



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 21, 2017
Closed Session 5:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Ron Heberle, President; Dr. Daryl Talken, Clerk; Ms. Bonnie Cassel; Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Gary Knackstedt; and Mr. Joe Nava

Board Member Absent: Mr. George Neely, Vice-President

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

Student Representatives: Lili LeBaron, Lodi High School and Michael Stallworth, Ronald McNair High School

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. at Julia Morgan Elementary School, 3777 A. G. Spanos Blvd., Stockton, CA.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

The following Clairmont Elementary School Teachers spoke regarding a Closed Session Agenda item pertaining to a fellow teacher at their school site: Sheila Baumbach; Lori Moton; Denis Silber; (inaudible name); and Brenda Murarik.

Venetta Bailey, Parent, spoke regarding a Student Matter on the Closed Session agenda.

A student (name withheld for confidentiality) spoke on her own behalf regarding a Student Matter on the Closed Session agenda.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:11 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 – Mr. Freitas motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students #2016-17 #88, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None Motion carried

Resolution 2017-16 Release/Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees –
Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted to approve Resolution 2017-16 Release/Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, Nava, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None Motion carried

Resolution 2017-17 Release/Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees –
Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted to approve Resolution 2017-17 Release/Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, Nava, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None Motion carried

Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation

Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted to reject claim #534452, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, Nava, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None Motion carried

Conference with Legal Counsel Anticipated Litigation

Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted to reject and return claim #534813, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, Nava, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None Motion carried

Spotlight

Lodi High School STEAM Program

Elizabeth Ing, Physics Teacher, Lodi High School, spoke regarding the Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Mathematics (STEAM) program at Lodi High. Science Olympiad students from Lodi High showcased samples of the complex designs of items they have created, displayed a hovercraft and a rocket created for competition and demonstrated a custom design for the wind power event. Another student spoke of the usefulness of their 3-D printer for making parts and designing objects.

Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer reported on the Skills USA team also from Lodi High School and under the direction of Instructor, Paul Guthrie. The team attended the Skills USA, Region 5 competition, and brought home six gold medals. Dr. Washer announced that Steve Diede, local business owner of Diede Companies, Inc., and Board of Director for the GOT Kids Foundation, received the Legacy Award presented by Assemblyman Jim Cooper. The award is given to an individual shown to give back to their community. She also announced that Teacher, Adrienne Go-Miller is participating in 100Kin10. Ms. Go-Miller was selected to be trained as a STEM teacher, and it is an honor to be selected. *Note: 100Kin10 is a "networked effort of 200+ partners working to support STEM educators and to train 100,000 excellent new STEM teachers by 2021."*

Proposed Resolution 2017-19 Affirming Lodi Unified School District's Support of its Students and Families Regarding Immigration Enforcement Actions at Schools

President Heberle announced that with Board consent, action on Resolution 2017-19 will be tabled until the next Board of Education meeting.

Comments from the Public

Claudia Mennuti, Teacher, Bear Creek High School, read a statement regarding class size, teacher salaries, teacher shortage and allowing teachers to retain a voice in the assignment process.

Janet Ford, Parent, Bear Creek High School community, spoke on various facility needs at Bear Creek High School.

Jess Serna, Community Member, spoke in support of Resolution 2017-19 and urged the Board to pass the resolution at the next meeting.

Rudy Mejia, Student, Ronald McNair High School, read a statement in support of Resolution 2017-19 asking that the Board follow the lead of other districts and the state superintendent by passing this resolution.

Van Ha To-Cowell, Teacher, Wagner Holt Elementary School, spoke in support of Resolution 2017-19, noting that she does not see the passage of this resolution as political, but as an act of kindness to make students feel safe.

Dafahlia Mosley-Glaros, Community Member/spokesperson for a women's center in the Bay Area, voiced concern that the people she knows in school now may not have the opportunities that were afforded to her due to the current administration. She sees Resolution 2017-19 as a community matter, not a political matter.

Kari Khoury, Community Member, asked that the Board become advocates for students by supporting Resolution 2017-19.

Spencer Dayton, Community Advocate, advocated for the passage of Resolution 2017-19 noting other districts that have passed similar resolutions.

Comments from the Public - continued

Zachary Denney, Community Activist, spoke in support of Resolution 2017-19 and asked that the Board act to approve it.

Dave Hurley, Teacher, Sutherland Elementary School, spoke in favor of the passage of Resolution 2017-19 and expressed concern that the District has not been proactive in talking a safe haven stand or making teachers feel valued.

Consent Agenda A

Mr. Knackstedt asked to remove Item A-2; Mr. Nava asked to removed Items A-6, A-7, A-8, and A-9. No items were removed by the public.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-3 Warrant Report
- Item A-4 Resolution 2017-18 Appointment of Architects
- Item A-5 2016-17 Non-Public School Master Contract
- Item A-10 Resolution 2017-20 Authorization for Emergency Repairs – Vinewood Elementary School Portable Damage

Mr. Knackstedt motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, as amended, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, Nava, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Item A-6 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 7, 2017

Mr. Nava pulled this item for the purpose of abstaining from the voting process, as he was absent from this meeting.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted to approve Item A-6 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of February 7, 2017, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: Nava

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-7 Minutes of the Board of Education Study Session (1) of February 8, 2017

Mr. Nava pulled this item for the purpose of abstaining from the voting process, as he was absent from this meeting.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted to approve Item A-7 Minutes of the Board of Education Study Session (1) of February 8, 2017, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: Nava
Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-8 Minutes of the Board of Education Study Session (2) of February 8, 2017

Mr. Nava pulled this item for the purpose of abstaining from the voting process, as he was absent from this meeting.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted to approve Item A-8 Minutes of the Board of Education Study Session (2) of February 8, 2017, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: Nava
Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-9 Resolution 2017-15 Finding That Board Member Joe Nava Was Absent From The February 7, 2017, Regular Board Meeting and the February 8, 2017 Study Session Due to Illness

Mr. Nava pulled this item for the purpose of abstaining.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted to approve Item A-9 Resolution 2017-15 Finding That Board Member Joe Nava Was Absent From The February 7, 2017, Regular Board Meeting and the February 8, 2017 Study Session Due to Illness, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: Nava
Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #16/17-10-40
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #16/17-11-41
- Item B-3 Suspended Expulsion: Student #16/17-11-42
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-43
- Item B-5 Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-44
- Item B-6 Expulsion: Student #16/17-10-45
- Item B-7 Expulsion: Student #16/17-11-46
- Item B-8 Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-47

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, Nava, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Other Action Items

2017 California School Board Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election

The ballot for the 2017 CSBA Delegate Assembly, Subregion 8-A, San Joaquin County, was presented for consideration. Candidates from Subregion 8-A are George Neely, Lodi USD and Christopher (Kit) Oase, Ripon USD. Board was instructed to vote for up to two candidates.

Mr. Freitas motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board members voted to approve George Neely, Lodi USD and Christopher (Kit) Oase, Ripon USD as the two candidates they will select on the official 2017 CSBA Delegate Assembly election ballot, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, Nava, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration. Mr. Freitas commented on the impending retirements of Bill Toledo, Coordinator, Child Welfare & Attendance and Dale Munsch, Director, Technology Services.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board members voted to approve Personnel Matters, as presented, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Knackstedt, Nava, and Talken
No: None
Absent: Neely
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Lili LeBaron, Lodi High School and Michael Stallworth, Ronald E. McNair High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from Employee Groups

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, gave a shout out to Elizabeth Ing, teacher at Lodi High School, who presented the STEAM spotlight earlier in the evening with her students from Lodi High School. Ms. Orgon mentioned the two teachers (Chelsea Saner and Diane Osterlie) from Vinewood School who were in the portables when a tree fell during last week's storm. She acknowledged the quick actions from Maintenance & Operations, administration and coworkers when the incident occurred. She spoke on the topic of contract negotiations and asked that the Board honor Lodi USD teachers with a respectable salary so that they can remain in the District.

Comments from the Board

Ms. Cassel commented as the sponsor of Resolution 2017-19, with President Heberle's permission, she responded as to why the resolution was tabled earlier in the evening. Ms. Cassel stated that out of respect for fellow Board member, Mr. Neely, who is unable to attend, that the issue be tabled until all members are present.

Mr. Nava thanked those who came forward during the Public Comments portion of the agenda and related their personal stories when asking that Resolution 2017-19 be passed. He understands the need for reassurance and noted it is very important to him also. Mr. Nava announced that the Tokay High School Girls Wrestling Team won second masters team title in girls wrestling and congratulated Coach, George Bozovich. Mr. Nava also listed athletic achievements for students at McNair and Bear Creek High Schools.

Mr. Freitas expressed his opinion regarding the importance of conducting Board of Education meetings in Stockton. He thanked Jess Serna for speaking and stated he looks forward to having the crowd back at the next meeting.

Mr. Knackstedt acknowledged that Sue Kenmotsu, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, and her class had to abort their trip to Science Camp due to bad weather and road conditions; adding that he is glad for their safe return.

Mr. Heberle extended his congratulations to the Lodi High School STEAM group and noted that the Board realized a few years back the need to expand course offerings for our students, as that is where students start forming their foundation. He noted that expanding course offerings isn't easy, happens through the District, choosing curriculum and implementing; however, it is the teachers that engage the students. As an example, he cited the Robotics Club at Lodi Middle School, which started with an introduction to manufacturing course. Teacher, Steve Box, started the Robotics Club, which has grown to 60 students and is going to competition within a one-year time period. On a personal note, he stated that negotiations has gone on for quite some time, but it appears to be moving forward and he hopes the process will culminate soon.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Board Advisory Committee Reports


None

Future Agenda Items

No items for future agenda were presented.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 p.m. with the Board returning to continue Closed Session.


Clerk of the Board

President of the Board