



98Liberty Union High School District
20 Oak Street
Brentwood, CA 94513

**October 23, 2019
Regular Board Meeting
MINUTES**

*Approved
11/13/19*

1. NOTICES

1.01 PUBLIC RECORDS NOTICE: Any writings or documents that are public records and are provided to a majority of the governing board regarding an open session item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection in the District Office located at 20 Oak Street, Brentwood, California during normal business hours.

1.02 AMERICANS with DISABILITIES ACT NOTICE: In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, disability-related modifications or accommodations, including auxiliary aids, or services, in order to access the Board meeting room, access written documents being discussed at the Board meeting, or to otherwise participate in the public meetings of the District's governing board, please contact the office of the Superintendent at (925) 634-2166 x2025. Notification 72 hours prior to the meeting will enable the District to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accommodation and accessibility to this meeting. Please turn off any electronic paging device or cell phone.

1.03 TITLE IX: The Liberty Union High School District does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, or disability.

2. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:30 p.m. President Ghiggeri called the meeting to order; all members but Mr. Stonebarger were present.

2.01 Roll Call Pauline Allred
 Roy Ghiggeri
 Yolanda Mendrek
 Erick Stonebarger
 Raymond Valverde

3. SPECIAL SESSIONS

3.01 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY CLOSED SESSION ITEM:

An information sheet with procedures for public input is available on the table near the entrance to the Board Room. The Board may limit public comments to 5 minutes per speaker and 30 minutes total per subject pursuant to Board Policy 9323. The Board values all input from the public; however, the practice is to not respond immediately to public comments. An additional opportunity is provided later in the agenda for public comment on remaining agenda items or non-agenda items.

3.02 Public Comments

There were no public comments and the Board recessed to closed session.

3.03 Closed Session

1. Student Discipline or Other Confidential Student Matters (Education Code § 35146, 48900 et seq., 48912(b) and 49060 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. § 1232g)

3.04 Open Session

4.07

At 5:35 p.m. the Board come out to open session. Mr. Ghiggeri reported that the following action was taken in closed session:

- 1.) The Governing Board accepted the stipulated expulsion agreement, and that Student A be expelled through June 4, 2020 from Liberty High School and the Liberty Union High School District, effective immediately. Conditions for readmission include satisfactory attendance, academic progress and behavior. Student A may apply for readmission by contacting the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Service on or before June 4, 2020. Passed with a 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote.
- 2.) The Governing Board accepted the stipulated expulsion agreement, and that Student B be expelled through June 4, 2020 from La Paloma High School and the Liberty Union High School District, effective immediately. Conditions for readmission include satisfactory attendance, academic progress and behavior. Student B may apply for readmission by contacting the Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Service on or before June 4, 2020. Passed with a 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote.

At 5:37 p.m. the Board returned to closed session.

3.05 Closed Session

2. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Complaint (Govt. Code § 54957)
3. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(d)(2))
Significant Exposure to Litigation: Three Matter(s)
4. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation (Govt. Code § 54956.9(a))
Contra Costa County Superior Court Case No. C19-00485
Austin Swope, Britt Swope, and Camille Swope, v. Liberty Union High School District,
La Paloma High School, Deborah Souza and DOES 1-20, inclusive
5. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Govt. Code § 54957.6)
Agency Designated Representative: Eric Volta; Denise Rugani
Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association, Chapter 238
Liberty Education Association
Unrepresented Employees

3.06 Open Session

The Board returned to open session at 7:19 p.m. and took a brief recess.

4. OPENING PROCEDURES

At 7:00 p.m. Mr. Ghiggeri initiated opening procedures; all members but Mr. Stonebarger were present. He reported that in closed session the Board took action to deny a two-year leave of absence for a certain certificated employee for the 2020-21 and 2021-22 school years by a vote of 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote. There was no other reportable action taken in closed session.

Pledge of Allegiance

4.05 PROCEDURES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:

The public is welcomed and encouraged to address the Liberty Union High School Board of Trustees. An information sheet with procedures for public input is available on the table near the entrance to the Board Room. The Board may limit public comments to 5 minutes per speaker and 30 minutes total per subject pursuant to Board Policy 9323. The Board values all input from the public; however, the practice is to not respond immediately to public comments.

4.06 Consider Agenda

Action: Mr. Volta requested that Item 7.01 be pulled from the agenda. Motion was made by Mr. Valverde and seconded by Mrs. Mendrek to approve Item 4.06. Passed with a 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote.

4.07 Consider Approval of Regular Board Meeting Minutes of September 25, 2019

Action: Motion was made by Mrs. Mendrek and seconded by Mrs. Allred to approve Item 4.06. Passed with a 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote.

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.01 Public Comments - None

5.02 Student Representatives

Independence – Kaiden Soliz reported that this is “Kindness Week” and that students painted rocks with kind words; he brought rocks for the Board. He also reported that there are 13 new ‘owls’ this quarter and that he and another leadership student took them on a tour of the school.

Freedom - Sara Friend reported that the ‘TRUE Conference’ had been held this week and that the ‘Safe Halloween’ that they put on for the community was a huge success.

Heritage - Molly Elshaer reported that the ‘Blood Drive’ will be held October 31st and the Brentwood Bowl is November 1st. She also reported that the girls volleyball program raised \$1500 for breast cancer awareness by hosting ‘Dig Pink’.

Liberty – Elyse Capelli reported that the girls golf team is going to NCS and that 1700 students attended the Homecoming dance. She announced that the ‘Showcase of the Arts’ will be October 24th @ 7:00 p.m.

5.03 Staff Comments - None

5.04 Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Volta thanked the Community Education Center for the new bulletin board display that features their programs. He also commended Debbie Norgaard and Guy Rognlien for their quick thinking in resuscitation efforts on an adult education student who is now doing fine. In closing Mr. Volta congratulated Gina Capelli on representing our district so well when she gave her address at the Teacher of the Dinner held in September.

Kelly Manke highlighted Unified Soccer at Freedom as well as a successful Financial Aid Night and upcoming Women’s Initiative Leadership breakfast on October 24th.

Carrie Wells highlighted Heritage’s ‘Area Band Fest’ featuring bands from Adams and Bristow Middle Schools as well as Heritage. She also reported that Special Ed put on a luncheon for their student and that the recent honor roll boasted 952 students for the 2019 spring semester.

Guy Rognlien highlighted the upcoming Pre-WASC visit at Independence and that Adult Ed is receiving their Official MOS Certification. He also highlighted the upcoming Financial Aid workshop and Life after High School assembly with Helio Moreno presenting.

Chris Holland reported that 92 La Paloma students had been recognized at a recent honor roll assembly and that the field trip to UTI in Sacramento had been very successful and that students were enthused. He also extended an invitation to the annual 'Chili Cook-Off' on November 5th.

Mike Burstein reported that Liberty had a successful Financial Aid night on October 22nd and that the on day WASC visit will be on October 28th. He reported that the student ALICE Drill will be held on October 29th and that all teachers have been preparing with all of their classes for the drill.

5.05 Board Comments

The Board extended congratulations to Freedom and Heritage girls golf as they compete in NCS. They were pleased to see the community involvement at the Liberty parade and homecoming festivities.

6. RECOGNITION

6.01 Recognition of Freedom High School Student – Isabella Rossi-Schaeffer

Kelly Manke introduced Isabella Rossi-Schaeffer, ASB president, who was recognized for her leadership and positive influence on campus.

7. OVERNIGHT FIELDTRIPS

7.01 Consider Approval for Liberty High School Performing Arts Dance Classes I, II, & III to Travel to Anaheim, California

This item was pulled from the agenda as the trip was canceled.

7.02 Consider Approval for the Liberty High School Boys Varsity Basketball Team to Travel to Rocklin, California

Coach Jon Heinz presented the proposed trip.

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Valverde and seconded by Mrs. Allred to approve Item 7.02. Passed with a 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote.

7.03 Consider Approval for the Liberty High School Girls Varsity Basketball Team to Travel to Clovis, California

Coach Jon Ellcessor highlighted the proposed trip to the Nike Showcase Tournament.

Action: Motion was made by Mr. Valverde and seconded by Mr. Allred to approve Item 7.03. Passed with a 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote.

8. PRESENTATION(S)

8.01 Presentation of the State Priorities Dashboard Local Indicators

Erik Faulkner presented information and analysis.

9. CONSENT AGENDA

Action: Motion was made by Mrs. Allred and seconded by Mr. Valverde to approve Item 9.01 through Item 9.15. Passed with a 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote.

- 9.01 Consider Approval of the Personnel Report No. 10 23 19
- 9.02 Consider Approval of Freedom High School Boys Wrestling Team Season Travel to Aptos, Sacramento, Union City and Bakersfield, California
- 9.03 Consider Approval of Out-of-State Travel to 2019 Jump\$tart Nation Educator Conference in Washington, D.C. - Nouredine Lalami
- 9.04 Consider Approval of Out-of-State Travel for Grand Canyon University Visit in Phoenix, Arizona - Michelle Snyder
- 9.05 Consider Approval of Out-of-State Travel for California Activities Director Association Conference in Reno, Nevada - Carrie Wells, Jessica Banchieri, Chris Bonnie and Jason Jeffrey
- 9.06 Consider Approval of the Textbook on 30-Day Public Display - Launching the Imagination: A Guide to 3-D Design
- 9.07 Consider Approval of Notice of Completion for Electrical at J & T Wing Portables at Liberty High School
- 9.08 Consider Approval of Notice of Completion for Relocation of J & T Wing Portables at Liberty High School
- 9.09 Consider Declaration of Surplus - Heritage High School Polyvision Whiteboard
- 9.10 Consider Approval of the Cunningham Educational Consulting Contract for Fiscal Year 2019-2020
- 9.11 Consider Approval of a Short Form Service Contract with USA Staffing Services of CA, LLC
- 9.12 Consider Approval of Out-of-State Travel to 2019 Jump\$tart Nation Educator Conference in Washington, D.C. - Gianna Alexander
- 9.13 Consider Approval of the District's Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- 9.14 Consider Approval of Warrants Issued in September 2019
- 9.15 Consider Action of 2019-20 Interdistrict Transfer Requests as Recommended by the Superintendent

10. ADMINISTRATIVE ACTION

- 10.01** Consider Approval of Resolution 2019-20: Initiating Process of Establishing Trustee Areas and Elections By-Trustee Areas

Action: Motion was made by Mrs. Allred and seconded by Mrs. Mendrek to approve Item 10.01. Passed with a 4 (Allred, Ghiggeri, Mendrek, Valverde) – 0 vote.

- 10.02 Consider Liberty Union High School District Board of Education's Position on Ballot 'Measure L: Vineyards at Deer Creek Voter Initiative'

Mr. Ghiggeri recused himself from Item 10.02; Mrs. Mendrek then led the discussion. Mr. Valverde had no comment; Mrs. Allred stated she was opposed; Mrs. Mendrek was neutral. There was no action taken on the item as it died for the lack of a motion.

11. POLICIES AND AMENDMENTS

11.01 First Reading of New/Deleted/Revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:

- BP/AR 1312.3: Uniform Complaint Procedures (rev):
- BP/AR 5022: Student and Family Privacy Rights (rev):
- BP 5117 (rev); AR 5117 (new); AR 5117.1 (del): Interdistrict Attendance:
- AR 5121: Grades (rev)

Tony Shah highlighted the recommended changes to the policies and regulations.

11.02 First Reading of Revised Board Policy 3290: Gifts Grants and Bequests

Denise Rugani highlighted the revised policy. There were no comments or suggested changes.

12. DISCUSSION - None

13. SPECIAL SESSION(S) CONTINUED

At 7:53 p.m. Mr. Ghiggeri adjourned the meeting; the Board did not return to closed session.

13.01 Closed Session

13.02 Open Session

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Volta
Superintendent

