

Lyon CSD Board of Trustees Questions and Answers for the February 25, 2025 School Board Meeting Agenda

This document serves as a means to allow LCSD Trustees an opportunity to ask questions about the upcoming board meeting agenda items. Questions posed by board members will be answered as soon as possible by District staff, so please post your question as soon as possible. Trustees, please note that you have until 12:00 pm the day before the board meeting to submit questions. This will allow time for District staff to answer. District staff will answer questions in this document by 12:00 pm the day of the board meeting. These questions and answers will be posted in the consent agenda meeting materials so the public can see the questions posed and the answers provided about each agenda item.

Agenda Item #: 16

Trustee Question: Please clarify the difference between the board memo and the proposed calendars. Calendar #2 (Pre-Labor Day) states in the memo that Thanksgiving break is the full week. When looking at the calendar it is only 3 days, 11/25-11/27.

District Staff Answer:

I'm sorry the memo is not correct, both calendars have 3 days for Thanksgiving. Both proposed calendars adhere to Policy ICA's requirements: Spring Break: Spring Break scheduled for the first full week of April, Winter Break is scheduled for two full weeks and Thanksgiving Break scheduled for three to five days.

Agenda Item #: 14

Trustee Question: Please clarify the background information in the board memo. It states that we have already done boiler upgrades at Sutro. However, the agenda item is asking for boiler upgrades at Sutro. It is confusing.

District Staff Answer:

I apologize for any confusion in the memo. Summer 2024, Sutro Elementary School did not receive any boiler upgrades. Instead, the school received a new roof and new air handler units, which replaced the old swamp coolers.

Boiler upgrades were completed at Cottonwood Elementary School, Dayton High School, and Silver Stage Middle School.

Agenda Item #: 10D Board Report Certified

Trustee Question: Based on the table presented, it appears that 32 certified teachers will be departing their positions at the end of the school year. Is this a typical number of departures for this time of year? I'm interested in learning whether the departing teachers are given an exit interview and what that exit interview entails i.e. does the interview do a deep dive into why they are leaving their position? Thank you!

District Staff Answer:

Each year, LCSD offers an early notification incentive to certified teachers who plan to leave the district. This year, we received 20 early notifications:

10 are retiring,

7 are relocating, and

3 did not provide specific reasons.

Additionally, we are beginning the recruitment process for the upcoming school year. This includes posting all positions currently filled by Critical Needs Teachers (32) and 47 long-term substitutes to ensure these roles are permanently staffed.

As always, LCSD along with the NDE, provides an exit survey that will be conducted and reported to the board in the early Fall.

Agenda Item #: 15

Trustee Question: 24/25 year there is an increase of 25 thousand dollars for one more SRO. We went from 3 to 4. In 25/26 year there is no additional SRO, but there is an increase of 43.5 thousand dollars. Why the increase for no additional SROs?

Why is Yerington getting 70 thousand dollars for only one SRO?

Where is this money coming from?

Has Yerington also agreed to these terms?

District Staff Answer:

Sheriff Pope as agreed to the following terms:

LCSD/LCSO SRO MOU (Amendment #1) for the current 2024-25 school year. Allocating an additional \$25,000 (pro-rated figure) for a new total of \$385,000 from LCSD, for an additional 1 SRO in the Fernley area for the remainder of the year. Set to expire June 30, 2025.

LCSD/LCSO SRO MOU for the 2025-26 school year. Allocating an additional \$67,500 for a new total of \$427,500 from LCSD, for an additional 1 SRO in the Fernley area for a full time total of 4 SRO's. Effective July 1, 2025, expiring June 30, 2025.

Interm Chief Coombs as agreed to the following terms:

LCSD/YPD SRO MOU for the 2025-26 school year. Allocating \$70,000 from the LCSD General Fund for the 1 full-time SRO in the Yerington area schools. Effective July 1, 2025, expiring June 30, 2026.

If approved by the Board of Trustees, all School Resource Officers are to be funded through the LCSD General Fund. Funding for SRO is based on a per student cost for their represented attendance areas.

Agenda Item #: 16

Trustee Question: What does the policy say about when we can start school? How did we come to the two calendars being presented?

District Staff Answer:

Per the memo: Administrative Regulation #3 of Policy ICA states that the first day of school should be scheduled immediately after Labor Day each year, as possible. With "as possible" we wanted to present two different calendars for your review since the one calendar starting after Labor Day has staff getting out on a Monday, June 21st.

Both proposed calendars adhere to Policy ICA's requirements: Spring Break: Spring Break is scheduled for the first full week of April, Winter Break is scheduled for two full weeks and Thanksgiving Break is scheduled for three to five days.

Note: The district did not receive a calendar submission from LCEA by Nov. 1st as stated in the Negotiated Agreement: "SCHOOL CALENDAR 6-4-1 On or before November 1 of each year, the Association may present a school calendar two years in advance of the current year. The Association may submit this calendar to the District for its consideration. 6-4-2 In every calendar presented to the School Board, a full teacher workday without student contact at the end of the first semester will be a major consideration."