



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 15, 2014

Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ms. Bonnie Cassel, President; Mr. Joe Nava, Vice-President; Ms. Ruth Davis, Clerk; Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Ron Heberle; Mr. George Neely; and Mr. Ralph Womack

Administrative Staff: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

Meeting Recorder: Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Board

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Ms. Evelyn Vanotti, Parent, addressed the Board regarding a student matter item scheduled to be discussed during the Closed Session meeting.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 6:07 p.m.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:07 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Cassel led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Cassel reported on the following actions taken in Closed Session:

- **Non-Public School Student Placement** - Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student 2013-14 #101.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer referenced the number of students and parents in the audience noting the celebrations of student accomplishments that would be highlighted this evening. Dr. Washer reported on the Science Olympiad, elementary division competitions stating that 19 teams, representing 15 schools for a total of 96 students participating. She thanked the students, staff and parents for taking part in the activity. Dr. Washer reported on the status of the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) pilot that is taking place. She thanked Mr. Hern and the Technology Department personnel for their work related to the SBAC. She reported on the Teacher Recruitment Fair conducted last week which drew over 300 teacher candidates through our doors to be interviewed by staff. She thanked Neil Young, Mike McKilligan and the entire staff of the Personnel Department for going above and beyond to make the

event a tremendous success. She noted it was a team effort of the Personnel Department as well as the Business, Curriculum, Elementary Education and Secondary Education departments. Instructional coaches, teachers and school site administrators conducted the interviews. Local business community members were on site to share what it is like to live in Lodi and what the area has to offer. Feedback from the participants was positive. Dr. Washer reminded those in attendance that the 2nd Annual GOT Kids Casino Night is planned for May 9th at Hutchins Street Square. The Lodi Unified high school band concert is slated for Thursday, April 17, at McNair High School.

SPOTLIGHT

First Place Winners of the 2014 Superintendent's Poetry Contest were introduced by Dr. Washer. The following first place winners were present and read their award-winning prose: Grades 1-2, Kaiani Surrell, 2nd grade, Oakwood School; Grades 3-4, Hira Hanif, 4th grade, Sutherland School; Grades 5-6, Elizabeth Decko, 6th grade, Reese School; Grades 7-8, Trinity Rico, 8th Grade Christa McAuliffe Middle School; and Grades 9-12, Amelia Tiscareno, 9th grade, Middle College High School.

RECOGNITION

Science Olympiad winners from the following schools were recognized for their achievements: Elkhorn School; Lodi Middle School; Millswood Middle School; Bear Creek High School; and Tokay High School.

Public Hearing

Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Waiver for Delta Sierra Middle School

President Cassel declared open the Public Hearing: Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Waiver for Delta Sierra Middle School. Ms. Catherine Pennington, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education gave a brief background regarding the waiver request and presented herself for questions. There were no comments and the hearing was declared closed.

Consent Agenda A

Mr. Neely pulled Item A-8 and Item A-9, Ms. Cassel pulled Item A-5. No items were pulled by the public.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended:

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Warrants
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-6 Quality Education Investment Act (QEIA) Waiver for Delta Sierra Middle School
- Item A-7 Revision to Board Policy 6142.7 and Rule 6142.7 Physical Education and Activity

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-5, Resolution 2014-18 Authorizing The Approval of Facility Consultants to Perform Engineering Work Associated with Proposition 39

Ms. Cassel pulled this item to make comments relative to the California voter-enacted California Clean Energy Jobs Act. Mr. Hern stated the District will see \$1.3 million per year for five years under this Proposition. The engineering firms will advise the District as to which energy-friendly projects will be

most cost effective and wise for facility improvements. Ms. Cassel asked that when the projects begin, the students be made aware that the projects are a direct result of money that was directed for such projects by the voters of California. To the extent possible, she would like students to be included in the projects/process. Mr. Neely asked if the monies could be utilized for a particular application District-wide. Mr. Hern stated that this would not be within the parameters of the grant, as it is in fact a jobs bill, thus directly tied to labor.

Ms. Cassel motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-5 Resolution 2014-18 Authorizing The Approval of Facility Consultants to Perform Engineering Work Associated with Proposition 39.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-8, Introduction to Programming Course of Study and Textbook Adoption

Mr. Neely pulled this item for further questions, including whether this program would be made available at all comprehensive high schools. Ms. Kotowski stated that the course is currently scheduled at Bear Creek High School and Lincoln Technical Academy with plans for expansion as teachers become available.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-8 Introduction to Programming Course of Study and Textbook Adoption.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-9, Video Game Design (ROP) Course of Study

Mr. Neely explained that the title of the course may be misleading. In the course of designing video games, the students learn programming techniques for such applications as animation and 3-D images. Mr. Neely mentioned the outlook and job potential in the field of programming for students interested in this field of study.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-9 Video Game Design (ROP) Course of Study.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Expulsion: Student #13/14-10-84

Expulsion: Student #13/14-8-85

Expulsion: Student #13/14-9-86

Expulsion: Student #13/14-7-87

Expulsion: Student #13/14-7-88

Expulsion: Student #13/14-12-89

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Consider Approval of Proposal to Continue the Reorganization of the Facility and Planning Department in Order to Improve Efficiency Due to Changing Needs

Mr. Warren Sun, Senior Director of Operations, presented the item for Board consideration. Mr. Sun stated the need to reallocate resources where needed by eliminating two vacant positions and restoring two previously eliminated clerical positions. The positions include a Typist Clerk II to be housed at the JAESC and a Maintenance Services Assistant at the Maintenance & Operations Department. Mr. Sun outlined the job-related duties for each position.

Mr. Heberle inquired as to who is currently doing the job duties of the proposed Maintenance Services Assistant. Mr. Sun answered that not one position is currently assigned to the duties; the duties are covered by many individuals. Mr. Freitas stated he understands the work will be done in a more efficient manner and with a savings to the District; thusly, he will vote in the affirmative.

Ms. Cassel stated she has listened to all sides regarding this proposal. She acknowledged that the Board has given direction, in the past, for the Superintendent to look for ways to reduce costs, streamline for the sake of efficiency, meet the changing needs of the District and be visionary. This decision does effect certain people; however the Board has a fiduciary responsibility to the taxpayers. She stated she will also vote in the affirmative.

Public Comments
None

Mr. Nava, motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Proposal to Continue the Reorganization of the Facility and Planning Department in Order to Improve Efficiency Due to Changing Needs.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Adoption of Expressions, K-5; Connected Mathematics Project, 6-8; and College Preparatory Math, 9-12

Ms. Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, presented the agenda item with a team of math instructors including: George Krukis, Lodi High; Chris Funge, Larson School; Michelle Reinke, Borchardt; and Abbey Bates, Delta Sierra.

Mr. Nava commented as to the availability of the textbook due to the publication date of 2015. Mr. Heberle voiced concerns regarding supplemental materials that might become available at a later date. Ms. Kotowski acknowledged the concern and stated that this is usually in the negotiated contract.

Public Comments
Sue Kenmotsu, Teacher, Julia Morgan; Marena Henne, Parent; Kylie Henne, Student; Hardev Dhillon, Parent; and Susan Heberle, Community Member.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted as follows to approve the adoption of Expressions, K-5; Connected mathematics Project, 6-8; and College Preparatory Math, 9-12

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Womack

Noes: None

Absent: None

Abstain: Davis

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Nava, motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Brooks Green of Bear Creek High School and Jennifer Truong of McNair High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

None

Comments from Employee Groups

None

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Nava congratulated the winners of the Superintendent's poetry contest and commended Dr. Washer for sponsoring the poetry contest again this year. He congratulated the Olympiad winners. Mr. Nava congratulated Anthony Matthews, McNair High School, for the honor of being named Stockton Coach of the Year, by the *Stockton Record*. His team has made six Sac-Joaquin playoffs. His record is 162 victories in girls' basketball. He acknowledged two local athletes who are Dale Lackey Scholarship awardees: Nicholas Carniglia of Lodi High, who excels at water polo and swimming and will be attending U.C. Berkeley and Patrick Cunningham, Tokay High, also in water polo and swimming, who will be attending U.C. Davis.

Mr. Heberle attended a pancake breakfast hosted by the Clements School Community Center at the former Clements School, which is now the community center. He congratulated Julie Fukunaga for her accomplishments. He gave a report on the State Science Olympiad results.

Mr. Neely he commended staff for the success of the Teacher Recruitment Job Fair. He would like to see exit interviews conducted with outgoing personnel, as to not do so would mean missing out on a golden opportunity to learn and to refine what we do. Mr. Neely added that outgoing personnel have good insight and I am sure they would be willing to share. He acknowledged that the Superintendent's

Poetry Contest has grown and grown over the years and thanked the Superintendent providing the opportunity to our students. He commented that it is fantastic to be able to listen to the first place winners reciting their poetry. The Technology Committee is still going strong and will be ready to present a report of their findings to the Board in the near future.

Mr. Womack gave kudos to the staff presenting the Teacher Recruitment Job Fair. He heard positive reviews from outside the District regarding the event. He visited Oakwood and spoke to Denise Shigematsu regarding student success. He visited Delta Sierra and spent the afternoon with thirteen seventh graders. The group talked about leadership; it was enlightening and enjoyable. Mr. Womack attended the Math Olympiad at Manlio Silva School and presented awards with Ms. Pennington.

Mr. Freitas thanked Ron and Susan Heberle for their work with students at the Science Olympiad.

Ms. Cassel gave commended staff for the Teacher Recruitment Fair. She added that it was exciting to see that so many people want to work for Lodi Unified.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments

REPORTS

Local Control Accountability Plan Update

Ms. Kotowski, Administrative Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, presented the update. A Board Study Session is planned for April 28th to discuss the plan in greater depth.

Public Comments:


Ms. Susan Heberle, Community Member, spoke regarding student and employee safety and wanted the Board to keep in mind school site safety and classroom safety concerns.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

None

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board