



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 18, 2019

Closed Session 5:30 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

**Meeting Recorder:** Ms. Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Board

### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the Educational Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA 95240

### Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No 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 7:12 p.m. Attendance was recorded and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

### Closed Session

President Knackstedt reported that the following action was taken in Closed Session:

#### Placement of Non-Public School Student 2018-2019:

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board unanimously approved the placement of 2018-2019 Non-Public School Student number 98.

#### Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mr. Heberle moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Michelle Bello as Elementary Principal, location to be determined, effective date July 1, 2019.

#### Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Kathleen Whisler as Interim High School Vice Principal, Tokay High School, effective date July 1, 2019.

**Closed Session Personnel Matters:**

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Vanessa Jara as High School Assistant Principal, Ronald McNair High School, effective date July 1, 2019.

**Closed Session Personnel Matters:**

Mr. Heberle moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Angela LeStrange as Adult Ed/CTE Vice Principal, Lincoln Technical Academy, effective date to be determined, as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; and Neely	
Noes:	Porter	
Absent:	None	
Abstain:	None	Motion Carried

**Closed Session Personnel Matters:**

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Darice Thomas as Middle School Vice Principal, location to be determined, effective date July 1, 2019.

**Public Hearing**

**Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the 2019-20 Year**

President Knackstedt declared the Public Hearing "Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the 2019-20 Year" open. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, presented the public an opportunity for discussion. No comments were received from the Board or the public. The hearing was declared closed.

**Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Washer reported that the District has received \$400,000 through the Strong Workforce Program to assist students in the area of career technical education. Dr. Washer presented a video of the County Teacher of the Year – Jeff Simpenderfer, Teacher, Liberty High School. She reported that ninety-one students attended the GOT Kids Science Day camp funded by GOT Kids, the Michael David Family Foundation, and the Lodi-Tokay Rotary Club. She announced that Lodi USD has been named to the *Forbes* magazine "Best Employer" list. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, Nancy Rostomily, Director, Nutrition Services, and their respective staffs were acknowledged regarding the summer meal program, which was recently featured on FOX 40 news.

**Comments from the Public**

Tiffinie Nielsen, Parent, voiced concerns regarding what children are allowed to view on Chromebooks such as YouTube and Google searches. She asked for the District to provide education for parents on safeguards/procedures for when students use the devices at home.

Aaron Lange, Parent, spoke regarding Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School's move to the Houston campus. He thanked Board for making it happen by the end of July. He asked for a level of transparency on the move to include an update at every Board meeting.



### **Comments from Board Members**

Mr. Neely asked about families from Houston area being able to enroll at Joe Serna and asked for a report to update Board regarding this topic. Mr. Neely commented about Lodi USD being named to the *Forbes* list of "Best Employers" in California.

Mr. Porter asked about weekly updates regarding the Joe Serna move, and asked for the updates to be via e-mail. He asked how many teachers the District is down and if the District is still conducting exit interviews.

Mr. Freitas thanked Assemblyman Jim Cooper and his fellow California School Boards Association members for their continued efforts towards full and fair funding for the educational system in California. He explained that California is ranked 41st in the nation in the amount of money funded per student.

Mrs. Macfarlane spoke regarding getting information to the Joe Serna, Jr. and Houston School principals that they can share with their respective school communities. She thanked Mr. Kahn for the hacks that are posted to the website; however, she feels the District can do more to make information available and accessible. She noted that Mr. Porter has also asked for weekly updates beyond the posted District website hacks.

Mr. Knackstedt agreed with the report request pertaining to information related to the Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School move to the Houston School campus and asked for a standing Board report until Serna opens.

Mr. Heberle echoed the statements about updates regarding Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School and asked that the updates be agendaized so as to open up to the public for possible discussion. Mr. Heberle asked for additional information related to the area subdivisions including the number of houses coming and the student per house formula.

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

Mr. Freitas pulled Items A-8, A-9 and A-10.

Item A-1 Contracts List

Item A-2 Purchase Order Detail Report

Item A-3 Warrant Report

Item A-4 Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Monies Received From the Education Protection Account (EPA)

Item A-5 Amend Resolution 2019-52 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for The Lodi Middle School Relocatable Project No. 0854-8154

Item A-6 Proposed Board Policy Revisions Presented by the Business Services Department

Item A-7 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Item A-11 Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 10, 2019

Item A-12 2019-2020 Non-Public Agency Master Contract

Item A-13 Addition of Greenacre Homes & School to the 2018-2019 Non-Public Agency Master Contract

Item A-14 Addition of Greenacre Homes & School to the 2019-2020 Non-Public Agency Master Contract

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

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

**Item A-8 Resolution 2019-64 Finding That Board Member Ron Freitas Was Absent From the June 4, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Due to Illness**

Mr. Freitas pulled this item for the purpose of abstaining from the voting process.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-8 Resolution 2019-64 Finding That Board Member Ron Freitas Was Absent From the June 4, 2019, Regular Board Meeting Due to Illness, as follows:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely and Porter	
Noes:	None	
Absent:	None	
Abstain:	Freitas	Motion Carried

**Item A-9 Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 4, 2019**

Mr. Freitas pulled this item for the purpose of abstaining from the voting process.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-9 Minutes of the Special Meeting of June 4, 2019, as follows:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; and Porter	
Noes:	None	
Absent:	None	
Abstain:	Freitas; Neely	Motion Carried

**Item A-10 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2019**

Mr. Freitas pulled this item for the purpose of abstaining from the voting process. Additionally, Mr. Heberle questioned the sentence related to enrollment (page 6) and asked that it be altered.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-10 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2019, with alteration, as follows:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; and Porter	
Noes:	None	
Absent:	None	
Abstain:	Freitas; Neely	Motion Carried

**Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases**

Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #18/19-7-57  
Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #18/19-11-58  
Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #18/19-7-59  
Item B-4 Readmission: Student #18/19-4-24



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

## **Board Discussion**

### **Discussion Regarding Implementation of New Laws for History and Social Studies Curriculum**

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, explained that two parent nights were presented to gather input from parents and community members. Discussion ensued regarding curriculum content, timelines for rollout, age appropriateness and teacher preparedness.

#### **Public Comments**

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Reverend Robert Schlipp

Lana Gentry, Teacher, Bear Creek High School

Patricia Aoyama, Parent

(Did not state name), Parent

(Did not state name), Grandparent

Christina Shore, Sacramento & Stanislaus State Teacher, Parent

Laura Christopherson, Teacher, Galt USD

## **Other Action Items**

### **Item OAI-1 Resolution 2019-63 The Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees**

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, stated that approval of Resolution 2019-63 would enable the District to hire ticket takers to support high school functions.

#### **Public Comments**

None

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Resolution 2019-63 The Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees.

### **Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval**

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented this item to seek approval for two internship permits.

#### **Public Comments**

None

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval.

### **Item OAI-3 Approval of the 2019-2020 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)**

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented the plan for Board consideration.

Mr. Neely asked that next year the LCAP include an executive summary or a pictograph for the public.

Public Comments

None

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Approval of the 2019-2020 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

**Item OAI-4 Local Control Accountability Plan – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Addendum**

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented the ESSA addendum for Board consideration.

Public Comments

None

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 Local Control Accountability Plan – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Addendum.

**Item OAI-5 2019-20 Budget Adoption**

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, and Adina Andris, Director of Budgets, presented the 2019-2020 Budget. Discussion ensued. Mr. Porter asked how the District compares to other school districts in regards to special education costs. Mr. Kahn stated that the statewide average is 10% and we are currently at 16%.

Public Comments

None

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-5 2019-20 Budget Adoption.

**Item OAI-6 Approval of Chief Business Officer's Contract for One-Year Extension**

No comments were received by the Board or public.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-6 Approval of Chief Business Officer's Contract for One-Year Extension.

**Item OAI-7 Approval of Superintendent's Contract for One-Year Extension**

Mr. Heberle stated that the process to evaluate the superintendent has yet to be completed and he would like to table this item to the next meeting. Mr. Porter commented that he would like additional time to provide positive feedback to the superintendent.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted by voice vote to table Item OAI-7 Approval of Superintendent's Contract for One-Year Extension, as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas; Heberle; Macfarlane; and Porter
Noes:	Knackstedt; Nava; Neely
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Motion Carried

## **Personnel Matters**

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

Public Comments  
None

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

## **Communications**

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

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke regarding teachers attending Jump Start training for National Board certification. She reported that Joe Serna and Houston teachers are packing and still have questions related to the move. Teachers and the public have not received any updates pertaining to the move. Ms. Orgon stated she drove by the Houston campus and observed movers. She asked where exactly on the District's website the updates are located and asked for better communication regarding the move. Ms. Orgon asked where the P.E. and music teachers will be housed on the Houston/Serna campus. Ms. Orgon inquired as to the protocol for public comment for future reference and inquired as to the rules the Board voted on last year requiring Board action for meetings that extend past 10:00 p.m.

### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

## **Reports**

### **After School Programs**

Jose Maciel, Program Coordinator, After School and Summer Programs, presented an overview of the afterschool programs that exist at forty Lodi USD sites and operate from school dismissal until 6:00 p.m. The program includes an academic homework block, an enrichment block, recreational activities and a nutritious meal. Students are accepted into the program on a first come/first served basis, with foster and homeless students given priority enrollment. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments  
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association



### **Discipline Data**

Jeff Palmquist, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education and Allen Dosty, Coordinator, Child Welfare & Attendance, provided an update on discipline data covering a three-year period, including disciplinary referrals, suspension, and expulsion information. Discussion ensued.

#### **Public Comments**

None

### **Information Regarding the Types of State and District Assessments Given Each Year**

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented an overview of state and District assessments. Discussion ensued.

#### **Public Comments**

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

### **Valley Robotics Academy Update**

Stacy Kahn, Principal, Valley Robotics Academy, presented a summary of the current status of the academy.

#### **Public Comments**

None

### **Child Welfare and Attendance Reorganization**

Jeff Palmquist, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education and Allen Dosty, Coordinator, Child Welfare & Attendance, outlined the reorganization request. Dr. Dosty explained that the reorganization will allow flexibility and will attempt to equal out the clerical responsibilities leading to increased response time and efficiency.

#### **Public Comments**


None

### **Board Advisory Committee Reports**


No reports were forthcoming.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 10:10 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board