

Alvord Unified School District

Board of Education Regular Meeting
March 04, 2021, 4:00 PM
Via Teleconference

MINUTES

Attendance Taken at 4:00 PM:

Present:

Ms. Lizeth Vega
Dr. Joanna Dorado
Mrs. Julie Moreno
Mr. Robert Schwandt
Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

1. BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE

2. CALL TO ORDER - 4:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

a. Establishment of Quorum

b. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

After the Pledge of Allegiance was recited, Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega stated that she would be pulling the following agenda items from the agenda: 10.e.3., 11.f.2., and 11.f.5.

c. Public Comment

Minutes:

No public comment for this portion of the meeting.

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned to Closed Session at 4:05 p.m.

a. CLOSED SESSION

1. Student Discipline Cases Pursuant to Education Code 48912 & 48918 - Student Disciplinary Actions

1. Recommendation to Amend the Board of Education's Decision on 12/17/20, from Enforce to Remain on Suspended Expulsion for the Rest of this Year - Expulsion Case: 2018-19-105

Motion Passed: Recommendation to amend the board's decision on 12/17/20, from Enforce to Remain on Suspended Expulsion for the Rest of this Year
Expulsion Case: 2018-19-105
Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Dr. Joanna Dorado.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Recommendation to Amend the Board of Education's Decision on 12/17/20, from Enforce to Remain on Suspended Expulsion for the Rest of this Year - Expulsion Case: 2019-20-38

Motion Passed: Recommendation to amend the board's decision on 12/17/20, from Enforce to Remain on Suspended Expulsion for the Rest of this Year
Expulsion Case: 2019-20-38
Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Public Employee

Appointment/Assignment/Reassignment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code 54957):

3. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6

4. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8

5. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(b)(1))

6. Superintendent Evaluation

7. Liability Claim

4. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION- 6:00 p.m.

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega reconvened the meeting at 6:02 p.m.

5. INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES

a. Call to Order and Welcome

b. Pledge of Allegiance

c. Public Comment

Minutes:

Public Comment was received by e-mail.

Ms. Lauren Evans, a parent from Ward 7 whose daughter attends Twinhill Elementary School expressed concern regarding students having to perform required state testing following the loss of learning due to the pandemic. Ms. Evans requested that the Board of Education apply for a waiver on statewide assessments.

6. SPECIAL RECOGNITION - Collett Elementary School

Minutes:

Collett Elementary School Principal, Ms. Ann Vandercook recognized the following individuals:

Student of the Month: Samantha Perez

Certificated Employee of the Month: Sydney Quick

Classified Employee of the Month: Rebecca Davenport

Volunteer of the Month: Suzanne Guidero

7. RECOGNITION OF RED RIBBON WEEK POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Minutes:

Assistant Director of Student Services, Mr. Ian Fish presented the 2020-2021 Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest student winners. This year's theme is, "Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free!"

The winners were as follows:

Kindergarten - Second Grade Category:

1st Place Fineas Toma Kindergarten Rosemary Kennedy School (Virtual)

2nd Place	Daniella Razal	2nd Grade	Lake Hills Elementary
3rd Place	Jake Rosas	2nd Grade	Lake Hills Elementary

Third Grade - Fifth Grade Category:

1st Place	Liam Daniel Cajudo	3rd Grade	Lake Hills Elementary
2nd Place	Leandra Duong	5th Grade	Lake Hills Elementary
3rd Place	Montserrat Mendoza	5th Grade	Myra Linn Elementary

Sixth Grade - Eighth Grade Category:

1st Place	Nadine Lopez	7th Grade	Loma Vista Middle School
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8. BOARD OF EDUCATION/ SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS

Minutes:

Trustee Mrs. Carolyn Wilson congratulated all the honorees of Collett Elementary School. Mrs. Wilson also congratulated all of the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest winners. Mrs. Wilson expressed her gratitude to all district employees for all their hard work during the pandemic. Mrs. Wilson also expressed her appreciation and gratitude to Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Dr. Bob Presby for the great job he has done with providing vaccine information to the Alvord Unified School District staff.

Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt congratulated all the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest winners, Collett Elementary School honorees, and employee recognition recipients. Mr. Schwandt recognized all the music teachers for their hard work, and for implementing creative programs at the schools during the pandemic. Mr. Schwandt congratulated the Director II, Student Services, Ms. Sandy Fielding and the entire Student Services Department for being selected for the third time in a row, by the state and CDE as having a Model SARB program. Mr. Schwandt expressed his gratitude to Superintendent Dr. Mucerino and his team for the hard work and planning that has taken place in order to prepare for the upcoming reopening of elementary schools on March 22, 2021.

Trustee Mrs. Julie Moreno congratulated Collett Elementary School's recognition recipients. Mrs. Moreno also congratulated all the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest winners. Mrs. Moreno stated that she attended virtual "Music Nights" and she expressed her appreciation to all the music teachers. Mrs. Moreno also congratulated the Student Services Department for being selected as having a Model SARB program for three years in a row. Mrs. Moreno stated the Board of Education recently took action to reopen schools, with a reopening date of March 22, 2021. Mrs. Moreno expressed her gratitude to all the district staff, for all their hard work from the beginning of the pandemic until now. Mrs. Moreno stated that she looks forward to seeing everyone in-person and reminded everyone to stay safe.

Trustee Dr. Joanna Dorado stated that she looks forward to the first Board Meeting of the month, when our school recognitions take place. Dr. Dorado stated the Board of Education along with the Riverside County Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Edwin Gomez had an opportunity to honor Aven Callahan as the 2021 District Classified Employee of the Year. Dr. Dorado stated all district staff, whether they are recognized with a recognition or not, are doing a great job. Dr. Dorado highlighted that based on a state website she visited she was able to assert what a great job Norte Vista High School, La Sierra High School, and Hillcrest High School has done in assisting students complete their FAFSA applications. Dr. Dorado

stated that she will be attending a National Postsecondary Strategy Institute Conference on March 5, 2021. Dr. Dorado extended her appreciation to Norte Vista High School Counselor, Priscilla Grijalva for the invitation to attend the conference.

Trustee Ms. Lizeth Vega stated she attended the virtual "Music Nights" and after attending, she is inspired to learn to play a musical instrument. Ms. Vega also stated that Councilmembers Mr. Jim Perry and Mr. Steve Hemenway participated in "Reading Across America Week". Ms. Vega mentioned that she also participated in "Read Across America Week" and read a chapter of Michelle Obama's book, "Becoming" to Loma Vista Middle School students.

Superintendent Dr. Allan Mucerino stated that he also participated in "Read Across America Week" and read to middle school students. Dr. Mucerino stated that it was a great event and he looks forward to participating in it next year. Dr. Mucerino recognized Director II, Student Services, Ms. Sandy Fielding and Assistant Director, Student Services, Mr. Ian Fish for their SARB program recognition and for all their hard work in assisting students in need. Dr. Mucerino referenced a quote on the Student Services application, in teaching, "You can't do the bloom stuff until you take care of the Maslow stuff". Dr. Mucerino stated how important it is to take care of the basic needs of students before they can learn. Dr. Mucerino highlighted that March is "Music in Our Schools Month" and mentioned the activities that he and the Board of Education participated in. Dr. Mucerino highlighted all the beautiful artwork from the winners of the Red Ribbon Week Poster Contest. Dr. Mucerino also highlighted our 2021 District Classified Employee of the Year recipient, Aven Callahan. Dr. Mucerino stated that the most important recent celebration is the decision that was made to reopen schools on March 22, 2021, after one year of schools being closed due to the pandemic.

9. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION ITEMS

a. Board of Education/Superintendent

1. Early Childhood Partnership with Norco College and AUSD/Stokoe Elementary Update

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega introduced RCCD Faculty Representative, Dr. Sarah Burnett and Stokoe Elementary Teacher, Ms. Michele Morales. Dr. Burnett and Ms. Morales provided an update on the sub-committee that was created for the potential of an Early Childhood Education Program at Stokoe Elementary in partnership with Norco College. Ms. Morales stated the sub-committee would be meeting monthly.

b. Business Services

1. Feeding our Families Update by Child Nutrition Services

Minutes:

Director of Child Nutrition Services, Mr. Eric Holliday provided the Board of Education a presentation with the latest updates regarding feeding programs for

families and schedules for the current food pick-up times and locations as well as what the schedules will be once schools reopen. Mr. Holliday stated that if anyone needed more information to please contact, the Child Nutrition Services Department.

10. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Your Superintendent recommends approval of Consent Agenda items 10.a.1. through 10.e.4.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega stated the Consent Agenda was being approved with the exception of Agenda Item 10.e.3 which was pulled.

a. Board of Education/Superintendent

1. Adopt Minutes - 2/4/21

2. Adopt Minutes - 2/18/21

b. Administrative Services

1. Ratify Agreement - New Dimension General Construction - McAuliffe Elementary School

2. Ratify Agreement - Onyx Paving Company, Inc. - License to Use Dirt Lot at Instructional Support Services (ISS) Building on La Sierra Avenue in Exchange for Material and Services.

3. Amend Agreement - Gilmore Landscape - District-Wide

4. Approve Sales Agreement - Riverside County Superintendent of Schools Sales Agreement IN60167 - La Sierra High School

5. Approve Agreement - FC & Sons Roofing, Inc. - McAuliffe Elementary School

6. Approve Agreement - Siemens Industry, Inc. - Various Sites

7. Approve License Agreement - World Academy - Lake Hills and Promenade Elementary Schools

c. Business Services

- 1. Ratify Purchase Order List Number 12 - 2020-2021**
- 2. Report of Receipts for January 2021**
- 3. Approve Warrant Listing for the month of January 2021**

d. Educational Services

- 1. Ratify Agreement - Bennet Motivational Services, LLC**
- 2. Ratify Agreement - Community Now**
- 3. Ratify Agreement - Empower You Edutainment**
- 4. Amend Funding Sources for Educational Institution Staffing Agreement- Maxim Healthcare Solutions**
- 5. Amend Professional Services Agreement - Creative Outdoor Advertising, Norte Vista High School**
- 6. Amend Professional Services Agreement - RISE Interpreting, Inc.**
- 7. Amend Teletherapy Professional Development and Platform License Agreement - PresenceLearning, Inc.**
- 8. Approve Contract - LK Studio Inc., La Sierra High School**
- 9. Approve Professional Services Agreement - Leticia Del Moral, Psy.D.**
- 10. Approve Renewal of Service Agreements - Lifetouch National School Studios**
- 11. Approve Service Agreement - Rosetta Stone Ltd., English Learner Students**
- 12. Approve Service Agreement - Rosetta Stone Ltd., Immigrant Students**
- 13. Approve Agreement - Dat Yoga Dude**
- 14. Approve Agreement - South Coast Winery Resort & Spa, Norte Vista High School**
- 15. Approve New Course - AP Computer Science Principles, La Sierra High School**
- 16. Approve Memorandum of Understanding - California Association for Bilingual Education (CABE), Family Engagement**

e. Human Resources

- 1. Ratify Laboratory Services Agreement - DIACARTA**
- 2. Approve 2021-2022 School Year Calendar**
- 3. Approve Revised Job Description - Director III, Fiscal Services - **PULLED****
- 4. Approve New Job Description - Elementary Numeracy Teacher**

11. ACTION ITEMS

a. Report Out of Any Actions Taken in Closed Session

b. Board of Education/Superintendent

1. 2021 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election - Subregion 18-A

Motion Passed: CSBA is conducting the 2021 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election. The Board may vote for up to six candidates. A copy of the official ballot and biographical sketches for the following candidates are attached for your consideration.

Delegates will serve two-year terms beginning April 1, 2021 - March 31, 2023

*denotes incumbent

Robert Garcia	(Jurupa USD)*
Madonna M. Gerrell	(Palm Springs USD)*
Sandy Hinkson	(Temecula Valley USD)
Gerard Reller	(Romoland ESD)*
David Sanchez	(Beaumont USD)
Jason Smith	(Banning USD)
Kris Thomasian	(Murrieta Valley USD)*

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

The Board of Education voted for Robert Garcia from Jurupa USD and for David Sanchez from Beaumont USD.

c. Administrative Services

1. Reject Non-Responsive Bids for La Sierra High School Culinary Arts Kitchen Project

Motion Passed: District staff recommends that the Board of Education take the following action in regard to the bids for the La Sierra High School Culinary Arts Project ("Project"), reject, as not responsive to the bid requirements, the bids from

Hamel Contracting, Inc. ("Hamel") and JRH Construction Company, Inc. ("JRH"), because they each proposed to use certain subcontractors that were not prequalified in accordance with statutory and bid requirements.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Denial of Bid Protest as Moot for La Sierra High School Culinary Arts Kitchen Project

Motion Passed: District staff recommends that the Board of Education take the following actions in regard to the bids for the La Sierra High School Culinary Arts Project ("Project"), deny, as moot, the protest by JRH of the bid submitted by Hamel, because the Board rejected Hamel's bid on March 4, 2021 item 11.c.1.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

3. Waiver of Minor Irregularity for La Sierra High School Culinary Arts Kitchen Project

Motion Passed: District staff recommends that the Board of Education take the following action in regard to the bids for the La Sierra High School Culinary Arts Project ("Project"), waive, as a minor irregularity, the inclusion by Leonida Builders, Inc. ("Leonida") on its subcontractor list of a supplier that will not be performing any work on the Project, because that did not make Leonida's bid different from what it intended and because waiver will not give Leonida an advantage that wasn't available to other bidders.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

4. Award Contract Leonida Builders, Inc. - La Sierra High School Culinary Arts Kitchen Project

Motion Passed: District staff recommends that the Board of Education take the following action in regard to the bids for the La Sierra High School Culinary Arts Project ("Project"), award the contract for the Project to Leonida Builders, Inc.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

d. Business Services

1. Adopt Resolution No. 37 - Resolution Increasing Maximum Amount of Borrowing of Funds and Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Year 2020-21

Motion Passed: Staff recommends approval of Resolution No. 37: Resolution Increasing Maximum Amount of Borrowing of Funds and Issuance of Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Certify Notice of Intention to Provide for District Audit

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested to enter into a three-year contract with Eide Bailly, LLP, Certified Public Accountants, for the performance of the professional services related to the financial and compliance audit of the district's annual financial operations. The contract terms provides for the audit of the 2020-21, 2021-22 & 2022-23 fiscal years.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mr. Robert Schwandt.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

3. Certification of the 2020-21 Second Interim Financial Report

Motion Passed: Board certification of the district's 2020-21 Second Interim Financial Report as "Positive", as indicated on the attached Form CI District Certification of Interim Report. A positive certification is an indication the district "will meet its financial obligations for the current year and two subsequent two fiscal years."

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

Chief Business Officer, Dusty Nevatt presented the 2020-21 Second Interim Financial Report.

e. Educational Services

1. Adopt Annual Resolution No. 38 - Music In Our Schools Month

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for the adoption of Resolution 38, an annual resolution for Music In Our Schools Month for March 2021. The National Association for Music Education has proclaimed the month of March 2021 as Music In Our Schools Month, the time of year when music education is celebrated in schools across the nation.

Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Adopt Resolution No. 39 - Women's History Month

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for the adoption of Resolution No. 39, designating March 2021 as Women's History Month,

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega expressed her appreciation and gratitude to the following women leaders in our community:

Assemblymember Sabrina Cervantes

Riverside County Supervisor, 2nd District, Karen Spiegel

Riverside City Mayor, Patricia Lock Dawson

Corona City Mayor, Jacque Casillas

Riverside Councilmember, Erin Edwards

Riverside Councilmember, Gaby Plascencia

Norco College President, Dr. Monica Green

Trustee Carolyn Wilson

Trustee Julie Moreno

Trustee Dr. Joanna Dorado

Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Dr. Sherri Kemp

Chief Business Officer, Dusty Nevatt

f. Human Resources

1. Approve Personnel Order No. 12-2020-2021

Motion Passed: Board approval of Personnel Order No. 12 is requested.
Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

2. Adopt Resolution No. 40 - Elimination of One Vacant Classified Management Position - PULLED

3. Approve Addition of Twenty-Four Full-Time Teacher Positions - All Site Levels

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for the addition of twenty-four full-time teaching positions to be placed at all site levels.
Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

4. Approve Addition of One 0.8 Speech/Language Pathologist Position - Special Education Department

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for the addition of one 0.8 Speech/Language Pathologist position for the Special Education Department.
Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado
Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno
Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt
Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega
Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

5. Approve Addition of One Director III, Fiscal Services Position - Business Services Department - PULLED

6. Approve Variable Term Waiver - Pupil Personnel Services

Motion Passed: Board approval is requested for a Variable Term Waiver to be

issued to one School Psychologist to allow the district to fill an immediate staffing need by hiring individuals who are close to completing the program.

Passed with a motion by Mrs. Julie Moreno and a second by Mrs. Carolyn Wilson.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

12. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Board President, Ms. Lizeth Vega adjourned the meeting at 8:06 p.m.

Dr. Allan J. Mucerino
Superintendent