

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION April 24, 2018 Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Student Representative: Mr. Marciano Lua (alternate), McNair High School and Mr. Jonathan Henry (alternate), Tokay High School, were present.

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 public comments were received prior to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:04 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Neely led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Two (2) Potential Cases: Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim #525773.

Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim #521893.

President Announcement

President Neely announced that the Board will have a Study Session on May 8 to finalize priorities for the Local Control and Accountability Plan. He invited a representatives from each of the employee groups as well as parents to attend this meeting.

Recognition

2018 Science Olympiad, Science Bowl and Team America Rocketry Challenge (TARC) Recognitions

Teams of students were formally recognized in the areas of Science Olympiad, Science Bowl and Team America Rocketry.

School Bus Driver's Appreciation Day – April 24, 2018

President Neely read a certificate proclaiming April 24, 2018 as School Bus Driver's Appreciation Day in Lodi Unified School District.

Public School Volunteer Week – April 16-20, 2018

Public School Volunteer Week was acknowledged to commend the contributions that parents, caregivers and community members provide at school and home to support student success.

Administrative Professionals Week – April 22-28, 2018

The Board officially recognized the District's administrative workforce including school site secretaries, administrative assistants, typist clerks and all other clerical support staff for their contributions to the District.

Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer showed photos of the winning entries and spoke regarding the recent LUSD student art show. Dr. Washer thanked Lynn Aebi and Valerie McFee for their work on the event and thanked the collaboration from the District's art teachers. Madeline Britt, Teacher, Morada Middle School, was highlighted for a video she created for her Google classroom to benefit migrant students which was featured on a Channel 13 news broadcast. Dr. Washer highlighted the FLIP (Fit Life Impact Program) grant at work with career education.

Reports

Report on Benchmarks, Report Cards and Pacing Guides

Mr. Neely noted that the report had been presented and was continued from a previous meeting. He asked Board members for comments and questions. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Comments From The Public

Lisa Graci, Parent, Houston and Lodi High Schools, offered an idea regarding the Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School/Houston School site conversation. She advised the Board that Mokelumne River School, which offers twenty-two classrooms, is available for purchase. Ms. Graci also noted that enrollment at Houston School could possibly be raised with an agriculture program.

Martha Snider, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School, spoke of the successful Discovery Education NGSS event over the weekend with over forty participants. Ms. Snider explained that several LUSD teachers had gone to the STEM event the week prior, to get a heads up. She explained a free trial is available to LUSD from Discovery Education.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Kahn asked to remove Item A-9.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-3 Donation Report
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Contracts List
- Item A-6 Resolution 2018-22 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the District Access Control System (ACS) Project
- Item A-7 Resolution 2018-23 Authorization to Request Proposals Distribution of USDA Processed Commodities and Commercial Equivalents
- Item A-8 Resolution 2018-24 Authorization to Request Proposals Direct Delivery From Manufacturer of USDA Process Commodities and Commercial Equivalents
- Item A-10 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-11 Addition of A Show of Hands Interpreting Services to the 2017-2018 Non-Public Agency Master Contract
- Item A-12 Approval of Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School and Middle College High School 2018-2019 Instructional Calendars
- Item A-13 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 27, 2018
- Item A-14 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 3, 2018
- Item A-15 Minutes of the Special Meeting of April 10, 2018
- Item A-16 Resolution 2018-21 Lincoln Day Holiday 2018-2019 School Year
- Item A-17 California School Employees Association (CSEA) Re-openers for the 2018-2019 Year

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, as amended.

Items Pulled From Consent Agenda A

Item A-9 On-Site Support and Licensing Agreement between Lodi Unified School District and One Stop Security and Technology, Inc.

Mr. Kahn pulled this item and noted it will return to a future meeting. There was no action on Item A-9 On-Site Support and Licensing Agreement between Lodi Unified School District and One Stop Security and Technology, Inc.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #17/18-10-42 Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #17/18-9-43

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

Personnel Matters

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration, noting the misspelling of an employee's name (Charlie Hauner – corrected to Charley Hauner).

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters with the correction to the misspelling of an employee's name.

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Marciano Lua (alternate representative), McNair High School and Jonathan Henry (alternate representative), Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Employee Group Representatives

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi Chapter #77, thanked the Board for placing the CSEA contract reopeners on the agenda. She also thanked the Board for the invitation to take part in the LCAP Study Session discussion, as an employee group representative.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, recognized instructor Martha Snider and her work with the Discovery Education Ambassador Program. She commended Ms. Snider for the great job in organizing and facilitating the event. Ms. Orgon thanked the District and the Curriculum & Instruction Department for hosting the Discovery Education event and reported that many District teachers attended.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Knackstedt reported that he attended the Ag Fair at Bear Creek High School that was put on for Julia Morgan students, a track meet of Tokay High School v. St. Mary's High School conducted at Lodi High School and the Creekside School Open House. He attended the Youth Track Meet hosted by Lodi High School, a math tournament at Tokay High School and he attended a band concert at Christa McAuliffe Middle School.

Mr. Nava attended Manlio Silva School's honors assembly.

Ms. Cassel visited Nichols Elementary and watched a first grade class reading with skilled teaching. She noted she is unable to attend the upcoming celebration at Davis School for a homeless family that was taken under the kindness of staff members at Davis, Morada and McNair schools. She asked that the District look at transportation for homeless students. She stated she will miss the next two scheduled Board Meetings while completing park ranger training at Cascades Nation Park in Washington. She thanked the Student Representatives for an excellent job.

Mr. Neely spoke regarding the success of the math tournament at Tokay High School. Mr. Neely commented about the District's Art Show and thought next year we might also want to have an art auction. He reported that Tokay High School will conduct a plant sale on Friday. He thanked the Student Representatives for the great job that they are doing.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Reports, continued

Social Science Textbook Adoption

The report was presented by Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, and the following Social Science Committee members: Alyssa Allard; Nicole Dickinson; Kathy Peters; Beth Oesterman; Charles Taylor; and David Nielsen. Committee members spoke of the process that began in the 2016-2017 school year and Ms. Kotowski explained the proposed curriculum roll-out schedule. Mr. Neely asked for an explanation of the "mini pilot" and Mr. Taylor explained that the mini pilot was committee members and a few extra teachers using the curriculum, which lasted about a month. Mr. Knackstedt asked how student engagement was judged. Mr. Taylor explained that the students are asked directly and the rubrics showed that students believed this is engaging. Discussion ensued. After the discussion the Board gave direction to move ahead with the adoption process.

Public Comments

Martha Snider, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School; Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Proposed Board Policy Revisions

Ms. Kotowski presented Board policy revisions brought forward from the Curriculum and Instruction division. President Neely expressed that Board is concerned about the number of policies on the list, as some need major discussion. He asked that in the future a smaller amount of policies be placed on the agenda for review. It was decided that Board Policy and Rule 1312.3 would proceed to the next steps and the remainder of the policy revisions would be tabled and return to a future Board meeting.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No committee reports were received.

Future Agenda Items

No items were presented for future agenda topics.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Clerk of the Board