



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 6, 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: Elizabeth Orgon, Lodi High School and Amanda Sieglock, Tokay High School

Meeting Recorder: Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Board

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

None

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 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**
Motion was made by Mr. Heberle, seconded by Mr. Neely and carried unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2012-13 #s 1 through 71.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Motion was made by Mr. Heberle, seconded by Mr. Nava and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Seamus Eddy, High School Assistant Principal, Tokay High School.

Motion was made by Mr. Heberle, seconded by Mr. Nava and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Jacqueline Heinrich, High School Assistant Principal, Lodi High School.

Motion was made by Mr. Heberle, seconded by Mr. Nava and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Dennis To, High School Assistant Principal, Bear Creek High School.

Motion was made by Mr. Heberle, seconded by Mr. Nava and carried unanimously to approve the appointment of Rashelle Nuss, Elementary Vice Principal, John Muir and Julia Morgan Elementary Schools.

Mr. Womack welcomed everyone back for the start of the 2013-14 school year. He stated decisions are being made with the best interests of the students. As a kick start to the new school year, he read the District's Mission Statement, Value Statement and Goals.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported we are off to a great start for the new school year. She thanked the Board members for visiting schools and acknowledged staff for doing a great job opening the schools. She complimented Lisa Kotowski, Catherine Pennington, Dawn Vetica, Dale Munsch and Ed Eldridge on the work they have done in regards to Common Core implementation along with staffs at the school sites.

Ms. Pennington and Ms. Vetica presented enrollment and status reports for their respective areas.

Spotlight

The Heritage Elementary School Earth Keepers Club was spotlighted.

Consent Agenda A

Ms. Cassel asked to remove Item A-6 and Mr. Womack removed Item A-10.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board 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 Donations
- Item A-5 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-7 Minutes of the July 9, 2013, Special Board Meeting
- Item A-8 Credential Waiver Application and Approval
- Item A-9 Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with Lodi Education Association (LEA) for the 2013-14 School Year

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-6 Minutes of the June 25, 2013, Regular Board Meeting

Ms. Cassel asked for a correction to the Other Action Item entitled "Addition of Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) as an ROP Course Housed at McNair High School Beginning with the 2014-15 School Year." She would like the following sentence struck: 'She voiced concern with regards to the military influence on the students'. She would like the following sentence added: 'She voiced concern over younger teenagers' admission to the program.'

Mr. Neely motioned and Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the June 25, 2013, Regular Meeting Minutes, as amended.

Item A-10 Lodi Education Association (LEA) Re-openers for the 2013-14 School Year. Lodi Education Association submits Re-openers for the 2013-14 school year as outlined in the attached letter.

Mr. Womack stated the following, "The Board does not recognize this sunshine from LEA because it is not complete. The purpose of the requirement is both parties to sunshine the articles which will be negotiated. This is to give the public knowledge of what is being bargained at the bargaining table. The way this sunshine has been presented does not allow the public to provide meaningful input regarding the articles to be bargained because, not all the articles have been identified. The Board of Education looks forward to receiving a complete sunshine from LEA for recognition at the next meeting of the Board of Education."

Public Comments – none.

No action was taken on Item A-10.

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 #13/14-8-01
- Readmission: Student #11/12-7-44
- Readmission: Student #11/12-6-69
- Readmission: Student #12/13-11-04
- Readmission: Student #12/13-9-27

Student Matters

Request by Student #13/14-12-01 for Waiver of P.E. Requirements

Dr. Washer presented the request for Board consideration.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the request by Student #13/14-12-01 for waiver of P.E. requirements.

Other Action Items

Changes to the Adopted Budget to Reflect Impact of State Budget and Local Control Funding Formula on Lodi Unified

Mr. Hern presented an explanation of Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF). He then presented information as to how this change in funding formula alters the financial picture of the Lodi Unified budget, including how LCFF will look when fully funded, about eight years from now. Mr. Hern will present an update with the 1st interim budget when it is presented to the Board.

Public comments – none

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Changes to the Adopted Budget to Reflect Impact of State Budget and Local Control Funding Formula on Lodi Unified.

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Provisional Internship Permit and Approval. The Board will consider a Provisional Internship Permit for an Italian Teacher

Mr. McKilligan presented the item for Board consideration.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Provisional Internship Permit and Approval. The Board will consider a Provisional Internship Permit for an Italian Teacher.

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Approval to start the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program at McNair High School based on the approval timeline set by the Army. This could mean starting this program in January, 2014.

Ms. Vetica presented this item for Board consideration.

Mr. Nava questioned funding availability to start the program sooner than anticipated. Ms. Vetica responded that the cost to run the program for one half year is estimated to be \$50,000 to \$55,000. She added, the Budget Department has verified that such funds would be available should the program start earlier.

Ms. Cassel asked if the instructors would be from the Army. Ms. Vetica answered in the affirmative. Ms. Cassel voiced her opposition to the overall idea, stating she believes thirteen to fifteen years olds are too young to come under the influence of Army protocol, etc. She does not have the same concerns for older students, whom she deems more capable of determining their futures for themselves.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted as follows regarding Approval to start the Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) program at McNair High School based on the approval timeline set by the Army. This could mean starting this program in January, 2014:

Ayes: Davis, Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Womack

Noes: Cassel

Motion passed

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Adoption of Common Core, K-2 enVisionMath by Pearson Scott Foresman

Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director, Curriculum & Instruction and Jenny Stevahn, Instructional Coach in Mathematics presented the item for Board consideration. They explained the process which lead to the selection of *enVisionMath* for mathematical instruction of grades K-2.

Based on the presentation, Ms. Davis questioned if the students would be prepared for the upcoming grades and testing protocols. Ms. Stevahn assured Ms. Davis that the 2nd graders would be prepared for the transition to 3rd grade.

Mr. Neely and Mr. Womack thanked the presenters.

Mr. Nava thanked the presenters for being proactive.

Ms. Cassel, who was among the attendees at the K-2 Common Core Math training, asked for a summarization statement to describe how students will be prepared for Common Core math standards. Ms. Stevahn explained, as part of the rigor, what we are going to do is have them begin using the eight mathematical practices, promoting the kind of thinking that they are going to need to be able to articulate and utilize materials effectively and to be able to share with their peers. They will be schooled in the fundamentals of how math really works.

Comments from the Public – Sonja Renhult.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Adoption of Common Core, K-2 enVisionMath by Pearson Scott Foresman

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Public Hearings

Lodi Education Association (LEA) Re-openers for the 2013-14 School Year. Board of Education acknowledges receipt of 2013-14 re-openers from Lodi Education Association.

Mr. Womack declared open the Public Hearing: Lodi Education Association (LEA) Re-openers for the 2013-14 School Year. Board of Education acknowledges receipt of 2013-14 re-openers from Lodi Education Association. There were no comments and the hearing was declared closed.

Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with Lodi Education Association (LEA) for the 2013-14 School Year.

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Personnel Matters

Mr. McKilligan presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

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

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Elizabeth Orgon, Lodi High School and Amanda Sieglock, Tokay High School reported on activities from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

Jana Van Os, parent of a Lodi High School student, commented on the Social Networking contract and her displeasure with the process.

Jacob Williams, Student, Bear Creek High School, voiced his concerns regarding LUSD's Social Networking contract and process.

Zachary Denney and Hanna Jobrack, Students, Bear Creek High School, distributed letters to Ms. Cassel and Ms. Vetica. The duo expressed their concerns regarding LUSD's Social Networking contract and process.

Sonja Renhult, Teacher, Tokay Colony School, asked the Board to consider broadcasting the Board of Education meetings via webcast or similar means.

Dave Hurley, Teacher, Sutherland School, spoke in favor of AVID being expanded to additional elementary and middle school sites.

Michelle Orgon, Teacher, Needham School, expounded on the benefits of the AVID program and the benefits and success of the AVID program currently in place at Needham Elementary School.

Comments from Employee Groups - None

Comments from Board Members

Ms. Davis reported that Giving Opportunities to Kids (GOT Kids) Foundation has raised over \$69,000, which is now being made available to school sites via the mini grant funding process. She reported that GOT Kids Foundation has already funded a trip to Science Camp and various anti-bullying assemblies at the middle school level. GOT Kids is available for funds to augment educational opportunities for students.

Mr. Neely thanked audience members who spoke to the social networking contract and that the process is an effort to curb a problem. He would appreciate specific ideas regarding the process, asking those interested to put their suggestions in writing and forward to him. He expressed his hopes that LUSD would team with Delta College in their efforts to bring a campus to Lodi, perhaps a model of a middle college high school in Lodi. He asked staff to look into the possibility using one-time funds to increase school site supply budgets. He asked staff to investigate how we support new teachers and administrators, specifically, mentors and the timeframe for new teachers to complete their BTSA requirement. He likes the idea of broadcasting the Board meetings. He is in favor of expanding AVID to elementary schools and asked staff to look at technology needs at Needham School. He spoke of Common Core as the "future of education."

Mr. Womack spoke regarding social media and freedom of speech. He commended the students and adults who have the right to express their thoughts and are doing so. Bullying is a problem in schools across the nation. Not only is it wrong, but it is illegal. LUSD has taken this quite seriously and has taken many steps to prevent it. In this digital age, a person can bully another person instantly by sending false and/or insensitive information about that person, which can damage their reputation and, in some cases, create violence and even suicide. Anyone using social media has a right to express their thoughts, however they also have the responsibility not to use it for illegal means. Beyond that, they should respect the rights of others not to be bullied. Perhaps the person most upset by this policy is the person who would not do anything resembling bullying. Some students do, and sometimes it has dire consequences. Consider this policy in the context it is intended – a preventative tool. It is easier to prevent a problem than to fix the collateral damage it could cause. When parents and teachers discuss this issue with youngsters, Mr. Womack hopes they will present both sides of the issue in the context of prevention, rights, and responsibilities.

Ms. Cassel stated Comcast used to tape all the Board meetings and they were presented on television. She agrees to have the meetings available via webcast. As the self-proclaimed "Champion of AVID," she asked Dr. Washer to investigate implementing AVID at the elementary level and develop a seamless transition to middle and high school.

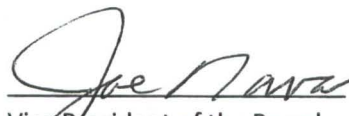
Ms. Cassel (as a response to Jacob Williams, Student, Bear Creek): Ms. Cassel asked Mr. Williams to give the Board a chance. She heard a common theme from speakers, that they shared with the Board this evening, as each mentioned that they would support a policy to do something about cyber bullying. This is the intention of the Board. We are to watch out for the welfare of every one of our students, please work with us.

Comments from the Superintendent
None

Board Advisory Committee Reports
None

Meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m.

The Board resumed Closed Session.


Vice President of the Board


President of the Board