MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Board President Eric Chung at 6:00 PM. Present were members Buller, Chung, Davies, Hurley, and Martinez. Absent none.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carnelian Elementary School's, Student Senate Member, Hayden K. led the flag salute.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mr. Chung read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried unanimously to adopt the agenda of the, as presented.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to approve the meeting minutes of January 14, 2026, with the correction to the vote for the employment contract amendment on page 7. Noes should reflect 2 no votes, not 1.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Student Presentations – Carnelian Elementary School

- Student Ambassadors
  - Student Senate President, Mikenzy M.
  - Student Senate, Shayne F.
  - Student Senate, Cameron L.
  - Student Senate, Olivia J.
  - Student Senate, Hayden K.
  - Student Senate, Ellie C.
  - Student Senate Treasurer, Gavin Peich
- Amazing Shake
  - Lucas D.
  - Kennedy R.
- 5th Grade Enrichment Student Speaker
  - Alex K.

California Schools Risk Management Presentation

The Board received a Risk Management and Cyber Liability presentation from representatives of the California Schools Risk Management Joint Powers Authority (JPA), the District's property, liability, and cyber coverage provider, along with a report from Ben Haussmann, Director of Instructional Technology. The JPA explained that, as a member-driven nonprofit pool founded in 1986, it helps districts manage high-cost, high-risk exposures such as cyber incidents by providing more affordable coverage and specialized support. The District's cyber program includes coverage for breach response, e-crime and fraudulent instruction, business interruption, and ransomware, which a dedicated incident response contact to guide the District in the event of a breach. Because the District has implemented multi-factor authentication (MFA), the JPA was able to secure a reduced cyber deductible, lowering the District's financial exposure. In addition to insurance coverage, the JPA provides no-cost preventive services, including vulnerability

testing of District systems, Cyber Awareness Month communications, and annual trainings to help districts understand and meet evolving cyber insurance and security requirements.

Ben Haussmann, Director of IT reported that the District has deployed MFA across staff accounts, uses Sophos antivirus on all District computers and servers, participates in county provided phishing simulations to strengthen staff awareness, and maintains a next generation firewall that protects all District sites and devices from external threats. He noted that hardware and software updates are typically scheduled after hours about once a month, with advance email notifications to staff, and that the District is working to further enhance MFA controls, expand network detection capabilities, and keep equipment current with the Board's support. He also described efforts to review and strengthen data privacy agreements with third party vendors, including tools using artificial intelligence, and outlined protocols for responding to alerts from student devices, particularly in cases involving potential self-harm or other high-risk behavior. Presenters emphasized that the District currently has robust, "best in class" cyber coverage and safeguards in place and remains focused on proactive risk management.

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

Williams monitoring second quarterly report for the 2025-26 school year from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

PUBLIC COMMENT
Katie Knickerbocker, a 25-year District employee, shared concerns regarding the District's financial challenges and recent compensation decisions. She referenced statements shared with teachers about the $5.5 million deficit, lack of funding for class size reduction, no money for raises, declining enrollment, potential school closure, and the district being the lowest funded in San Bernardino County. She expressed concern about large class sizes, including classes of 35 students with diverse academic and behavioral needs. Ms. Knickerbocker questioned recent salary increases tied to revised job descriptions and noted the contrast between limited funding for teachers and proposed board compensation increases. She stated that, at the proposed rate, board members would earn more than some District proctors and staff responsible for student safety and supervision. She urged the Board to make decisions with students and classrooms as the priority, emphasizing student success and excellence.

Community member Kurtis Downs spoke about a book titled *101 Scientific Facts That Prove the Bible,* discussing connections between science and biblical teachings. He referenced topics from the book, including the Earth's motion, structure, magnetic properties, weight of air, earthquakes, the expanding universe, and the idea that the universe has a beginning. He stated that some of these concepts were described in the Bible before being recognized by modern science. Mr. Downs also mentioned fossil discoveries, including reports of flexible dinosaur tissue, and referenced a site in Turkey that some believe to be Noah's Ark. He encouraged consideration of multiple perspectives regarding science and faith, stating that people often hear only one point of view.

ALEA President Shari Megowan recognized the hard work of teachers across the District, noting that recent attendance gains are largely due to the extensive time teachers spend preparing short-term independent study contracts to support students. She also addressed the importance of Proposition 55, the voter approved tax on high income earners that provides significant funding for public schools and is set to expire in 2030. She stated that the measure generates over $8

million annually for the Alta Loma School District. Ms. Megowan shared that the Alta Loma Educators Association is collecting signatures to place a permanent extension of Proposition 55 on the ballot and clarified that it would extend an existing tax, not create a new one. She invited Board members to sign the petition in support of securing continued funding for public schools.

PUBLIC HEARING
None.

BOARD REPORTS
Board member Brad Buller … attended the Amazing Shake Event, noting a few of the students at tonight's meeting participated in the great event, expressed enthusiasm for the program and students' upcoming participation at the county level.

Board member Jessica Martinez … February 2, attended the Virtual Family Engagement Series, titled *Helping Kids Thrive in the Tech Era*; a few topics included were screen reality, which is four to six hours, and most used apps; Member Martinez gave kudos to Margaux Cruz and Andrew Carter for providing practical strategies for parents, including having children check in their phones at home; Member Martinez noted that the session was well attended and highlighted its value for both parents and teachers.

Board member Rebecca Davies … attended the Alta Loma Council PTA Reflections Award Ceremony with Eric Hart; the event celebrated 72 students who submitted original artwork across six categories: Dance, Film/Video Production, Literature, Musical Composition, Photography, and Visual Arts; of those recognized, 26 students advanced to the next level of competition at the 5th District PTA, representing San Bernardino and Kern counties; Talitha Marquez, President of the Alta Loma Council PTA, enthusiastically led the ceremony; appreciation was extended to the judges and volunteers who supported the PTA-sponsored program, next year's Reflections theme will be "What My Culture Means to Me;" Member Davies also thanked Superintendent Smith for her Community Update article, "Honoring the Legacy of Parent Organizations on Founders Day," and acknowledged the important partnership between PTAs, families, and schools in supporting students and staff.

Board member Dr. Malinda Hurley … appreciated the thoughtful ratings, personal goals, and self-reflections shared by Trustees at the January 28 Special Board Meeting, as well as the Board's proactive efforts to prepare for declining enrollment; February 7, visited Alta Loma Junior High to observe ELA instruction, watching teachers work with 8th grade honors and 6th grade general education students on argumentative writing; Member Hurley, thanked Director of Educational Programs Andrew Carter and Principal Brittany Brehm for their support and for providing a tour of engaged classrooms; expressed pride in ALSD's ELA teachers for preparing students for the upcoming California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) state testing and for equipping them with strong argumentative writing and critical thinking skills. She also shared that she looks forward to upcoming STEAM fair events.

Board member Eric Chung … attended Vineyard Junior High's Winter Concert on February 6 with Dr. Pierce, praising the students' performance and the staff's efforts; noted that the next major event is the spring musical, *Finding Nemo Jr.*, and encouraged the community to attend, mentioning his own children have enjoyed past performances.

SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Smith recognized the efforts of staff during a week of rainy and windy weather, noting the additional challenges of managing students indoors during inclement conditions. Echoing Trustee Hurley's comments, she praised junior high English Language Arts teachers, acknowledging that strong social-emotional and academic skills are developed starting in TK and continuing through middle school.

Superintendent Smith also addressed the proposed tax extension, highlighting that it could bring approximately $8–12 million annually to the District. She encouraged the Board to review credible, nonpartisan resources such as the California Legislative Analyst's Office, the Public Policy Institute of California, the Department of Finance, and the California School Boards Association. She indicated that if the Board is interested, a resolution regarding the tax extension could be considered in March or April.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to pull item M. (7) BP 6159.1 – Procedural Safeguards and Complaints for Special Education to table to the next Board Meeting and approve the rest of the Consent Calendar items, as follows.

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) B.E.E. Therapy; 3) California IT in Education (CITE); 4) California Pizza Kitchen; 5) CASBO; 6) Chip Enterprise (Kona Ice); 7) Disneyland; 8) Face Painting Rocks; 9) Global CTI; 10) H & L Charter Co., Inc.; 11) Hoop It Up; 12) Inland Empire STEAM Symposium; 13) Ireland Sound Systems; 14) JFK Transportation; 15) John Rain's House; 16) Jurupa Area Recreation and Park District; 17) Knott's Berry Farm; 18) Los Angeles Angels; 19) Los Angeles County Fair; 20) Magic Jump Rentals; 21) Mary Vagle Nature Center; 22) Parr's Mobile Mini Golf; 23) Randall Planetarium; 24) Riley's Farm; 25) Riverside City College Jazz Festival; 26) San Gabriel Mission; 27) Sawdust Factory; 28) Stay Gold Foundation; 29) Traveling Tidepools; 30) Visser Bus Services; 31) Wheels Squared BMX.

Board Payment Report

Approved the Board Payment Reports, 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 $50.00 from Angela Eisenbrey to Victoria Groves Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
b) Donation of $2,499.54 from Frontier Project Foundation to Victoria Groves Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
c) Donation of $344.07 from Kroger to Victoria Groves Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.
d) Donation of $48.00 from Raising Canes to Victoria Groves Student Fundraiser Account to be used to enhance the instructional program.

Request to Update Signers
Approved the request to update signers on the Vineyard Junior High School ASB account. This action would add Christopher Brazeau and Karena Zubiate, Assistant Principals, and remove Brittany Brehm as a signer on all related documents for Vineyard Junior High School.

Memorandum of Understanding – Kaiser Foundation Health Plan
Approved the Memorandum of Understanding and License for Use of Premises with Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Inc., Southern California Region, as presented, and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Assistant Superintendent Cara Cerecerez to sign all related documents.

Amend Board Policies
A second reading was held to amend the following Board Polices, as presented.
BP 1000 – Concepts and Roles
BP 1114 – District-Sponsored Social Media
BP 2120 – Superintendent Recruitment and Selection
BP 4000 – Concepts and Roles
BP 5000 – Concepts and Roles
BP 5117 – Interdistrict Attendance
BP 5142 – Safety
BP 6020 – Parent Involvement
BP 6143 – Courses of Study

Amend Board Bylaws
A second reading was held to amend the following Board Bylaws, as presented.
BB 9310 – Board Policies
BB 9321 – Closed Session

Adopt Job Descriptions
A second reading was held to adopt the following job descriptions, as presented.
Director of the Expanded Learning Opportunity Program
Director of Assessment, Accountability and Instruction

Delete – Board Policy
A first reading was held and action taken to delete BP and AR 5145.13 – Response to Immigration Enforcement, as presented.

Amend Board Policies
A first reading was held and action taken to amend the following Board Policies, as presented.
BP 0450 – Comprehensive Safety Plan
BP 1340 – Access to District Records
BP 5116.1 – Intradistrict Open District
BP 5125 – Student Records
BP 5125.1 – Release of Directory Information

Amend Job Descriptions
A first reading was held and action taken to amend the following job descriptions, as presented.
Credentials Specialist

Secretary - Senior

GENERAL FUNCTIONS

2026 California School Boards

Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Dr. Hurley and carried with the following vote to elect the following candidates for the 2026 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, Subregion 16B: Christina Behringer, Amanda Buchanan, Tom Courtney, Stephanie Lewis, Scott Wyatt, and Cindy Gardner.

AYES:	2	(Buller, Davies)
NOES:	3	(Chung, Hurley, Martinez)
ABSENT:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	

Moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Dr. Hurley and carried with the following vote to elect the following candidates for the 2026 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, Subregion 16B: Christina Behringer, Amanda Buchanan, Tom Courtney, Stephanie Lewis, and Scott Wyatt

AYES:	5	(Buller, Chung, Davies, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Information Only – 2025-2026 LCAP Mid-Year Annual Update

Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Christina Pierce gave the Board an update on the 2025-2026 LCAP Mid-Year Report. The presentation included background on the LCAP, mid-year progress of LCAP expenditures, goals, actions, metrics, student i-Ready growth data and next steps.

2026-2027 Comprehensive School Safety Plan

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Ms. Davies, and carried unanimously to approve the 2026-2027 Comprehensive School Safety Plans (CSSP).

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

Request for Proposal

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried unanimously to approve the Request for Proposal by Crown Castle for Purchase of Fiber Interconnects, and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric Hart to sign all related documents.

Request for Proposal

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried unanimously to approve the Request for Proposal by NIC Partners for Category 2 Technology Equipment and Professional Services, authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric Hart to sign all related documents.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Board of Trustees Compensation
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried with the following vote to approve the increase to the Board of Trustees compensation from $240 a month to $1,200 a month, effective March 1, 2026.

AYES:	3	(Davies, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	2	(Buller, Chung)
ABSENT:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	

Retroactive Compensation – Sixth Period Instruction
Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to approve the Retroactive Compensation for Junior High Techers for sixth period instruction.

Classified Salary Range
Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Ms. Martinez, and carried unanimously to approve the Amended Classified Salary Range list, effective March 1, 2026, as presented.

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Amend Board Policies
A first reading was held to amend Board policies related to Business and Noninstructional Operations, and Facilities, as presented.
BP 3470 – Debt Issuance and Management
BP 7000 – Concepts and Roles
BP 7131 – Relations with Local Agencies

Adopt Board Policy
A first reading was held to amend Board Policy related to Community Relations, as presented.
BP – 1445 Response to Immigration Enforcement

Adopt Job Descriptions
A first reading was held to adopt the following job descriptions, as presented.

Administrative Secretary – Student Services
Maintenance Foreman

ANNOUNCEMENTS
The date of the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, March 11, 2026, 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 7:32 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 made the following announcements.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

The Board took action to deny Claim #2092026.

Moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Dr. Hurley, Claim #2092026 was denied with the following vote.

AYES:	5	(Buller, Chung, Davies, Hurley, Martinez)
NOES:	0	
ABSENT:	0	
ABSTAIN:	0	

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM.