



## **MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING**

**OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**August 20, 2019**

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

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**Board Members Present:** Mr. Gary Knackstedt, President; Mr. Joe Nava, Vice President; Mr. Ron Freitas, Clerk; Mr. Ron Heberle; Mrs. Susan Macfarlane; Mr. George Neely; and Mr. Courtney Porter

**Administrative Staff:** Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

**Student Representative:** Ms. Trinity Escorpiso, Ronald McNair High School and Mr. Dylan Rogers, Lodi High School

**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 Julia Morgan Elementary School, 3777 A.G. Spanos Blvd., Stockton, CA.

### **Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

No public comment was received prior to Closed Session.

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

### **Reconvene Open Session**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:09 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Knackstedt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2019-2020 Student Representatives to the Board were introduced: Ms. Trinity Escorpiso will be representing Ronald McNair High School and Mr. Dylan Rogers will represent Lodi High School.

### **Closed Session**

President Knackstedt reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

### **Public Hearings**

#### **Resolution 2019-75 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

President Knackstedt declared the Public Hearing "Resolution 2019-75 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials" open. No comments were received from the Board or the public. The hearing was declared closed.

## **Superintendent's Report**

Superintendent Washer displayed a video clip of Live Oak student Micah Ward on a billboard in Times Square. Micah will be in New York City on September 14 to spread awareness of Down syndrome by taking part in the National Buddy Walk 2019 campaign. Dr. Washer reported that Woodbridge Elementary School 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, Staci Bechthold and Christine Alberg accepted a \$2,900 check from Nelson Jones of the Woodbridge Masonic Lodge No. 131. This funding will support Woodbridge 6<sup>th</sup> grade students' science camp experience this school year.

## **Comments from the Public**

Matt Teresi, Parent, Live Oak Elementary, shined light on Rashelle Nuss, Principal, Live Oak, for purchasing coats out of her own pocket for students in need, leading to a pilot program with Lodi Adopt-A-Child.

Dean Blount, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association, introduced himself as a school psychologist and the newly elected president of Lodi Pupil Personnel Association. Mr. Blount stated he has reviewed the District's mission/value/goals and spoke regarding its mention of Lodi USD as an employment destination, relating it to the current shortage of speech language pathologists and compensation concerns.

Laurie Kraljev, Speech Language Pathologist, apprised the Board that there are currently six vacancies for speech pathologists, which she feels is due to low compensation and explained consequences related to the lack of personnel.

Amy Lagomarsino, Speech Language Pathologist, spoke regarding the District hiring contract tele-therapists at a high cost; paying more for this service than if they paid District employees a viable wage.

Cristy Hunter, Speech Language Pathologist, spoke regarding the compensation package for speech language pathologists and asked the Board to become competitive with surrounding Districts in terms of wage and compensation.

Joaquin Hernandez, Citizen, invited the Board to an event at St. Paul's Lutheran Church (Lodi) on October 14 (6:00 p.m.) to be presented in an effort to get to know every Board member and create a working relationship.

Yadra Cazarez, Citizen, explained that she is part of an organization that formed to improve the situation of families, specifically translation services. She voiced frustration regarding an attempt to meet with District officials to discuss concerns.

## **Comments from Board Members**

Mr. Porter spoke of his confidence that Mr. Palmquist will meet with stakeholders, investigate and address the topic of concerns about students who have been unsuccessful in a college preparatory class (CP) going on to take additional CP classes. Mr. Porter would like to discuss the idea of installing solar panels on to District building. Mr. Porter thanked the group from LPPA for expressing their concerns in a passionate, yet civil manner

Mr. Freitas thanked the speech language pathologists for speaking and asked for a report at the next meeting to inform Board what the District is doing to address these vacancies. He congratulated Mr. Blount for being elected as the President of LPPA.

Mr. Nava thanked the speech language pathologists for the feedback from their group. Mr. Nava reported that the CTA Retirement Association awarded twenty scholarships to students. He asked that Dr. Washer address the concerns brought forth by the group needing translation services.

Mr. Heberle also thought it was a good idea for the District to investigate solar power and he thanked the members of LPPA for providing information related to their members. Mr. Heberle spoke regarding conducting Board meetings at Julia Morgan School and noted the need to investigate an alternate facility or conduct all meetings at the District Office, where there are live streaming capabilities. He welcomed the new student representatives to the Board meeting.

Mr. Neely asked if a Board item could be added to the next meeting to discuss solar power additions. Mr. Neely said he would like to schedule a town meeting in both Lodi and Stockton to connect with parents. He thanked LPPA for providing information and he looks forward to speaking with them in negotiations.

### **Consent Agenda A, Routine Business**

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-3 Contracts List
- Item A-4 Resolution 2019-77 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Bear Creek High School Jive Wiring Infrastructure Project, Project No. 0859-8059
- Item A-5 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects Under the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)
- Item A-6 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 6, 2019
- Item A-7 Minutes of the Special Meeting of August 8, 2019
- Item A-8 Credential Waiver Application and Approval
- Item A-9 Approval of Salary Schedule for California School Employee Association (CSEA)

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented.

### **Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda A – Routine Business**

### **Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases**

- Item B-1 Suspended Expulsion: Student #18/19-11-63
- Item B-2 Suspended Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-64

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

## **Reports**

### **Houston/Serna Update**

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented a detailed update of the status of the Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School move to the Houston School campus. Discussion ensued regarding the placement of a Division of State Architect (DSA) approved shade structure at Joe Serna and investing the scope of additional needs for District music teachers.

#### **Public Comments**

Lori Phillips, Parent, Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School  
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

### **Valley Robotics and Expansion of Delta College Partnership**

Jeff Palmquist, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, spoke regarding the collaborative relationship between the District and Delta College. He noted that Delta College is willing to provide dual enrollment classes starting with McNair high school this spring and possibly including all sites by the 2020-21 school year. Stacy Kahn, Principal, Valley Robotics Academy and Dahani Ram, Student, Valley Robotics Academy added to the presentation and were available for questions.

#### **Public Comments**

None

## **Other Action Items**

### **Item OAI-1 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval**

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the provisional internship permit for one teacher.

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval.

### **Item OAI-2 Consider Approval of a Letter to State Elected Officials Opposing Senate Bill 328 Requiring Later Start Times for Middle Schools and High Schools**

Board President Knackstedt asked the Board to consider approval of the letter objecting to a later school start time. Discussion ensued.

Student Representatives Escorpiso and Rogers both commented that later start times would push school sports back thus causing a late evening overall.

#### **Public Comments**

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association  
Dahani Ram, Student, Valley Robotics Academy

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve sending a letter to stated elected officials opposing Senate Bill 328 requiring later start times for middle schools and high schools.

## **Personnel Matters**

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

### **Public Comments**

None

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

## **Communications**

### **Comments from Student Representatives**

Dylan Rogers, Lodi High School and Trinity Escorpiso, Ronald McNair High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

### **Comments from Employee Group Representatives**

Liz Englebrick, Public Relations, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association, spoke regarding upcoming activities within the LPPA group, including providing assistance to the District's GOT Kids Foundation, by supporting the upcoming Casino Royale Night and the GOT Kids Annual Crab Feed in January.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke regarding various issues related to technology. Ms. Orgon commented on the number of combination classes in the District and raised concerns related to some teachers with insufficient numbers of textbooks. Ms. Orgon commented on the poor acoustics at Julia Morgan and the inability to live stream the Board meetings. She voiced her opinion to have Board meetings conducted at the District Office. She asked that her membership be given ample notice of open enrollment and that the District's health fair include the numbers and the doctors in the various plans at the beginning of the open enrollment process.

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

No further comments.

## **Reports, Continued**

### **Measure U Update**

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented an update of Measure U projects. Discussion ensued. Mr. Kahn hopes to have the Maintenance & Operations Department moved from the Lodi High School site by June so the Lodi High School project can commence.

### **Public Comments**

None

**Proposed Board Policy Revisions Submitted by the Curriculum & Instruction Department**

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented three sets of Board policies and rules for Board review and discussion.

**Public Comments**

None

**Conference Accountability**

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented a financial report covering three years of conference expenditures and explained what staff usually does upon returning from a conference. Discussion ensued. Board asked about putting into place guidelines, as part of the approval process, stating that conference goers need to share what they have learned upon their return.

**Public Comments**

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association  
Jennifer Cassel, Teacher, Tokay High School

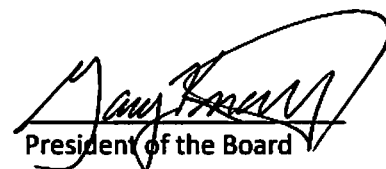
**Board Advisory Committee Reports**

No reports were presented.

The meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board