



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 20, 2017

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

Board Members Present: Mr. Ron Heberle, President; Mr. George Neely, Vice-President; Dr. Daryl Talken, Clerk; Ms. Bonnie Cassel (*via teleconference*); Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Gary Knackstedt; and Mr. Joe Nava

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

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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

No comments.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Heberle led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Heberle reported on the following action taken in Closed Session:

- **Non-Public School Student**
Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student #2016-17 #98.
- **Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation**
Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve settlement of Claim #512431.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Yuri Pennermon as Continuation High School Principal, Plaza Robles High School, effective date to be determined.

- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**

Mr. Freitas motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Leonard Kahn as Chief Business Officer, effective date to be determined.

Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer announced that the District is once again hosting Inclusion Film Camp under the direction of Joey Travolta. The theme of "Random Acts of Kindness" will take root here and with the aid of large sponsors, it is hoped that the idea will become a national effort. Dr. Washer announced that former Middle College High School Principal, Sherry Balian, was recently recognized by the San Joaquin Delta College Board of Directors. Dr. Washer acknowledged that Ms. Balian is the President of the National Organization for Middle College High Schools and her leadership will be missed at both Lodi Unified and Delta College.

Comments From The Public

Rebecca Ray, Community Business Development, Barnes & Noble, spoke regarding several summer reading program opportunities sponsored by Barnes & Noble for students that run through September 5th. She noted that the character "Clifford" from the *Clifford the Big Red Dog* book series is available to come to school sites to promote literacy. Board Member Nava thanked Ms. Ray for her leadership and continued support; especially with the first through sixth grade reading programs.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Neely asked to remove Consent Agenda A Item A-3. No items were removed by the public.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-6 Resolution 2017-46 Prop 39 Year 3 Lighting Retrofit Services for Bear Creek and McNair High Schools, Project No. 6230-6550
- Item A-7 Resolution 2017-47 Nutrition Services' Extension Contracts for the 2017-2018 School Year
- Item A-8 Resolution 2017-48 Award of Request for Proposal for Fresh Bread Products
- Item A-9 Resolution 2017-49 Award of Request for Proposal for Five-Compartment Trays
- Item A-10 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 6, 2017
- Item A-11 2017-2018 Non-Public School Master Contract
- Item A-12 2017-2018 Non-Public Agency Master Contract
- Item A-13 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs for Fiscal Year 2018-2018
- Item A-14 Declaration of Obsolete Textbooks

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended.

Item A-3: Contracts List

Mr. Neely inquired about the second item on the Contracts List and asked if the District is utilizing California School Boards Association (CSBA) for assistance with policies. Dr. Washer replied that the District uses CSBA for sample policies that are not specific to our District. Mr. Neely asked that perhaps the District can look to CSBA for the service being requested. Mr. Neely asked if item number six (CanSat) also covered all materials. Ms. Kotowski replied that the amount to be considered is for professional growth and materials are on a second contract in the amount of \$40,000. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Item A-3 Contracts List.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

(Item B-1) Reinstatement: Student #16/17-11-24

(Item B-2) Reinstatement: Student #16/17-4-30

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1: Approval of the 2017-2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan

Ms. Kotowski presented the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) for consideration.

Mr. Neely asked what steps have been taken to locate people to staff the summer engagement program. Ms. Kotowski replied one person has committed thus far from within the District. Discussion ensued. Mr. Neely presented some additional suggestions to Ms. Kotowski.

Public Comments

None

Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the 2017-2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Item OAI-2: 2017-2018 Budget Adoption

Mr. Hern presented the 2017-2018 budget for Board consideration. He also provided a draft “pocket budget” document, which will be made available for public distribution.

Mr. Neely asked if the LEA agreement, which is on the agenda, will be paid out of the current budget. Mr. Hern stated the agreement amounts will be reflected within the fiscal year they cover.

Public Comments

Rebecca Ray, Community/Business Member

Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the 2017-2018 Budget Adoption.

Personnel Matters

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

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Comments

Comments From Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), spoke of teachers working to prepare for the coming year. She thanked Dr. Washer for meeting with ELD members and reported positive feedback was received from the meetings. Feedback included the request for more ELD training, opportunities for new teachers and the roll-out of the ELD designated sheets. Ms. Orgon spoke regarding concerns with contract ratification.

Comments From Board Members

Mr. Nava reported that *The Record* recently published All Star Preps and among the forty-four Lodi Unified athletes nominated for Athlete of the year, fourteen were chosen including Matthew Orgon for water polo. The Tokay High School girls wrestling team was selected as Team of The Year and their coach was named Coach of the Year. Mr. Neely commented that this recognition highlights the great group of students and coaches involved in athletics in the District.

Mr. Freitas was present at the All Star Preps event and met up with Michelle and Matthew Orgon. He related it is an outstanding event and representation for Lodi athletes. Mr. Freitas detailed the four major awards and their recipients.

Ms. Cassel thanked Mr. Hern, Ms. Kotowski and their respective staffs for two significant contributions – 2017-2018 Budget and 2017-2018 Local Control and Accountability Plan. Ms. Cassel issued best wishes to Mr. Hern and noted that his caring, honesty and expertise were well appreciated.

Comment From The Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Reports

Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School Annual Update Report

Maria Cervantes, Principal, Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School, presented the annual report. She spoke of the two-way immersion program where students receive 50/50 instruction in English and Spanish. She said the school is focused on equity for students to make sure they obtain whatever support is needed to make progress. Ms. Cervantes thanked Randy Malandro, Coordinator Assessment, Research and Evaluation, for providing assessment information to assist staff in providing focused instruction to individual students. The report included Smarter Balanced Assessment results. Ms. Cervantes reported that all staff is actively involved in making the lives better for the students at Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School. A question and answer period followed.

Learning Communities for School Success Program Grant

Ms. Kotowski and Mr. Malandro presented a report on the potential utilization of the \$1.6 million grant award. They reported the purpose of the grant is to build a sustainable, multi-tiered system of interventions and to eliminate disproportionate exclusion and “push out” of students of color.

Ms. Kotowski added that this grant supports Goal #3 of the District’s Local Control and Accountability Plan (transforming schools into positive and supportive learning environments). Discussion ensued.

Mr. Nava inquired as to the Check & Connect Student Intervention Engagement model. Mr. Malandro explained that the Check & Connect program originated from the University of Minnesota and provides instruction to community liaisons to connect with students and their families. Discussion further ensued regarding the grant which will run through the year 2020.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association; Rebecca Ray, Community/Business Member

Support for Three Immediate Needs of African American Students

Community Member, Lester Patrick presented details of how specific support of the District’s African American male students could result in success for this population. Mr. Patrick outlined the following needs: mentoring; more inclusive environment; and increased District availability to the African American community. Mr. Patrick is interested in reinstating the mentoring program to the students of Bear Creek High School. Board members expressed positive comments in regards to the needs stated by Mr. Patrick, with suggestions that perhaps the Learning Communities for Schools Success Program Grant might work for some of the ideas.

In reference to hiring African American employees, Dr. Washer noted that the District has recently sent ninety-three (93) letters expressing interest in hiring African American teachers and staff to colleges and universities across the United States and beyond.

California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Report

Mr. Neely spoke of his recent CSBA Delegate Assembly experience. He highlighted areas of interest, reported on the state and federal budget and the uncertainty of both. He reported that additional resources have been allocated to charter schools in the state.

Update: Substitute Teacher (Guest Teacher) Issue

Dr. Washer updated the Board on what has transpired with hiring substitute teachers since the last report. She shared input from the District’s ad-hoc committee, including some potential solutions, as well as sharing the survey results. She also provided next steps that will be presented to the Board in October. Discussion ensued. It was agreed that it is important for the principal to greet the guest teachers, which might promote their return. Mr. Knackstedt noted that the District’s substitute pay rate is in line with other districts. Mr. McKilligan added that when Lodi Unified raised their rates, other districts followed suit.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

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Board Advisory Committee Reports

No committee reports were received.


Future Agenda Items

No items were received under this category.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:36 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board