

LA HABRA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting
 500 N. Walnut St.
 La Habra, CA 90631
 January 13, 2011

Call to Order Regular Meeting	The formal call to order of the Board of Education Meeting of the La Habra City School District was called by Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, at 5:30 p.m. There being no public comment, Trustees adjourned to Closed Session.
Board Members	Board Members Present: Linda Navarro Edwards, President Susan M. Hango, Vice President Paul S. Rodriguez, Clerk Sandi Baltes, Member Sharon H. Brown, Member
Administrators	Administrators Present: Susan Belenardo, Superintendent Karen Kinney, Director of Fiscal Services
Second Call to Order Regular Meeting	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:10 p.m. She then called for a moment in silence out of respect for the recent tragedy in Tucson, Arizona.
Pledge to the Flag	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, asked Karen Kinney to lead the Pledge to the Flag.
Board room Display	Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, commended Walnut School for providing the new Board Room display (“Snapshots of Walnut”). With a background of photos, students are shown actively engaged in learning through reading, writing, artwork and group discussions.
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of: December 9, 2010	The minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 9, 2010 were unanimously approved as corrected by Trustees on a motion made by Susan M. Hango, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown. ¹
Correspondence	None
Superintendent’s and Trustees’ Report	<p>Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, reviewed the Chalk Talk article coming out in the La Habra Journal today giving the District the opportunity to present the facts and challenges facing the District with the current fiscal situation and to clarify some of the misunderstandings that are out there in the community about what the District can commit itself to in any kind of a contract. A chart is also provided illustrating just what the budget is. Even though we have a Governor that is not taking away, the District is still in financial challenges.</p> <p>Board Member, Sandi Baltes, stated that Trustees had a lengthy discussion and would like to propose that beginning with the next Board Meeting, study sessions will be held to look at some of the issues that need to be addressed as a Board, and all agree that this is something that they need to start looking at.</p>
General Matters: Action Item: Consent Calendar	<p>Trustees unanimously approved the Consent Calendar as presented on a motion by Sharon H. Brown, and a second to the motion by Susan M. Hango:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Approval of Staff Development for designated employees to attend conferences/workshops as attached to these minutes.² ➤ Approval of Independent Contractor Agreements as attached to these minutes.³ ➤ Approval of Extra Pay to select employees as attached to these minutes.⁴ ➤ Approval of Changes in Status of select personnel as attached to these minutes.⁵ ➤ Job Description / Administrative Director of Student Support Services as attached to these minutes.⁶ ➤ Classified Job Descriptions (Account Clerk II and Account Clerk III) as attached to these minutes.⁷ ➤ Certificated and Classified Resignations and New Hires as attached to these minutes.⁸ ➤ Phone System Maintenance Agreement as attached to these minutes.⁹ ➤ Change Order #2 for A.G. Araja Engineering Inc. as attached to these minutes.¹⁰ ➤ Updated School Year Calendar for 2010-2011 as attached to these minutes.¹¹
Action Item: Appointment of Personnel Commissioner	On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously approved the appointment of Faye Ross to the Personnel Commission by the California School Employees Association, Chapter #135 for an additional 3-year term beginning December 1, 2010 through November, 2013.

<p>LHCSD Board Minutes 01-13-11 Page 2-Enrollment Report</p>	<p>Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, explained that the District had lost 19 students since the last report. In investigating, some losses were due to out of State moves as well as moves to other areas. Changes are not uncommon following Winter break as we also anticipate some gains due to family movement. Class size averages remain steady in all grade levels.</p>
<p>Instruction and Personnel: Action Item: Public Hearing / Class Size Reduction Waiver</p>	<p>Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, explained that the District is required to maintain a class size average in grades 4 – 8 of 30.1 to 1 based on the average in place in 1964. To increase the ratio, a waiver would be necessary. Due to current financial challenges, waivers are being approved by the State Board of Education. A Public Hearing is required prior to beginning the application process for a waiver. On a motion made by Susan M. Hango, and a second to the motion by Sharon H. Brown, Trustees unanimously set the time and date for a Public Hearing relating to a Class Size Reduction General Waiver Request to be filed with the State Board of Education for January 27, 2011 at approximately 7:00 p.m.</p>
<p>Information Item: Williams Uniform Complaints</p>	<p>Superintendent, Susan Belenardo, explained that we have maintained our 100% record for no formal complaints as a result of the Williams Uniform Complaint legislation.</p>
<p>Business Matters: Action Item: Expenditure's Report</p>	<p>Trustee Susan M. Hango, reported Expenditures dated December 16, 2010 authorized by Linda Navarro Edwards, beginning with check #30-058746 and ending with check #30-058793 totaling \$82,755.56 from the General Fund, \$25.00 from Child Development, \$59,772.00 from Capital Facilities and \$102,391.00 from Special Reserve with a Grand Total of \$244,943.56 and Expenditures dated December 22, 2010 authorized by Susan Belenardo beginning with check 30-058794 and ending with check #30-058817 totaling \$92,747.97 from the General Fund, \$59.35 from Child Development and \$716.77 from Capital Facilities for a Grand Total of \$108,273.19 and Expenditures dated January 7, 2011 authorized by Sharon H. Brown, beginning with check #30-058818 and ending with check #30-058887 totaling \$247,240.14 from the General Fund, \$1,606.61 from Child Development, \$164.33 from Deferred Maintenance and \$16,983.53 from Capital Facilities for a Grand Total of \$265,994.61 and Expenditures dated January 12, 2011 authorized by Sharon H. Brown, beginning with check #30-058888 and ending with check #30-058888 totaling \$439,697.94 from the General Fund for a Grand Total of \$439,697.94 and Expenditures dated January 13, 2011 beginning with check #30-058889 and ending with check #30-058939 totaling \$123,587.75 from the General Fund, \$19.92 from Child Development, \$458.27 from Deferred Maintenance and \$76.68 from Capital Facilities for a Grand Total of \$124,142.62 and Expenditures dated January 13, 2011 beginning with check #30-058940 and ending with check #30-058940 totaling \$17,602.76 from the General Fund for a Grand Total of \$17,602.76. Trustees unanimously approved the Expenditures' payments as presented with a second by Sharon H. Brown.</p>
<p>Action Item: Budget Transfers</p>	<p>Director of Fiscal Services, Karen Kinney, explained that these transfers are related to the First Interim Report in balancing the budget. On a motion made by Paul S. Rodriguez, and a second to the motion by Sandi Baltes, Trustees unanimously ratified budget transfers for select budget categories adjusting the 2010/11 budget as reflected in the District's First Interim Report as attached to these minutes.¹²</p>
<p>Information Item: Job Action Expenses</p>	<p>Director of Fiscal Services, Karen Kinney, explained that the Board had requested a recap of the expenses for the recent job action. The Business Office is in the process of paying all the substitutes, reductions to teacher salaries will be on the January 31st warrants, and related expenses are being processed. The information will be compiled for a report in early March.</p>
<p>Items Not on the Agenda</p>	<p>Board President, Linda Navarro Edwards, acknowledged Mr. Ramon Alejandre who wished to speak to the Board on an item not on the agenda:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mr. Alejandre first presented a copy of Time Magazine, September 20, 2010 with an article entitled "What Makes a School Great". The article depicts both sides, not just the teachers, and not just the administration. He indicated, "It starts with the teachers!" He stated that in other countries, only about 1 out of 15 applicants are hired to teach. It is not just about the money, it is about prestige. He feels the way we treat our teachers in this country is unacceptable, and it starts at the local level. "You docked the teachers for the time they took off during the Strike, you guaranteed there was going to be safety during the subs, and there wasn't. I left you a personal message and never received a call back. Also, informed your Principal, Ms. Cunningham, and never received a call back." On one of the days he was peacefully protesting, one of the relatives of a sub flipped him off and called him out in front of his children while pulling out of the parking lot. He reported the incident to the Principal as soon as it happened. He asked Dr. Belenardo why he never got a call and she replied that she did not receive a message from him and would reply once she had an opportunity to investigate. He presented ideas to Trustees including the possibility of Sports Ads to increase revenue. He indicated he expected a response and insisted on knowing how long that would take. He was assured by Board Members that he would receive a timely response.

