MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, ALTA LOMA SCHOOL DISTRICT, COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO–WEDNESDAY, December 18, 2024

OPEN SESSION, CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting was called to order by Board President Rebecca Davies at 6:00 PM. Present were members Buller, Davies, Hurley, and Martinez. Member Chung arrived at 6:07 PM, during Item G. Absent none.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Carnelian Elementary School's Student Ambassador, Alana Torres, led the flag salute.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried with the following vote to approve the agenda of the meeting, as presented.

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

SWEARING IN OF ELECTED / RE-ELECTED BOARD

Superintendent Smith administered the Oath of Office to appointed Board Member, Mr. Brad Buller.

San Bernardino County Board of Education Trustee Rita Loof administered the Oath of Office to elected Board Member, Ms. Jessica Martinez.

PUBLIC COMMENT ANNOUNCEMENT

Mrs. Davies read aloud the Public Comment Announcement.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mr. Buller, and carried unanimously to table the meeting minutes of November 15, 2024, to the January 15, 2025 meeting, to allow member Martinez to review her comments and ensure they were captured appropriately in her Board report.

RECOGNITIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Student Presentation – Carnelian Elementary School's Student Ambassadors

Student Ambassadors

- Alana Torres
- Piper Evans
- McKenna Moon

PUBLIC COMMENT

Philip Costas, from the Civil Review Board, congratulated Member Martinez on her election and played an audio recording from a speech that President-elect Donald Trump gave on stopping gender affirmation and ending child sexual mutilation.

Andrea Woore, member of the community, congratulated Member Martinez and knows that she will continue doing the wonderful work that she has done. Ms. Moore stated that she has been a parent in Alta Loma for 30 years, and her children attended our District many years ago. Ms.

Woore expressed her thoughts and opinions on the bond and shared her discontent with Superintendent Smith's leadership. Ms. Woore asked "where is the money, and what is it actually going to?"

David Palmer, member of the community, thanked Member Martinez for her courage to stand for parents and students month after month at the Board meetings and for her courage during the campaign when people were nasty, she showed courage and perseverance. Mr. Palmer is thankful that the voters in her district recognized the good work that Member Martinez has been doing on the Board. He thanked the voters of the Alta Loma School District that voted "no" on Measure G.

Kurtis Downs, member of the community, congratulated Member Martinez on her election. Mr. Downs shared a hand out titled "Mercy & Hope" sharing opinions from President-elect Donald Trump and other health information pertaining to transgender procedures.

Rika Baum, parent, spoke last month at the Board meeting with her Educational Advocate, Stephen Figueroa. Mrs. Baum stated that her and her advocates' comments from last month's Board meeting were extremely edited and her experiences were not listed. Mrs. Baum stated that she is a parent coming to the District with extremely concerning issues and experiences and she has filed multiple complaints but has not received support. Mrs. Baum has lost all faith in the District, in that it is safe for children with special needs. Mrs. Baum stated that she was bad mouthed to her employer, whom she is no longer employed with, CPS was called and blatantly lied to, and omitted important context and used it as a claim for suspected abuse. Mrs. Baum's daughter was adopted from Thailand, because of the adoption process Mrs. Baum is forced to send her updates to the adoption agency yearly that the District has failed her and she is still in the process of enrolling in a school because the District continues to drag their feet. Mrs. Baum shared expressed her thoughts and interactions with the new Director of Special Education, Matt Williams. Mrs. Baum provided the Board with samples of correspondence letters and Assessment Plans that she alleged had multiple errors. Mrs. Baum had her daughter standup for the Board to see her to show that she is not a number on a piece paper, she is a human being and deserves to get the education, services and her needs met. Mrs. Baum is requesting for anyone that would like, to engage in a one to one meeting with the Board, and she is requesting that her comments be documented properly.

Karen Cadle, school bus driver for the Alta Loma School District for more than 10 years spoke. Ms. Cadle expressed the joys and experiences she has had as a bus driver for the District. Ms. Cadle shared with the Board a compensation and benefits comparison for school bus drivers from the local surrounding districts. Ms. Cadle asked that the Board take a close look at the data and possibly reconsider the options. If the District offers a more competitive hourly rate, the District would almost certainly see an increase in qualified bus drivers allowing, the District to get our students back to our buses with our bus drivers.

Shari Megowan, ALEA President shared that as the Board was taking their Oath, she was reflecting on what it means to be a leader. True leaders make serving those a priority. Ms. Megowan stated that Alta Loma is a very special place to be, she has served more than half her life serving students and families in this community. Ms. Megowan is invested in the continuing success of the District as are the other hundreds of staff that help this District run. During the Organizational Meeting, Ms. Megowan asked the Board to thoughtfully elect a president who is

able to make decisions through a lens of service, service to all of the students in all 10 of our schools, and to all the staff working in their buildings.

ORGANIZATION OF BOARD OFFICERS

Moved by Dr. Hurley, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried by the following vote, that the Board of Trustees elects Brad Buller to serve as President for the ensuring year.

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

Taken as a block vote.

Moved by Mr. Buller, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried by the following vote, that the Board of Trustees elects Eric Chung to serve as Vice President, and Dr. Hurley to serve as Clerk for the ensuing year.

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

BOARD REPORTS

Board member Jessica Martinez … November 15, attended the West End SELPA Superintendent's Council Meeting, several significant topics were discussed; Member Martinez made a public comment and acknowledged the commendable work being done by Mr. Alyassi, his leadership and dedication to SELPA initiatives have positively impacted the educational landscape; Member Martinez encourages his continued support for his efforts from the Council; there was a proposed change in the joint risk fund, Member Martinez believes this change is crucial and will be beneficial for all stakeholders involved; December 10, participated in the agenda review with Trustee Davies and Superintendent Smith; December 11, virtually attended the LCAP Meeting, it was encouraging to see active engagement from members of the public who posed insightful questions, their involvement is vital for fostering transparency and accountability in our educational policies; Member Martinez expressed her gratitude in the opportunity to serve the community of Area 2 in Alta Loma, it is an honor to have been elected and Member Martinez remains committed to advocating for the best interest for our students and families.

Board member Rebecca Davies … shared that the November election results have been certified and she was pleased to see that Proposition 2, the Statewide school bond measure to provide matching funds for repair, modernization and construction of local school facilities, passed by a comfortable 58.1 percent; our neighboring school districts passed their facilities bonds, Mt. View passed with 64% and Fontana Unified with 66%; our Alta Loma facilities modernization bond, Measure G, only garnered 53% approval and needed 55% plus 1, it's such a loss for our students; November 18, attended the Alta Loma Jr. High School California Distinguished Schools Award celebration, along with Trustee Buller; it was an honor to thank the staff for their dedication to student excellence and to celebrate this important recognition with them; December 10, along with Trustee Hurley, enjoyed dinner as a guest of ALEA President Shari McGowan

and Vice President Karena Zubiate at their CTA School Board event; there were lots of board members in attendance from neighboring districts, it was nice to have casual conversations with our ALEA leaders; December 11, listened to the hybrid LCAP meeting where Dr. Pierce did an excellent job explaining this complicated subject; later that evening, attended the Rancho Cucamonga Planning Commission meeting, on the agenda was a housing project that is proposed to be right across the street from Deer Canyon Elementary School; the project includes 8 buildings which will provide 16 duplexes; member Davies concern is for the safety of our students and staff because of the alignment of the street, which will traverse north / south from 19th to Hamilton; member Davies spoke as a concerned parent asking them to consider an alternative street design which would provide better traffic flow and pedestrian safety; grateful to Trustee Buller and Superintendent Smith for spending a considerable amount of time on this issue and for having several in-person conversations with City staff, telephone conversations with City staff and both spoke eloquently that evening sharing possible solutions to the safety concerns for our Deer Canyon School community; unfortunately, the Planning Commissioners approved the project as submitted with some minor adjustments that they felt would calm traffic; December 12, attended the Spanish Dual Language Immersion Parent information night at Jasper; Principal Quanstrom and Dr. Pierce did an excellent presentation for interested incoming 2025-2026 kindergarten parents; these students will become bilingual and biliterate across their K-8 experience, fostering a deep appreciation for diverse cultures with a multicultural curriculum and equipping them with essential skills for success in a global society; had the opportunity to speak with several Moms who were keeping their fingers crossed that their kinder child will be successful in the lottery; there will be another Parent Information night in January, and member Davies encourages her fellow board members to consider attending; Saturday, December 14 was the inaugural Winter Wonderland event here at the District Support Center; what a special and memorable morning for students to have some fun and receive some gifts; Thank you to our community partners, especially The RC Rotary Club and the Lemonaid Foundation, special thanks to the ALSD staff members who worked tirelessly to make this morning so special for our students and their families, and big thanks to Superintendent Smith for this innovative way to give back; December 16, attended the Alta Loma Jr. High School Winter Concert with fellow trustees Buller and Hurley, and Dr. Pierce; under the direction of Music Director Ryan Wysocki, 136 students performed on the stage of Alta Loma High School; the program included 17 musical numbers performed by the Jazz Band, Warrior Band, Concert Band, Clarinet Club and the Symphonic Band.

Board member Dr. Malinda Hurley … November 14, attended a meeting alongside Sweden's Princess Madeleine at the United Nations headquarters in New York, highlighting the necessity of sustainable efforts to combat violence and exploitation against children through collaborative commitments; the committee confirmed having a school board advisory committee at the district level is one of the best first steps for monitoring our foster/homeless students, because each school district has its unique demographic and way of supporting this population; December 5-9, had the opportunity to participate in the 2024 National Education Association (NEA) National Council of Urban Education Associations (NCUEA) Conference in Rhode Island alongside her fellow OMTA e-Board Members; Dr. Hurley was energized by NEA's educational leadership's general sessions and workshops to help us strive to protect public schools across the country, recognizing the vital role of our school boards, superintendents, executive board members, administrators, teachers, parents, community members, and most importantly students; December 10, thanked ALEA's President, Shari Megowan, for her heartwarming invitation to Service Center One Council's School Board Dinner, President Rebecca Davies and Dr. Hurley had a truly uplifting time over dinner and felt inspired about our Alta Loma community and the

public education we strive to serve and protect; Wednesday, December 11, attended the LCAP Hybrid Meeting with Dr. Christina Pierce; Dr. Hurley's take-away was learning about the history of our LCAP since 2015 and what it entails today with the new changes; the Dashboard is a comparison growth model and is a tool used to make adjustments in our overall action plan; English Learner, Foster Youth, Special Ed, and Socio-Economically Disadvantaged Dashboard data and any red groups must be addressed in the LCAP and SPSA; the good news is that we are addressing these red groups and our students are thriving in Math and Language Arts; Thursday, December 12, Associate Superintendent Eric Hart and Dr. Hurley were kindly led by Deer Canyon Elementary Principal Jenny Rice and Assistant Principal Mr. Perry, the Winter Wonderland tour was uplifting; Eric Hart and Dr. Hurley thoroughly enjoyed the traditional Christmas boutique and festivities, which showcased the strength and spirit of our community. Friday, December 13, had the opportunity along with Dr. Smith to tour Floyd M. Stork's Winter Wonderland, where we enjoyed some shopping; Dr. Hurley thanked Principal Valerie Bires and her incredible team for their selfless service and unwavering support in creating a truly magical Winter Wonderland, witnessing Santa arrive on a fire truck was an utterly awe-inspiring experience. Friday, December 13, thanked Principal Kristen Bowyer for her spectacular tour of Hermosa Elementary School's Polar Express event; the movie, games, craft activities, food, and meeting Mr. and Mrs. Clause created a truly magical Winter Wonderland community event; Dr. Hurley thanked Principal Bowyer for her dedicated team for putting the event together for the students; It was heartwarming to see families come together for the season; Friday, December 13 along with Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Cara Cerecerez, had an amazing time touring the most fun-filled Winter Wonderland at Victoria Groves Elementary School; Dr. Hurley thanked Principal Joylynn Peralta and her support staff for creating a truly unforgettable community Winter Wonderland event; the petting zoo, the Christmas train, the snow, the DJ, the enormous walk-in ornament, and the wonderful boutique made lasting memories for our vibrant community; Saturday, December 14, thanked Superintendent Dr. Sherry Smith, Executive cabinet, the Rotary Club of Rancho Cucamonga, and all staff members who empowered our ALSD Winter Wonderland for students and their families; Dr. Hurley was deeply humbled and proud to be part of this incredible community; students and their families enjoyed cookies, hot coco, crafts, selections of different gingerbread houses, photo ops, duffle bags of toys, new winter jackets and socks; One parent Dr. Hurley spoke with was tearing up with appreciation when she asked what she thought about this community event; Monday, December 16, thanked Alta Loma Junior High School Principal Andrew Carter for his exceptional leadership, tireless dedication, and inspiring introduction; Alta Loma Junior High Band students played at Alta Loma High School and Dr. Hurley thanked Mr. Ryan Wysocki for the breathtaking music; ALJH students delivered a phenomenal performance and Mr. Wysocki once again did an outstanding job inspiring our students; Alta Loma School District is extremely proud of our students and its music

Board member Eric Chung … congratulated Trustees Martinez and Buller on the final certified election results and looks forward to serving with both of them; Member Chung expressed that he takes in all the public comments and it has an impact on himself and other members of the Board, but at the end of the day the most important thing to each of the Board members is our students, the education they get and the treatment they get at each of their schools; Member Chung is extremely proud of his wife's foundation Lemonaid, on November 19 & 20 the Lemonaid foundation put together 130 care packages for students in need and foster youth students in our community and was able to get them to our school sites to be passed out prior to Thanksgiving; December 14, Dr. Smith along with her team put on an amazing Winter

Wonderland, as part of the event the community helped support and donated 90 gingerbread houses to give out to our students in need and our foster youth students; Member Chung thanked the community and reminded everyone that they may not agree on everything all the time, but at the end of the day we all have to remember our main purpose, and that is to support the kids, all kids, not just the kids who are excelling, not just the kids who are behind, all kids; Member Chung believes that if we do that, then our District will continue to be successful and will continue to grow as a Board, individually, and as a District.

Board member Brad Buller … expressed that everything his fellow Board members do out in the community constantly makes a difference, no matter how small they may have felt it was or how extensive it was in their time and commitment; Member Buller thanked them on behalf of the school District; kudos to Alta Loma Junior High for their Distinguished School Award; attended the planning commission public hearing as a citizen, Member Buller offered some alternatives to their project going across from Deer Canyon Elementary and unfortunately they chose not to listen; Member Buller prays for the safety of the children coming to and from Deer Canyon and around that area; all the Winter Wonderlands were super, especially liked the District Wonderland, thanked District staff and everyone involved, it was a great event; attended Alta Loma Junior High School's Band Concert; attended the Vineyard Junior High vs. Alta Loma Junior High soccer game, always fun to see the competition and inner rivalry; had the opportunity to attend the District Holiday Breakfast, thanked staff for doing an outstanding job here at the District office.

SUPERINTENDENT & STAFF REPORTS

Superintendent Smith congratulated Trustees Martinez and Buller for the certification on their elections and Superintendent Smith looks forward to another four years. Superintendent Smith recognized Rebecca Davies for her outstanding service as the Board of Trustees President during 2024. Mrs. Davies was presented with a gift from the District and Board as a token of their appreciation.

Assistant Superintendent Christina Pierce shared a flyer with the Board that included the dates for EXPLORE's winter program.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Moved by Ms. Martinez, seconded by Mrs. Davies, and carried unanimously to pull Items M. 5 & 6 for a separate vote and adopt the remaining Consent Calendar items:

Vendor Agreements

Approved agreements with the following vendors, and authorized Sherry Smith, Eric Hart, and/or applicable administrators to sign all related documents: 1) B.E.E. Therapy; 2) Castle Park; 3) CUE Conference; 4) Discovery Cube; 5) Inland Valley Daily Bulletin; 6) JFK Transportation; 7) Jurupa Mountain Discovery Center; 8) Prismatic Magic; 9) Riley's Farm; 10) University Enterprises Corporation at CSUSB; 11) Visser Bus Service.

Board Payment Report

Approved the Board Payment Report, as presented.

Routine Personnel Items

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

Board Policies

A second reading was held to amend BP 4161/4261/4361 – Leaves, as presented.

Board Policies & Board Bylaw Items M. 5 & 6

Taken as a separate vote. A second reading was held.

Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried unanimously to table BP 1114 – District-Sponsored Social Media, BB 9010 – Public Statements, BB 9012 – Board Member Electronic Communications, to get more information from CSBA and amended BP 4161/4261/4361 – Leaves, related to Personnel, as presented.

BUSINESS AND FINANCIAL PROCEDURES

2024-2025 First Interim Financial Report

Associate Superintendent of Administrative Services Eric Hart made a presentation of the District's First Interim Report and Financial Update. This report is a financial "check-up" with the County and the State to show what the District budgeted vs. what they actually spent. This First Interim Report addresses the activity from July 1 – October 31, 2024. His presentation made several key points:

1st Interim – Unrestricted General Fund

- Our District will give ourselves a Positive Certification, (to be validated by the county) which means our District is able to meet our statutory 3% Reserve for Economic Uncertainties in the current and following two years.
- Estimated Department of Finance Cost of Living Adjustment (COLAs)
  - 1.07% for 2024-25
  - 2.93% for 2025-26
  - 3.08% for 2026-27
- The District's Average Daily Attendance (ADA) is funded on the prior year ADA
- Assumes budget reductions of $4.2M over next two years

1st Interim - Considerations

- ALSD Budget Challenges
  - Declining Enrollment in LCFF Formula
    - 168 less ADA than prior year
  - COLA 1.07%
  - Revenue Loss due to low COLA and declining enrollment
  - Staffing Cost is 89% of Unrestricted Budget
  - Inflation in supplies, services and utilities
- Competing priorities
  - TK @ 10:1 Site Average
  - K-3 @ 24:1 Districtwide Average
  - 4-8 @ 30:1 Districtwide Average

Moved by Mr. Chung, seconded by Dr. Hurley and carried with the following vote to approve the 2024-2025 First Interim Financial Report and find that Alta Loma School District will meet its financial obligations for the current and subsequent two fiscal years.

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

ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

Piggyback Irvine Unified School District Bid

Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried with the following vote to approve the Request to Utilize the Piggyback Irvine Unified School District Bid No. 23/24-01, Awarded to CDW Government, LLC and authorize Superintendent Sherry Smith and/or Associate Superintendent Eric Hart to sign all related documents.

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

BOARD INFORMATION/DISCUSSION

Board Policies

A first reading was held to amend Board policies related to Personnel, Students, and Instruction
BP 4112.9 – Employee Notifications
BP 4127/4227/4327 – Temporary Athletic Team Coaches
BP 5113 – Absences and Excuses
BP 5145.6 – Parent/Guardian Notifications
BP 6000 – Concepts and Roles

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The date of the next special meeting of the Board of Trustees is Wednesday, January 8, 2025, 6:00 PM for the purpose of a Governance Workshop at the Alta Loma School District Support Center, 93920 Base Line Road.

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

CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:56 PM for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government code Section 3549.1, 54956.9, 54956.9(d), 54957, and 5497.6.

OPEN SESSION AND ADJOURNMENT

The Board reconvened to Open Session and the following announcement was made.

Moved by Mrs. Davies, seconded by Dr. Hurley, and carried with the following vote to appoint Christopher Brazeau as the Dean of Students for Vineyard Junior High School, pending release and acceptance of Salary – Step II, on the Management Salary Schedule.

AYES: 5

NOES:	0
ABSENT:	0
ABSTAIN:	0

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM in honor of Carl Maxwell, longtime friend and employee of the District.