



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 21, 2013

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

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

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

Student Representatives: Raeni Sroufe, Lodi High School and Abbey Grundmann, Tokay High School

Meeting Recorder: 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.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:03 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Womack led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Student Placement** - Ms. Davis motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student 2012-13 #s 30; 118; 119 and 120.
- **CAHSEE Waivers** - Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve California High School Exit Exam Waivers for students 2013 #s 36 and 37.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters** - Ms. Davis motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Ms. Sarah Colombini, as Principal Henderson, Katnich & Independence Schools, effective date TBD.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported on the Walter J. Katnich School dedication on May 16th. She issued a thank you to Vickie Brum, Planning Analyst and Kim Collier, Administrative Secretary, for helping with the organization of the dedication.

Dr. Washer reported that Bethel Church conducted a crab feed in March, with all proceeds going to our schools. According to Pastor Blake Wyatt, \$26,282 was raised with the proceeds being divided among

17 Lodi area schools for a total of \$1,546 being given to each school. Bethel Church has scheduled next year's crab feed fundraiser for March 7 and 8, 2014. The goal is to be able to give money to every school in Lodi Unified!

Staff Member Report

Mr. Hern provided an update on the budget from the Governor's May Revise. He stated Lodi USD will budget by what is statute this year, and will continue until the legislature passes a budget. The Governor is proposing \$170 per ADA for the implementation of Common Core Standards, including staff development, technology and instructional materials. Dr. Washer added that class size reduction is a phase-in. According to the Governor's proposal – the Governor's target is 24:1, over a course of seven years. Mr. Hern discussed the District's ending fund balance (reserve). He stated that one major factor of building reserve is one-time dollars from the federal government. Mr. Hern discussed how we build and manage our ending fund balance.

Recognitions

Superintendent's Poetry Contest – The following First Place winners read their poems: Daniela Gomez, Live Oak School, Grade 2; Sadora Stafford, Wagner Holt School, Grade 4; Ashlee Brink, Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School, Grade 5; and Brodie Lytle, Turner Academy, Grade 8. Note: First Place Winner, Van Derrick Wasson Jr., Bear Creek High School, Grade 12, was unavailable to attend the meeting to read his poem.

The Grand Prize winning poem was shared by author, Jemielleann Quero, 9th grader from Middle College High School.

Gates Millennium Scholarship Recipients – Lodi USD had two recipients to this prestigious scholarship out of 1,000 awarded nationwide. The two honored recipients receiving Gates Millennium Scholarships are Sophia Dhillon, McNair High School and Oscar Leyva, Tokay High School.

Student Representative Recognitions – Raeni Sroufe, Lodi High School and Abby Grundmann, Tokay High School, received recognition and plaques from the Board for serving as student representatives for the 2012-2013 school year.

San Joaquin Bi-Literacy Recognition – Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School students who earned their Bi-Literacy certificates were recognized.

Skills U.S.A. – Students from Lodi High and Bear Creek High Schools were recognized.

2013 California School Employees Association, Lodi Chapter #77, Classified Employee of the Year - Debra Ladwig, CSEA, Chapter #77, First Vice-President announced Robert Seiler as their choice for 2013 Classified Employee of the Year. Robert thanked his family for supporting him in his union activities.

Comments

The Budget Report was continued with Mr. Neely commenting in regards to the budget surplus. He thanked Mr. Hern for the report.

Public Hearings

Acceptance of Tier III Categorical Programs and Implementing Flexibility Provisions

Mr. Womack declared open the Public Hearing: Acceptance of Tier III Categorical Programs and Implementing Flexibility Provisions. Mr. Hern spoke of reasons to continue to use Tier III flexibility and will continue until the District receives further directions from the state. There were no other comments and the hearing was declared closed.

Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2012-13 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA)

Mr. Womack declared open the Public Hearing: Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2012-13 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA). Mr. Hern explained the outcome of Proposition 30. He clarified that these dollars must be spent in the classroom and this verified where those dollars were placed. There were no other comments and the hearing was declared closed.

Consent Agenda A

Mr. Neely pulled Item A-1; Dr. Washer pulled Item A-6.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to adopt the Consent Agenda as amended:

- Item A-2 Warrants
- Item A-3 Contracts List
- Item A-4 Resolution 2013-25 Temporary Interfund Transfer
- Item A-5 Resolution 2013-28 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Phase IV Re-Roofing at Lodi High Under Open Contract Extension

Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget

Mr. Neely asked for an explanation regarding the capital outlay jump in dollars. Mr. Hern explained that this was not an item changed in Item A-1. Discussion ensued regarding capital outlay and deferrals. As there were a few specific questions, Mr. Hern will report back to the Board in a Friday update.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget. The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-6 Approval of Superintendent Employment Contract, Fourth Amendment

Dr. Washer pointed out that the salary has been changed.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-6 Approval of Superintendent Employment Contract, Fourth Amendment. The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

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

- Expulsion: Student #12/13-10-80
- Expulsion: Student #12/13-7-81

Expulsion: Student #12/13-10-82

Other Action Items

Resolution 2013-26 Accepting State Categorical Funds and Implementing Flexibility Provisions Authorized by SBX3 4 (Chapter 12/2009), ABX4 2 (Chapter 2/2009), SB 70 (Chapter 7/2011) and AB189 (Chapter 606/2011)

Mr. Hern presented action to accept Tier III Categorical Funds and to identify programs proposed to be closed.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-26 Accepting State Categorical Funds and Implementing Flexibility Provisions. The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Resolution 2013-27 Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA)

As presented by Mr. Hern, this resolution will determine how monies received from EPA will be spent. Mr. Heberle questioned if there is any change in regards to Proposition 30 as it effects 2012-13. Mr. Hern stated Prop. 30 dollars will cover this budget year, if the state has enough money in July. This amount would be reflected in the actuals. Mr. Neely clarified that the EPA delineates 89% of the funds from Prop. 30 go for K-12 and the other 11% to community colleges.

Public Comment – none.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-27 Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2012-13 Monies Received from the Education Protection Act. The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Mr. McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, stated that this declaration must be on file with the state.

Public Comment – none.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators. No student preferential vote was taken.

QEIA State Review: Oakwood and Washington Elementary Schools/Single Plan for Student Achievement Revisions

Catherine Pennington, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, presented this item for Board approval, stating revisions need to be approved for the District to move forward and receive funds. Ms. Pennington explained “safe harbor” for clarification. Mr. Heberle asked when the QEIA program is slated to end. Ms. Pennington responded that the program is scheduled to end 2014-15, however, dollars remain in the program and the hope is that they will grant the schools in the program another year, taking QEIA to 2015-16.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve QEIA State Review: Oakwood and Washington Elementary Schools/Single Plan for Student Achievement Revisions. No student preferential vote was taken.

Public Comments – none.

Personnel Matters

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

Public Comment - None

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

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Raeni Sroufe from Lodi High School and Abbey Grundmann from Tokay High School reported on activities from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

Susan Heberle – spoke in reference to class size reduction.

Brenda Fontenot, Special Education Teacher, Lockeford Elementary spoke in regards to a personnel issue.

Sonja Renhult, Teacher, Tokay Colony Elementary School – spoke in reference to class size reduction.

Employee Group Representatives

Jeff Johnston, Lodi Education Association, asked everyone to send their thoughts to the teachers and students in Oklahoma. The teachers and staff only had 16 minutes warning prior to the tornado striking. Many teachers were responsible for getting their students to safety and some gave their lives in the process.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Heberle commented that the GOT Kids Casino Night was a huge success and encouraged people to attend next year, commenting that Food Services did an incredible job with the hors d'oeuvres. He attended the senior awards nights at Tokay and Lodi High Schools and the dedication ceremony at Katnich School.

Ms. Cassel attended the retiree reception and the Katnich dedication. She spoke of the incident at Victor School last week and commended Dr. Washer and Ms. Pennington for quickly addressing potential safety concerns. She attended the Gang Resistance Celebration at Washington School, which was in partnership with the Lodi Police Department. She stated she will be absent from the next two Board meetings, due to traveling. She will work this summer at Sequoia National park, which is close to home, allowing her to attend Board meetings. She wished everyone a wonderful and peaceful summer.

Mr. Neely thanked Dr. Washer for sponsoring the Superintendent's Poetry Contest and thanked the Superintendent's Office staff for their work to make the GOT Kids Casino Night a well-attended success. He commended the two high schools and the two students for achieving Gates Millennium Scholarships. He stated that California School Boards Association is not in favor of Local Control Funding Formula and forewarned everyone to beware of the politicians bearing gifts.

Mr. Womack commented that our thoughts are with the two devastated elementary schools in Oklahoma City, OK and everyone affected by the recent tornado. He spoke of SB 552, an anti-violence bill. If the Senate Bill passes, schools would have the option of integrating violence awareness and prevention into the curriculum. He attended the senior awards nights at Bear Creek and Tokay High Schools and the parent instruction graduation, where 100 parents graduated. He helped to judge the Capstone Project at Bear Creek, attended the school awards presentation at John Muir and attended the talent show at Julia Morgan. He attended the Katnich School dedication, the retiree reception and the open house at Elkhorn School. He directed his final comment to Dr. Washer, thanking her for her leadership through hard times and difficulties.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer thanked the community for supporting the GOT Kids Casino Night. She thanked the schools for donating wonderful baskets and gifts.

Reports

Rio Valley Charter School Report

The report was presented by Ms. Joy Groen, Director of Rio Valley Charter School and Dr. Paul Keefer, CEO of Pacific Charter Institute.

Mr. Heberle asked how/where their students complete lab work. Mr. Groen explained that students taking chemistry/biology have labs on site and some attend community college courses. She invited Board members to visit their facility.

Mr. Neely thanked the presenters for providing service to our students. He commented that they are the last charter that was approved by LUSD, with a good plan. He asked who provides their on-line curriculum. Ms. Groen stated they utilize Plato and Florida Virtual Academy and for supplemental, they use Kahn Academy.

Ms. Cassel thanked the presenters for providing this valuable option for our students.

Career and Technical Education – An Overview and Recommendations for Expansion

Ms. Vetica, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education introduced Mr. Bill Atterberry, Principal, Lodi Adult School/ROP and Debi Chiene, Vice-Principal, Lodi Adult School/ROP. They were accompanied by a large group of teachers from Lincoln Technical Academy.

The team presented a history and a review of where the District is in career technical education and made recommendations.

Mr. Neely stated he believes this is the direction the District needs to go. Mr. Neely commended the academies, but wanted to be assured the District continues to offer career technical education. He would like to see the District partner with community and four-year colleges.

Mr. Heberle pointed out that the presentation referred to "equitable access" and as not all schools have all courses, that is not an accurate term. Mr. Heberle posed the question of what to do with current academies, morph them in to a new structure or keep where they are? Mr. Atterberry answered that the academies are working and should be kept. Mr. Atterberry suggested a parallel program where teachers can meet with a common interest and form conversations to develop courses.

Tammy Boschee, Teacher, Lincoln Technical Academy, added that it is unique to have specific academies; don't abandon what is working, but use as model of what can be done on a more broad scale.

Ms. Cassel stated what is in place is ideal. She commented on the suggestion of teachers teaming as a compromise, and would like to see this work.

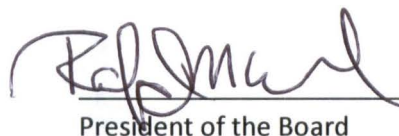
Public Comment

Susan Heberle

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board