

Los Altos School District Agenda

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Regular Meeting

March 19, 2012

Monday, 06:00 PM

Los Altos School District Board Room

201 Covington Road, Los Altos

Closed Session – 6:00 p.m. -- Regular Session – 7:00 p.m.

Any person wishing to speak on any item on the agenda of a regular meeting will be granted up to three (3) minutes at the time the item appears on the agenda, or during Community Comments for all non-agenda items that are within the jurisdiction of the board. Prior to addressing the board, each speaker is requested to complete a speaker card (located on the table near the door) and give it to the Superintendent's Executive Assistant before the meeting starts or at the beginning of the agenda item. To ensure that all speakers are provided an equal opportunity to address the board, individual speakers may not "yield" their allotted time to address the board to other speakers. The board may limit the total amount of time allocated for comment on a particular issue (Government Code section 54954.3[b]). The board discourages complaints against individual officers or employees of the district during open session.

The open session will be audio recorded for the purpose of preparing minutes. The recording may be erased or destroyed 30 days after the meeting (Government Code section 54942.5).

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone upon entering the meeting.

(D) - Discussion (V) - Can Vote (C) - Consent

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. President Goines will call the meeting to order.

Anyone wishing to address the board regarding the Closed Session items may do so at this time.

B. CLOSED SESSION

1. Recess to Closed Session

2. Anticipated Litigation (D)

The board will discuss the following items in Closed Session:

- Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (one case)
- Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9 (Bullis Charter School v. Los Altos School District,

Santa Clara County Superior Court Case No. 109CV144569)

C. OPEN SESSION/REPORTS**1. Pledge of Allegiance****2. Closed Session Report****3. Approval of Agenda****4. Staff and Student Successes**

- Covington teachers Linda Figone, Genie Sitler and Jolene Welch collaborated with Loyola teachers Joanie Craddock and Shelby Biddy to plan and develop lessons around the mathematical practice of constructing viable arguments and critiquing the reasoning of others. Lessons were created to engage students translating, explaining their thinking and justifying and critiquing peers. All strategies to develop a deeper understanding of mathematical thinking. This is the second year Covington has participated in the lesson piece. Last year Jill Croft, Katie Compodonico and Linda Figone participated in this learning.
- Covington teachers Genie Sitler, Jolene Welch, Katie Campodonico, Dottie Cowell, Terry Pomposo, Jill Croft, Linda Figone and Erin Zaich organized a family math night.
- Courtney Caldwell (District Math Coach), Doug Core (Springer teacher), Lenore Lovoi (Oak teacher) and Kami Thordarson (Santa Rita teacher) all participated in a teacher interview panel with Dr. Sanjay Gupta for *60 Minutes* where they were able to share their experiences and success with blended learning. Unfortunately, not all the material was used in the final segment that aired on March 11, but nonetheless we are extremely proud of our teachers' participation and involvement. The *60 Minutes* segment that highlighted Los Altos School District and Khan Academy can be viewed on the *60 Minutes* website.

5. School Presentation

Representatives from Covington School will share activities taking place at their school.

6. Superintendent's Update**D. APPROVAL OF CONSENT ITEMS****1. Approval of Minutes** (V) (C)

It is recommended the board approve the minutes for the March 5, 2012 regular meeting.

2. Purchase Orders (V) (C)

It is recommended the board approve the purchase orders from February 29, 2012 through March 13, 2012.

3. Disposal of Surplus Technology Equipment (V) (C)

It is recommended the board approve the disposal of surplus technology equipment as presented.

4. Personnel Actions (V) (C)

It is recommended the board approve the personnel actions as presented.

E. EMPLOYEE REQUESTS TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

- 1. Mrs. Niki Mitchell, Los Altos Teachers Association**
- 2. Mrs. Sue Wood, California School Employees Association**

F. COMMUNITY COMMENTS

1. This time is reserved for citizens and employees to address the board on items that are not on the agenda. Community members wishing to address the board are allotted three (3) minutes per speaker. The board and administration welcome this opportunity to listen; however, the board is not permitted to discuss or take action on non-agenda items, except to instruct the superintendent to review the matter further, report back to the board at a subsequent meeting or place the matter on a future agenda. The board may make a brief comment or ask clarifying questions. (Government Code section 549542.2)

G. ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**1. PTA Goals for 2011-12 (D)**

Kelly Toshach and Brooke Schiller, Springer PTA co-presidents, will present information on PTA community building efforts at all district schools.
(Mr. Baier) [10 minutes]

2. 2012-13 Final Offer of Facilities to Bullis Charter School (D)

The board will begin discussions on possible modifications to its facilities offer, in light of the charter school's response to the district's preliminary offer.
(Mr. Kenyon) [45 minutes]

3. Possible Bond Measure (D)

Mr. Kenyon will present information related to the district's bonding capacity and ideas on how best to structure any possible bond measures.
(Mr. Kenyon) [20 minutes]

4. City/Schools Subcommittee Report (D)

Mr. Goines and Mr. Smith will report on the recent City/Schools Subcommittee meeting.
(Mr. Baier) [15 minutes]

5. Budget and Facilities Planning for 2012-13 (D)

Mr. Kenyon will share recommendations from the Budget Review Committee and discuss plans for summer facilities work.
(Mr. Kenyon) [20 minutes]

H. BOARD AND ADMINISTRATION COMMENTS**I. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS**

- 1. The following agenda items are scheduled for the meeting on April 2, 2012:**
 - PTA Presentation on the 2011-12 Financial/Fundraising Goal

- Educational Blueprint Goals Progress Report
- Transitional Kindergarten Update
- Enrollment Projections
- First Reading of BP/AR 6161.1, Selection and Evaluation of Instructional Materials
- First Reading of BP 3110, Transfer of Funds
- First Reading of BP 3541, Transportation for School-Related Trips
- First Reading of AR 5111.1, District Residency

J. ADJOURN

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