

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
October 10, 2023  
Regular Meeting of the Board of Education  
2263 Santa Clara Avenue  
Alameda, California 94501

**UNADOPTED MINUTES**

**REGULAR MEETING:** The regular meeting of the Board of Education was held at the date and location mentioned above.

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

1. Public Comment on Closed Session Topics:

The Board did not receive any public comments related to this agenda.

2. Adjourn to Closed Session - 5:30 PM

Board of Education Members present: Board President Heather Little, Board Clerk Gary K. Lym, Board Trustee Jennifer Williams, and Board Trustee Ryan LaLonde.

Board of Education Members absent: Board Vice President Megan Sweet.

Staff present for Closed Session: Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Timothy Erwin; Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Shariq Khan

Items discussed in Closed Session:

Conference with Labor Negotiators – (Govt. Code, §54957.6, subd. (a))  
Agency designated representative: Timothy Erwin, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources:

Employee organizations: Alameda Education Association (AEA), California School Employees Association Chapter 27 (CSEA 27), California School Employees Association Chapter 860 (CSEA 860) and Executive Cabinet/Administrative and Supervisory/Confidential/Licensed/Unrepresented.

3. Reconvene to Public Session - 6:30PM

Board President Heather Little reconvened the meeting at 6:30PM.

4. Call to Order - Pledge of Allegiance

Board of Education President Heather Little led the Pledge of Allegiance

5. Introduction of Board Members and Staff:

Board of Education Members present: Board President Heather Little, Board Clerk Gary K. Lym, Board Trustee Jennifer Williams, and Board Trustee Ryan LaLonde.

Student Board members present: Talia Kotovsky (AHS), Lianna Lau (AST), and Mirabelle Kruger (EJSHS).

Board of Education Members absent: Board Vice President Megan Sweet.

AUSD staff members present: Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Timothy Erwin; Assistant Superintendent, Business Services Shariq Khan; Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services, Kirsten Zazo; Senior Manager of Community Affairs, Susan Davis and Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Kerri Lonergan.

6. Closed Session Action Report:  
The Board did not take action in Closed Session.

**B. MODIFICATION(S) OF THE AGENDA:**

There were no modifications of the agenda.

**C. COMMUNICATIONS**

1. Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items:  
*Joyce Boyd, parent of AUSD student:* Ms. Boyd thanked the district for welcoming her child to AUSD. Ms. Boyd remarked that they came from a charter school and they have been very happy with the level of service they have received from AUSD.
2. Written Correspondence:  
The Board did not receive any emails related to tonight's agenda.
3. Report from Employee Organizations:  
*Nancy Read, Alameda Education Association (AEA) President:* Ms. Read thanked Board Members for attending listening sessions with teachers yesterday and an Algebra event last week. She says she looks forward to discussing why new teachers sometimes leave Alameda Unified in the near future.
4. Report from PTA Council:  
*Jeanine Sidran, Representative of PTA Council:* PTA Council representative Jeanine Sidran notes that PTAC's new Go Green Committee wants to partner with AUSD teachers and staff, and other agencies, to improve environmental practices across all AUSD schools.
5. Board Members' Report:  
*Board Clerk Gary K. Lym:* Board Clerk Lym stated he attended the Math Gallery Walk at Alameda High in Ms. DeRobbio's class, and he was really impressed. He stated he learned that you could buy a Zebra in the State of California so that was very interesting. Board Clerk Lym also attended the Listening Sessions held for staff, and specifically he participated in the Climate and Culture session where he learned a lot.

*Board Member Jennifer Williams:* Board Member Williams stated she also attended the Math Gallery Walk in Ms. DeRobbio's class, and she was very happy to see how excited the students were about learning. Board Member

Williams stated that Ms. DeRobbio is a phenomenal teacher and she really loved how fun she makes it for her students. Board Member Williams also attended the Listening Sessions, specifically the session on how to support African American students. Board Member Williams stated this was the first time since she was elected in 2016 that the District has held these type of sessions and she really appreciated hearing from staff about their experiences. She also liked seeing how teachers were able to connect with one another to collaborate and share teaching strategies. Board Member Williams stated she understands how much work it was to put the day together, but she hopes we have more Listening Sessions in the future.

*Board Member Ryan LaLonde:* Board Member LaLonde stated he attended Walk and Roll at Otis Elementary School, and he loved how excited the students were to see the Owl, who is their mascot. Board Member LaLonde stated Otis families did a wonderful job walking and rolling to school, so much so, the PTA President of the school only counted six cars dropping off students. Board Member LaLonde also attended the Math Gallery Walk in Ms. DeRobbio's classroom. He stated he felt very fortunate that his child has had Ms. DeRobbio as a teacher previously. Board Member LaLonde also stated that Ms. DeRobbio was the first teacher to talk to him and explain the benefits of Grading for Equity. Board Member LaLonde also attended the Listening Session on Special Education, which was very informative, and he attended the ACOE Teacher of the Year celebration where Encinal teacher Jessica Kerber was selected as Alameda County Teacher of the Year out of a field of 18 amazing educators.

*Board President Heather Little:* Board President Little stated both of her children were fortunate to have had Ms. Jessica Kerber as a teacher and she is absolutely as wonderful as she sounds. Board President Little attended Walk and Roll at Encinal Jr. & Sr. High School, where it was a challenge to get middle and high school students to take stickers from her, but she persisted. Board President Little stated she was disappointed that she couldn't attend the Math Gallery Walk at Alameda High, but she was able to attend the Listening Sessions and she hopes we do more of these in the future. She found the Listening Sessions to be very informative and beneficial to all who participated.

6. Superintendent's Report:

*Superintendent Pasquale Scuderi:* Superintendent Scuderi thanked AUSD teachers for their participation in professional development yesterday and he read a statement in support of AUSD's very hard-working principals and assistant principals as a way of acknowledging the Week of the School Administrator).

Superintendent Scuderi also noted that October is Breast Cancer Awareness week and he encouraged us all to support testing and research and be in touch with our families and friends who have this disease.

7. Student Board Members' Report:

*Student Board Member Talia Kotovsky (AHS):* Student Board Member Kotovsky stated last week student voted on their Pride Pass redesign, and also

they had a very successful Walk and Roll to School Day last week. Student Board Member Kotovsky stated there was a successful college fair at College of Alameda, on October 9<sup>th</sup> AHS is partnering with Alameda Family Services to have a Suicide Awareness Health Fair, and the Alameda High School Football Team remains undefeated.

*Student Board Member Lianna Lau (ASTI):* Student Board Member Lau stated ASTI's movie night last week was a success. ASTI released the applications for 9<sup>th</sup> grade students last month and that application window is now closed. Student Board Member Lau stated on October 4<sup>th</sup> was the very well attended College Fair, and students really seemed to enjoy it. Students came from all over the Island. On October 11<sup>th</sup> it will be 11<sup>th</sup> grade information night at 5:30pm. Student Board Member Lau closed her report by saying Friday, Oct 13<sup>th</sup> is a Leadership lunch for students.

*Student Board Member Mirabelle Kruger (EJSHS):* Student Board Member Kruger congratulated Encinal's Jessica Kerber for being chose as the Alameda County Office of Education's Teacher of the Year. Student Board Member Kruger announced that Encinal students also enjoyed the College Fair mentioned by her fellow Student Board Members. Student Board Member Kruger stated Encinal students had fun during Walk and Roll to School Day. Student Board Member Kruger announced tryouts are coming for Fall Sports. Student Board Member Kruger mentioned on October 28<sup>th</sup> Encinal Leadership is holding a Fall Carnival and the community is invited.

#### **D. ADOPTION OF THE CONSENT CALENDAR**

- 1) Certificated Personnel Actions
- 2) Classified Personnel Actions
- 3) Approval and Acceptance of Donations
- 4) Approval of Bill Warrants and Payroll Registers
- 5) Approval of California Interscholastic Federation Representatives to League for 2023-24 School Year
- 6) Approval of Facilities Bond Measure I and Measure B Contracts (Standing Item)
- 7) Approval of Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints
- 8) Approval of Special Education Local Plan Area Master Contracts
- 9) Proclamation: Safe Schools Week, October 14-20, 2023
- 10) Ratification of Contracts Executed Pursuant to Board Policy 3300
- 11) Resolution No. 2023-2024.14 Certification of Requirement of Education Code Section 60119 for Pupil Textbooks and Instructional Materials for Grades K-12 for Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- 12) Resolution No. 2023-2024.15 Approval of Budget Transfers, Increases, Decreases
- 13) Resolution No. 2023-2024.16 Authorization to Dispose of Surplus Property

***Motion to adopt the Consent Calendar.***

**MOTION:** Member Lym

**SECONDED:** Member Williams

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Lau, Kruger, and Kotovsky

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Little, Williams, Lym, and LaLonde

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Member Sweet

**MOTION APPROVED**

**E. GENERAL BUSINESS**

1. Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) 2023 Plan

AUSD is preparing to submit the 2023 CCEIS plan that covers both our process and activities to work toward moving out of significant disproportionality for our African American students in Special Education, specifically those under the Other Health Impaired (OHI) category.

Public Comments:

*Joyce Boyd, parent of an AUSD student:* Ms. Boyd thanked Ms. Edwards for her work on the CCEIS plan.

*Caroline Brossard, parent of AUSD students:* Ms. Brossard thanked Ms. Edwards for her work on the CCEIS Plan. Ms. Brossard stated Ms. Edwards did a great job soliciting input from the educational partners involved in this process and she said she hoped AUSD would continue to invest in this work beyond the CCEIS timeline.

***Motion to approve the Comprehensive Coordinated Early Intervening Services (CCEIS) 2023 Plan.***

**MOTION:** Member Williams

**SECONDED:** Member LaLonde

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Lau, Kruger, and Kotovsky

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**BOARD MEMBER VOTES**

**AYES:** Members Little, Williams, Lym, and LaLonde

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:** Member Sweet

**MOTION APPROVED**

2. Introduction of Scholar Staff and Student Advisors

Tonight's presentation will provide an introduction to the Scholar Staff and Student Advisor initiative and staff.

For 2023-24, AUSD has hired Scholar Staff and Student Advisors to support a case load of 20 students each. In response to the over identification of Black students for Special Education, this new effort seeks to provide early intervention to students. Advisors support teachers, staff, and provide direct services to students in and outside of the classroom, while also serving as a bridge between their families and school. Advisors are currently placed at Maya Lin, Ruby Bridges, Encinal Jr. Jets, and Wood Middle School.

Public Comments:

*Caroline Brossard, parent of AUSD students:* Ms. Brossard thanked Ms. Edwards and the Scholar Staff Advisors for their work with AUSD students. Ms. Brossard said it would be wonderful to have this work expanded so that all African America would have a Scholar Staff Advisor to work with. Ms. Brossard also asked the District to look into putting more supports in place for the summertime.

**F. ADJOURNMENT** – Board President Heather Little adjourned the meeting at 8:10pm.

Respectively Submitted,

Kerri Lonergan  
Senior Executive Assistant  
Alameda Unified School District

