



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 17, 2015

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

Teleconference Location: Capitol Reef Resort, 2600 East Highway 24, Torrey, Utah 84775

Board Members Present: Mr. Joe Nava, President; Mr. George Neely, Vice-President; Mr. Ron Freitas, Clerk; Mr. Ron Heberle; Dr. Daryl Talken; Mr. Ralph Womack and Ms. Bonnie Cassel attending via teleconference

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

Student Representatives: No representatives present due to modified traditional break.

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 were received at this time.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Nava led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Student** – Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student #2014-15 #98.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported that Java Stop in Lodi is supporting the GOT Kids Foundation by sponsoring a fundraiser. During the two week break, Java Stop will donate 10 percent of your Java Stop purchase to GOT Kids just by showing a copy of the GOT Kids flyer – either paper or on your smart phone/device.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Heberle asked to remove Item A-6 and Mr. Hern asked to remove Item A-7 from the Consent Agenda A, Routine Business.

Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken 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 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 Warrants
- Item A-5 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 3, 2015
- Item A-8 Approval to Enter into a Lease Purchase Agreement with HP Financial Services (HPFS) for Technology Equipment

Item A-6 Resolution 2015-11 Transportation Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station – Authorization to Award a Contract and Begin Work

Mr. Heberle pulled this item and inquired as to the funding and leasing agreements for the project. Mr. Freitas commented regarding the bidding process and the hopes to keep the construction dollars in our community.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Item A-6 Resolution 2015-11 Transportation Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Fueling Station – Authorization to Award a Contract and Begin Work.

Item A-7 Resolution 2015-12 Authorizing Consultant Services for a Facility Master Plan

Mr. Hern pulled this item to present information. Mr. Warren Sun, Senior Director of Operations, thanked the members of the School Facility Master Plan Steering Committee and presented a general overview as to the current state of District facilities. The steering committee recommends the architect firm of LPA, Inc. to lead the project to create a master plan for facilities at a cost of \$377,450 to be completed by January, 2016. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Freitas expressed concern that there was no representation from Stockton schools on the steering committee. Mr. Neely and Dr. Talken offered to relinquish their seats on the committee to Mr. Womack and Mr. Freitas. Discussion continued.

Public Comments

Ms. Susan Heberle, Citizen; Ms. Lana Gentry, Teacher, Bear Creek High School; and Ms. Lisa Wilkins, Vice President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Womack motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Item A-7 Resolution 2015-12 Authorizing Consultant Services for a Facility Master Plan and to amend the steering committee, as follows: the addition of a Stockton high school and elementary school principal and further reorganizing to allow Mr. Freitas and Mr. Womack to take the places of Dr. Talken and Mr. Neely.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #14/15-9-54
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #14/15-8-55
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #14/15-8-56
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #14/15-7-57
- Item B-5 Expulsion: Student #14/15-9-58
- Item B-6 Expulsion: Student #14/15-10-59
- Item B-7 Expulsion: Student #14/15-7-60
- Item B-8 Expulsion: Student #14/15-7-61
- Item B-9 Readmission: Student #13/14-6-82

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

Other Action Items

Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee – Appointment of New Members

Mr. Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO, presented the item. Candidates recommended for addition to the Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee included: Mr. David Mierkey; Mr. Alex Padilla; and Mr. Donald Romero.

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve the addition of Mr. David Mierkey, Mr. Alex Padilla and Mr. Donald Romero to the Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Lodi Unified School District Governance Handbook

Dr. Washer reported that she made the changes to the draft handbook that were discussed at the previous Board meeting. Discussion ensued. It was noted that if the handbook creates the need to change any of the Board Bylaws, those would be submitted via the proper channels for revision. Discussion continued.

Mr. Womack motioned, Ms. Cassel seconded and the Board members voted to approve the Lodi Unified School District Governance Handbook, as follows:

- Ayes: Cassel, Nava, Neely, Womack
- Noes: Freitas, Heberle, Talken
- Absent: None
- Abstain: None

Motion carried

Public Comments
None

Personnel Matters

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

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

Communications

Comments from the Public

Mr. Mark Hamilton, Parent, spoke in favor of the addition of a speech and debate class at Tokay and McNair high schools.

Mr. John Chapman, Teacher, Tokay High School, reviewed his recruiting efforts to institute a speech and debate class at Tokay High School.

Mr. Dominick Thiessen, Student, Lodi High School, Co-Captain of LHS Speech and Debate Team, spoke of the need for a speech and debate program to be added for Tokay High School students.

Ms. Lauragrace Kinser, Student, Lodi High School, as a member of the Speech and Debate Team at Lodi High School, spoke regarding the need for such a program to benefit the students at Tokay High School.

Mr. Joseph Phillips, Student, Lodi High School, as a member of the Speech and Debate Team at Lodi High School, spoke of the benefits that students gain from taking part in speech and debate.

Ms. Mary Alice Rose, Student, Lodi High School, spoke of the benefits students gain when taking part in speech and debate and advocated for a program for students at Tokay High School.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Ms. Lisa Wilkins, Vice President, Lodi Education Association, spoke in regards to the Board Members' consideration of offering a competitive salary to LEA members.

Ms. Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Chapter #77, updated the Board regarding the community liaison positions in the CSEA unit and happenings in the chapter regarding unit member achievements and leadership positions. Ms. Ladwig spoke of CSEA presence at recent LCAP forums and stated she looks forward to continued collaborative efforts.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Neely asked that, as a future Board agenda discussion item, the Board look at the District's homework policy. He inquired as to the current status of speech course offerings at Tokay and McNair High Schools.

Dr. Talken asked for a report regarding the dollars spend for non-public schools and a review of ideas regarding developing our own non-public school.

Mr. Heberle spoke regarding the positive impact that speech and debate offers for students. He gave a report regarding the March 7th Middle School and High School Science Olympiad competitions and mentioned the upcoming Elementary Science Olympiad on March 28th at McNair High School.

Mr. Heberle announced that three Lodi Unified parent volunteers Keith and Sandy Witbeck and Sue McFarlane were inducted into the Science Olympiad Hall of Fame for San Joaquin County, honoring their respective years of volunteerism.

Mr. Womack reported that he attended LCAP forums at Podesta Ranch and Ansel Adams. He spoke at Leadership Stockton, where he made a pitch to attendees about reading to kids and early childhood literacy. He voiced positive comments regarding course offerings for summer school.

Mr. Freitas thanked audience members for their participation. He thanked the staff of Ansel Adams for hosting the recent LCAP forum and the Board Members who attended. He attended a gang intervention program at Millswood, reporting it was both outstanding and timely. Mr. Freitas voiced disappointment after having read the enrollment report from last week and noting that enrollment dropped 175 students at McNair High School and hopes staff is seeking innovative ways to keep these minds engaged. Mr. Freitas reported that McNair graduate and current Stanford freshman, Jim Wilson, won 30 of 34 matches this season and became only the sixth wrestler in Stanford University's history to win back-to-back conference championships with his 165-pound title at the Pac-12 Championships on March 1 in Corvallis, Oregon.

Ms. Cassel thanked everyone for their patience in her teleconferencing the Board Meeting from Utah.

Mr. Nava wished everyone a restful break.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Report

Local Control Accountability Plan Update

Ms. Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum, Instruction & Assessment, reported on the progress of the Local Control Accountability Plan, Year II. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

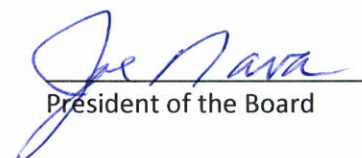
Ms. Lisa Wilkins, Vice President, Lodi Education Association; Ms. Susan Heberle, Citizen; Ms. Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi Chapter #77

Board Advisory Committee Reports

None

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board