MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 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, Davies, 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 Mrs. Davies, seconded by Ms. Martinez and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda of the meeting with the following amendments. Under Item M. Consent Calendar, remove items M. 4(c) and M. 5 and under Item N. Curriculum and Instruction add item N. 3.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried unanimously to adopt the minutes of August 13, 2025, as presented.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Student Presentations – Banyan Elementary School

- Student Ambassadors , Brynn B. and Mark R.
- Mrs. Packer and Mrs. Diamond (Kindergarten Team)
    - Kinder Student Ambassadors
        - Indi M.
        - Jaden R.
        - Ines G.
        - Nox L.

Eric Hart, Associate Superintendent gave the Board an update on the District's Transportation Services, highlighting the process for qualifying riders, challenges, timeline, bus rider statistics and transportation cost and next steps.

WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

Letter of approval of the 2025-26 Adopted Budget of the Alta Loma School District from San Bernardino County Business Advisory Services, presented for the Board's information.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Heftman from Burrtec Waste Industries shared that the company has donated kindergarten curriculum packets to all elementary school sites within the District. The initiative is part of Burrtec's ongoing commitment to environmental education**,** with the goal of inspiring today's young recyclers to become tomorrow's environmental leaders**.**

Kurtis Downs, a community member, addressed the group to share his perspective on AB 495 – the Family Preparedness Plan Act. He highlighted that the bill raises significant concerns regarding parental rights. Mr. Downs reported that approximately 6,500 people gathered at the State Capitol in Sacramento to oppose the bill, marking what he described as the largest demonstration at the

Capitol in the past 30 years. He called in to express his strong opposition to the bill and to advocate for the protection of parental authority.

Shari Megowan, ALEA President expressed concern that teachers are taking home less pay due to rising healthcare costs and the lack of cost-of-living adjustments. She highlighted that despite a recent reduction in force, the district still needed to hire 25 new certificated staff, raising questions about the district's competitiveness. She urged the board to make fiscally responsible decisions to prioritize staff compensation and retention.

PUBLIC HEARING

1. Mr. Buller opened the Public Hearing at 6:50 PM on Resolution #09-10-25, Adoption of Adequate Instructional Materials. No comments were presented, item was closed at 6:51 PM.

BOARD REPORTS

Board member Jessica Martinez … attended Jasper's Back to School Night, thanked Mrs. Cerecerez for her hospitality and for entertaining both herself and Mr. Quanstrom; also visited Stork's Back to School Night, where she joined Trustee Chung and Mr. Hart, and expressed appreciation to Mrs. Travis and Mrs. Bires for showcasing the classrooms; August 25, attended the virtual Homeless and Foster Youth meeting along with Trustee Hurley, noted strong engagement from parents and caregivers, who asked thoughtful questions about after-school programs, busing, and tutoring; Trustee Martinez commended Dr. Pierce for effectively responding and following up with attendees; attended the parent engagement session following the meeting and shared her excitement about the upcoming chess tournament on Saturday and Stork's Hoedown on the 27th.

Board member Rebecca Davies … attended Back to School Nights at both Deer Canyon and Hermosa Elementary on August 14, noting strong attendance by parents and families; August 19, participated in Alta Loma Junior High's GATE Information Presentation, followed by their Back to School Night; August 20, Trustee Davies attended the first Parent Leader Group meeting of the year and appreciated the strong turnout of engaged parent leaders; August 21, attended a kindergarten bike donation ceremony at Alta Loma Elementary, a partnership with the City of Rancho Cucamonga, Trustee Davies shared how enjoyable it was to see the kindergarteners receive and ride their new bikes.

Board member Malinda Hurley … had the opportunity to attend the August 20 Parent Leader Group Meeting with PTA members and expressed appreciation for the active and dedicated parent volunteers planning events like ALSD's Winter Wonderland, noting that President Buller and Trustee Davis also value their efforts; Trustee Hurley also attended Alta Loma Elementary's Open House on August 21, where she was welcomed by Principal Vass and Dr. Pierce, and observed strong parent engagement as teachers shared curriculum and program details; August 25, Dr. Hurley joined the Foster Youth and Homeless Virtual Engagement Meeting, where she spoke about the importance of serving vulnerable student groups, following that, Dr. Pierce led the first Virtual Parent Engagement Night, with over 250 attendees, providing families with tools and guidance on accessing digital resources like Google Chrome, Clever, i-Ready, and online tutoring, She noted it was an engaging session with active parent participation; Trustee Hurley closed her report by offering her deepest sympathy to the family of Gabriella Delgado, referring to her as a "little superstar" and keeping her family in her thoughts and prayers.

Board member Eric Chung … attended two Back to School Nights, on August 14 at Stork Elementary with Mr. Hart and Trustee Martinez, and on August 19 at Alta Loma Junior High with Dr. Pierce; he noted the excitement of families and was especially impressed by the student writing displays, praising the progress and dedication of the District's teachers; at Alta Loma Junior High, he enjoyed reconnecting with familiar and new faces who expressed appreciation for the welcoming environment at the school's new location; he echoed Ms. Megowan's remarks about the importance of supporting staff and emphasized the need to continue finding solutions that work for everyone; Mr. Chung closed his report by offering prayers to the Kirk family in light of a recent tragedy and stressed the importance of maintaining respectful, compassionate dialogue, even in disagreement, always keeping the District's mission and students at the forefront.

Board member Brad Buller … expressed appreciation for the collaboration among board members in ensuring all schools are represented during Back to School events; shared that he attended three Back to School Nights, including Carnelian Elementary, which held a unique orientation format, noted it was different from past experiences and expressed interest in receiving feedback on its effectiveness; also participated in the Parent Leader Group meeting and appreciated the opportunity to connect with PTA members; Trustee Buller highlighted Alta Loma Elementary's event as especially enjoyable; concluded by acknowledging the significance of September 11, reminding everyone of upcoming commemorative events in the community.

SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Smith acknowledged the difficult start to the school year, particularly mourning the passing of Stephanie Diaz, a beloved teacher at Alta Loma Elementary. She extended deep condolences to the Alta Loma Elementary staff and to colleagues across the District whose lives Stephanie touched through her role as an itinerant provider. She commended the strength and resilience of the Alta Loma Elementary staff, who, despite their own grief and trauma, stepped up to support students. She also recognized the outstanding efforts of the crisis team. Special recognition was also given to Dr. Vass, a first-month principal, for handling not only the loss of a staff member, but also managing an OSHA audit and Williams visit all during the same week.

Superintendent Smith reported that the San Bernardino County team conducted an unannounced Williams Audit on Thursday, August 28. She noted that while these inspections are never easy, the visit went exceptionally smoothly and was handled with professionalism. The District anticipates a clean report with no findings once the official letter is received. Dr. Smith emphasized that Alta Loma Elementary, one of the District's oldest campuses**,** performed very well, demonstrating that even aging facilities can be safe, clean, and well-maintained. However, she cautioned that this success shouldn't overshadow the need to continue prioritizing modernization efforts for the site. She extended a special thank you to the Alta Loma Elementary staff, whose preparation and professionalism were key to the audit's success.

Superintendent Smith also provided an update on a newly filed ballot initiative with the California Attorney General's Office seeking to permanently extend Proposition 30. Originally passed in 2012, Proposition 30 imposed an income tax on California's highest earners to support public education. It was extended in 2016 through Proposition 55, which set the expiration date for 2030. The proposed measure, titled the California Children's Education and Health Care Protection Act of 2026, would remove the expiration date from the state constitution, making the funding permanent. She emphasized the importance of this funding, noting that it represents approximately $36 million of the District's $63 million LCFF budget. Without it, the District could face significant financial challenges impacting staffing, programs, and general operations.

Superintendent Smith provided an update on the District's Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) recognitions. She was happy to report that the District has received official confirmation that all of the schools' applications were accepted and confirmed:

- Victoria Groves Elementary – Platinum Status
- Banyan Elementary – Gold Status
- All remaining schools – Silver Status

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried unanimously to adopt the following Consent Calendar items:

Vendor Agreements

Approved agreements with the following vendors and authorized Sherry Smith and/or applicable administrators to sign all related documents: 1) Avalon Transportation; 2) Brock Edwards Magic; 3) Catalina Island marine Institute (CIMI); 4) Foster and Foster Consulting Actuaries, Inc.; 5) Hurst Ranch Historical Foundation; 6) Imagination Machine; 7) JFK Transportation Co., Inc.; 8) Knott's Berry Farm Educational Tour; 9) La Verne Heritage Foundation; 10) Leadership Associates for Student Councils; 11) Marc Griffiths; 12) Mobile Ed; 13) Riley's Farm; 14) Visser Bus Services.

Board Payment Report

Approved the Board Payment Report, as presented.

Routine Personnel Items

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

Donations

Accepted the following donation:

a) Donation of $3,500.00 from Alta Loma Elementary PTA to Alta Loma Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
b) Donation of $200.00 from D&S Backhoe Service, Inc. to Hermosa Elementary School's Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
d) Donation of $2,000.00 from School's First Federal Credit Union to Alta Loma School District to be used to enhance the instructional program.
e) Donation of kindergarten curriculum packets to all District elementary schools from Burrtec Waste Industries to be used to enhance the instructional program.

Amend Board Bylaw

A second reading was held to amend Board Bylaw 9011 – Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information.

Amend Board Policies

A second reading was held to amend Board Policies related to Philosophy, Goals, Objectives and Comprehensive Plans, Personnel, Students, and Instruction.

BP 0420.4 – Charter School Authorization
BP 0420.41 – Charter School Oversight
BP 0440 – District Technology Plan
BP 0441 – Artificial Intelligence
BP 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan
BP 4033 – Lactation Accommodation
BP 5131.3 – Alcohol and Other Drugs
BP 5148.2 – Before/After School Programs
BP 6141 – Curriculum Development and Evaluation

BP 6177 – Summer Learning Programs

Agreement – University of La Verne
Approved the agreement with University of La Verne and authorized Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Assistant Superintendent Cara Cerecerez to sign all related documents.

Agreement – California State University, San Bernardino
Approved the agreement with California State University, San Bernardino and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Assistant Superintendent, Cara Cerecerez to sign all related documents.

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Adequate Instructional Materials Resolution #09-10-25(a)
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried unanimously to adopt the Adequate Instructional Materials Resolution #09-10-25(a) certifying a public hearing was held and a determination made that there is sufficiency of textbooks and instructional materials for students in the Alta Loma School District.

Proposition 28 Arts and Music Annual Report
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to approve the Alta Loma School District's Proposition 28 Arts and Music in Schools Funding Annual Report for the 2024-25 school year, as presented.

CISCO Academy Field Trip
Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried unanimously to approve the CISCO Academy Field Trip for six junior high school students on Tuesday, September 30, 2025.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Information Only
Unaudited Actual Report
Director of Fiscal Services, Ryan Peterson shared the 2024-25 unaudited actuals financial report, the multi-year budget update and an enrollment update with the Board.

Unaudited Actuals Financial Statements
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to accept the Report of Unaudited Actuals Financial statements for the 2024-25 year as presented.

Article 13B Appropriation Limit
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Chung, and carried unanimously to readopt the District's 2024-25 Article 13B Appropriation Limit in the amount of $42,522,143.81 and adopt the 2024-25 Appropriation Limit in the amount of $43,277,151.69. See Resolution No. 09-10-25(b).

New Refrigerated Box Truck- Child Nutrition
Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried unanimously to authorize the purchase of a New Refrigerated Box Truck for the Child Nutrition Department in the amount of $128,273, and authorize Superintendent Shery Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric hart to sign all related documents.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Temporary Athletic Team Coach Qualifications
Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to certify that all conditions set forth in Title 5, Section 5593, Temporary Athletic Team Coach Qualifications and Competencies, and 5594, Local Board Certification of Athletic Coaches, and ALSD Board Policy 4127, Temporary Athletic Team Coaches, have been met.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Amend Board Policies
A first reading was held to amend Board Policies related to Philosophy, Goals, Objectives, and Comprehensive Plans, Personnel, Students, and Instruction.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, October 15, 2025 at 6:00 PM at the Alta Loma School District Support Center, 9390 Base Line Road.

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to closed session at 7:49 PM for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Code Section §3549.1, §54956.9, §54956.9(d), §54957, and §54957.6.

OPEN SESSION/ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to open session and no announcements were made.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM, in honor of Alta Loma Elementary Teacher, Stephanie Diaz.