

Special Meeting of the Governing Board (Wednesday, May 29, 2024)

Members present

Dr. Javier Ayala, Dorinda Miller, Yajaira Preciado, Cheryl Robertson, Jasmin Smith

1. OPENING FUNCTIONS

A. Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 6:15 pm

B. Roll Call and Establishment of a Quorum

A quorum was established

C. Pledge of Allegiance

D. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve

Motion by Cheryl Robertson, second by Dorinda Miller.

Final Resolution: Motion Carries

Yea: Dr. Javier Ayala, Dorinda Miller, Yajaira Preciado, Cheryl Robertson, Jasmin Smith

E. Public Comment: Agendized Items

Speakers for item 2.A. - Closed Session - Superintendent Interviews:

1. Julie Jones (Principal, San Miguel Elementary) - I love Lemon Grove. I love the community. I love the people. I love the school district. More specifically, I love San Miguel. I feel it in my bones that this is the place where I'm meant to be and love, love, love my work. One of the reasons I came to Lemon Grove School District was to get away from a large district that felt out of sync and disconnected from what really mattered. I wanted to be in a place where you could essentially get everyone in the room together to make a decision and a place where there is trust and honesty. It's been refreshing to hear that this Board is committed to those same kinds of ideals: Trust, Honesty, and Transparency. I stand here tonight asking for recommitment to those values during this process of hiring a Superintendent.

2. Angela Villa (Teacher, San Miguel Elementary) - I know this year a lot of schools have committed to being community schools and we have more schools in the district that are going to follow in the next years coming up. The premise of the community schools is to have all stakeholders involved in making decisions for the schools and for the district. I feel that if we have transparency, that gives the staff and the parents that opportunity to be a part of the process for the Superintendent search. I appreciate that we were given the opportunity to speak up when they came and talked to us all at our schools. But, we need to see that those things that we felt were important to address are being considered when we're picking a candidate.

3. Melvetta Owens (Director, Early Childhood Education Center) - I began my career here in Lemon Grove School District teaching at San Miguel Elementary, Mount Vernon Elementary, and Monterey Heights Elementary. I've had the honor of serving as the Director of Early Childhood Education for the past eight years. As a leader, I share your collective mission of fostering caring relationships grounded in integrity, honesty, and respect. This is what keeps me dedicated to our school district community and its future. The communications from the Board highlighted your commitment to conducting a comprehensive and transparent search for a new Superintendent and emphasizing the process would include input from all stakeholders. I stand here this evening to ask you to recommit to your promise to include all stakeholders, staff, and community members in the next steps of the process of hiring the best Superintendent for the best school district.

F. Adjourn to Closed Session

Adjourned to closed session at 6:28 pm

2. CLOSED SESSION

A. Personnel Actions (Government Code § 54957) - Superintendent Interviews

Resumed open session at 10:22 pm

No action taken in closed session.

3. ADJOURNMENT

A. Adjourn

Adjourned at 10:22 pm

Superintendent Marianna Vinson, Board Secretary

Yajaira Preciado, Board Clerk