSD School Counseling team, comprised of Jamie Castro, Lilianna Moreno, Sarah Perri, Jonet Thomas and Alyssa Zepeda presented to the Board data on the District's Counseling Program. The team shared that 1,417 total classroom lessons were delivered to our students, 602 in elementary and 815 in junior high. 392 students received Tier 2 supports, and they saw a reduction in need of Tier 3 services this year. In 2023-24, 148 students were served and in 2024-25, 130 students were served. The counselors shared that Alta Loma Elementary, Carnelian, Deer Canyon, Hermosa, Jasper, Stork, Alta Loma Junior High and Vineyard Junior High are going for the Silver Award for PBIS Implementation. Banyan is going for the Gold PBIS Implementation Award and Victoria Groves is going for the Platinum PBIS Implementation Award.

Next steps will be to continue to strengthen Tier 1, 2, & 3 supports by consistent practices teaching PBIS expectations Districtwide, anti-bullying and anti-drug programs, focus on English learner and Foster Youth groups, expand Character Strong (SEL) lessons and expand parent outreach and resources as it relates to individual students' needs.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried with the following vote to adopt the following Consent Calendar items and pull item M. 6 for a separate vote.

AYES:	4	(Buller, Chung, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

Vendor Agreements

Approved agreements with the following vendors, and authorized Sherry Smith, Eric Hart, and/or applicable administrators to sign all related documents:

1) Avalon Protective Services; 2) Avalon Transportation; 3) Brick 4 Kidz; 4) Checkpoint Gaming; 5) Cucamonga Jumpers; 6) Face Painting Rocks; 7) Fun Services; 8) Hagerman Science; 9) Hoop It Up; 10) Jenjo Ink; 11) JFK Transportation; 12) Let's Jump LA; 13)

Lewis Family Playhouse; 14) Magic Jump Rentals; 15) Main Event; 16) Mobile Ed Productions; 17) New Age Gaming; 18) Purple Easel; 19) The Sawdust Factory; 20) STEAM Show Magic.

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:

a.) Donation of $500.00 from MHR Investments to Banyan Elementary Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
b) Donation of $2000.00 from Four Seas Consulting, LLC to Hermosa Elementary Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
c) Donation of $500.00 from Stork PFSA to Stork Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.

Board Polices
A second reading was held to amend Board Policies related to Personnel
BP 4040 – Employee Use of Technology

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

Update Signers
Approved the request to update signers on the Vineyard Junior High school ASB account. This action would add Christopher Brazeau, Dean of Students, as a signer on all related documents for Vineyard Junior High School.

M. 6 Board Bylaw – 9006 Governance Protocols, Second Reading
A discussion was held regarding Board Bylaw – 9006 Governance Protocols.
Moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Chung and carried with the following vote to amend Board Bylaw 9006 – Governance Protocols.

AYES:	3	(Buller, Chung, Hurley)
NOES:	1	(Martinez)
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Amira, Reading Difficulties Risk (RDR) Screener
During the discussion portion, Dr. Christina Pierce shared background information on the Reading Difficulties Screener, the four options the task force had to choose from and why Amira was selected and next steps.

Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried with the following vote to approve Amira, Reading Difficulties Risk (RDR) Screener for students in kindergarten through 2nd grade and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric Hart to sign all related documents.

AYES:	4	(Buller, Chung, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

Tuition Rate Increase – C.H.A.M.P.S.
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried with the following vote to approve the monthly tuition rate increase for C.H.A.M.P.S. Preschool Program.

AYES:	3	(Buller, Chung, Hurley)
NOES:	1	(Martinez)
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

McGraw Hill-CA StudySync
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried with the following vote to authorize the purchase of McGraw Hill-CA StudySync English Language Arts curriculum and materials for grades 6-8 and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric Hart to sign all related documents.

AYES:	4	(Buller, Chung, Davies, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

HUMAN RESOURCES

Resolution No. 050725(a)
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried with the following vote to adopt Resolution No. 050725(a) for terminating certificated employees as a result of reduction and/or elimination of particular kinds of services, as presented.

AYES:	4	(Buller, Chung, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

Resolution No. 050725(b)
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried with the following vote to adopt Resolution No. 050725(b) for terminating classified employees as a result of reduction and/or elimination of classified positions, as presented.

AYES:	4	(Buller, Chung, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)
ABSTAIN:	0	

Classified Salary Range List
Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried with the following vote to approve the amended Classified Salary Range List effective July 1, 2025, as presented.

AYES:	4	(Buller, Chung, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	1	(Davies)

ABSTAIN: 0

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Board Policies

A first reading was held to amend Board Polices
BP 1340 – Access to District Records
BP 3311 – Bids
BP 3312 - Contracts
BP 3314.3 – Use of District Credit Cards
BP 3516.5 – Emergency Schedules
BP 3580 – District Records
BP 4151/4251/4351 – Employee Compensation
BP 4158/4258/4358 – Employee Security
BP 5125 – Student Records
BP 5131 – Conduct
BP 5131.8 – Mobile Communication Devices
BP 5145.3 – Nondiscrimination/Harassment
BP 5145.7 – Sexual Harassment and Sex-Based Harassment
BP 5145.13 – Response to Immigration Enforcement
BP 6145 – Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities
BP 6163.4 – Student Use of Technology

Board Bylaws

A first reading was held to amend Board Bylaws.
BB 9224 – Oath or Affirmation
BB 9260 – Legal Protection

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, May 21, 2025, 6:00 PM at the Alta Loma School District Support Center, 9390 Base Line Road.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 8:48 PM for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Code Section 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.9(d), 54957, and 54957.6.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 PM.