

Lowell Joint School District
11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier, CA 90603

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
January 8, 2024 – 6:30 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Call to Order

6:30 p.m.

Lowell Joint School District Character Education and Patriotic Education Focus of the Month:

INFORMATION

- Character Trait: Perseverance (GRIT, Goal Setting). The ability to continue on with something despite difficulties or failure
- Patriotic Focus: Martin Luther King Jr. & Harriett Tubman
- Honoring Character & Patriotism in Action:
 - RWF Essay & Art Contest (Jan/Feb)
 - Annual Random Acts of Kindness (Dec/Jan)
 - I Have a Dream Banner

A. Comments from the Public

INFORMATION

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2. Topics Not on Agenda: Anyone in attendance may address any issue by following the same identification process as shown in I-A-1 above. Since the Board cannot take action on items which are not on the agenda, such items will be referred to the Superintendent for handling. Individuals interested in speaking to items which are not on the agenda will be called upon under Item IV.

B. Closed Session

6:30 p.m.

1. Pupil Personnel Matters/Advice from Legal Counsel – Existing and Anticipated Litigation (Disclosure of Case Name Would Jeopardize Potential Settlement Negotiations)/Real Property/Liability Claims/Negotiations/ Public Employee Appointments – Discipline – Dismissal – Release (Government Code Section 54957)/ Employer/Employee Relations
2. Public Employee Negotiations – Certificated School Employees Association (LJEA)/ Classified School Employees Association (CSEA); Agency Negotiator: Mr. Coombs

3. Superintendent’s Evaluation (Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957)

C. Regular Session Approximately
7:30 p.m.

II. Preliminary Procedural – Board President

A. Salute to the Flag

B. Reporting Out Action (if any) Taken in Closed Session

C. Introductions and Welcome of Guests

D. Comments from the Public INFORMATION

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E. Acknowledgement of Correspondence to the Board INFORMATION

F. Approval of Agenda ACTION

G. Approval of Minutes from the December 11, 2023, Reorganizational Board Meeting ACTION

III. Reports INFORMATION

A. Timely Information from Board and Superintendent – Board President

B. Recognition of the 2023 C.A.R.E. Golden Bell Award INFORMATION

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- C. School Reports
(School Reports will be the First Meeting of the Month)

IV. Topics Not on the Agenda

V. General – Jim Coombs

INFORMATION

- A. Submission of Williams Litigation Settlement – Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report for Quarter October 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023 ACTION

- B. Resolution 2023/2024 No. 913 Approving the Application for The California Schools Healthy Air, Plumbing, and Efficiency Program(CalSHAPE) to Provide funding to upgrade heating, air conditioning, and ventilation(HVAC) systems in public schools and replace non compliant plumbing fixtures and appliances that fail to meet water efficiency standards ACTION/
(RESOLUTION)

- C. Election of a Member to Serve on the Whittier Area School Trustees Association for 2024 ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)

VI. Business Services – David Bennett

- A. Ratification of Additional Professional Services Agreement with A-Tech Consulting for Hazardous Materials Monitoring, at Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)

- B. Ratification of Change Order #1 with Koury Engineering & Testing for additional Geotechnical analysis, at Rancho Starbuck Intermediate School ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)

- C. State Budget Update INFORMATION/
DISCUSSION

VII. Human Resources – Jim Coombs

No Items Except on Consent

VIII. Education Services – Sheri McDonald

- A. Approval of the 2022/23 School Accountability Report Cards INFORMATION/
ACTION

IX. Administrative Services – Carl Erickson

No Items Except on Consent

X. Consent Calendar

Action by the Board in adoption of the “Consent Calendar” means that all items appearing in this section are adopted by one single motion, unless a Member of the Board or the Superintendent requests that any such item be removed from the “Consent Calendar” and voted upon separately. Generally, “Consent Calendar” items are enacted upon in one action to conserve time and permit focus on other-than-routine matters.

A. General – Jim Coombs

1. Approval of Consultant Agreement Tana Carmichael to be a Costume Designer for the Lowell Joint Youth Theatre for the 2023-24 School Year ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)
2. Approval of Consultant Agreement Alfonso Neavez to be a House Manager for the Lowell Joint Youth Theatre for the 2023-24 School Year ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)
3. Approval of Consultant Agreement Zoe Kinne to be a Lighting Designer for the Lowell Joint Youth Theatre for the 2023-24 School Year ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)
4. Approval of Consultant Agreement Rudy Hernandez to be a Sound Technician for the Lowell Joint Youth Theatre for the 2023-24 School Year ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)

B. Business Services – David Bennett

1. Purchase Order Report 2023/24 #6 ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)
2. Consolidated Check Register Listing Report 2023/24 #6 ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)

C. Human Resources – Jim Coombs

1. Employer-Employee Relations/Personnel Report 2023/24 #6 Which Includes Hiring, Resignations, Contract Adjustments, and Retirements for Certificated, Classified, and Confidential Employees ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)

D. Educational Services – Sheri McDonald

1. Approval of Consultant Agreement with Chelsea Palumbo to Provide Graphics for Rancho Starbuck Christmas Performance for the 2023-24 School Year ACTION/
(RATIFICATION)

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| 2. | Approval of Consultant Agreement with Alfonso Neavez to Provide Script Writing for Rancho Starbuck Christmas Performance for the 2023-24 School Year | ACTION/
(RATIFICATION) |
| 3. | Approval of Consultant Agreement with Angela Hutcherson to provide Art Instruction at Jordan Elementary School for the 2023/24 School Year | ACTION/
(RATIFICATION) |
| XI. | Board Member/Superintendent Comments | INFORMATION |
| XII. | Adjournment | ADJOURNMENT |

Recess and/or closed session to be called at the discretion of the Board. Meetings of the Board shall adjourn at or before 11:00 p.m. unless approved by a majority vote of the Board.

Materials related to this agenda submitted to the Board of Trustees less than 72 hours prior to the meeting are available for public inspection by contacting the Superintendent's Office at 11019 Valley Home Avenue, Whittier, CA 90603, or (562) 902-4203 during normal business hours.

The next scheduled Lowell Joint School District Board of Trustees Meeting is Monday February 5, 2024.