



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 21, 2019

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

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. Alayssia Townsell, Ronald E. McNair 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 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 7:15 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:

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Elementary Vice Principal

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Katie Gresham as Elementary Vice Principal, location to be determined, effective date to be determined.

Elementary Vice Principal

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Sarah Santana as Elementary Vice Principal, location to be determined, effective date to be determined.

Program Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction

Mr. Freitas moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Kary Ridenour as Program Coordinator, Curriculum & Instruction, effective date to be determined.

Spotlight Magnitude i.o.

Recognition

Proclamation to Designate the Week of May 19-25, 2019 as Classified School Employees Week in Lodi Unified School District

Recognition of Lodi Middle School students who participated in Tests of Engineering Aptitude, Mathematics and Science (TEAMS) Competition held at Stanford University.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer announced that the District received an award from University of the Pacific, Beyond the Gates, which is recognition for doubling our attendance participation. Dr. Washer announced that enrollment for Valley Robotics Academy is very good and there is a lot of interest.

Comments from the Public

Stephen Reid, California School Boards Association, announced that he is currently in charge of public affairs and community engagement for CSBA. He invited all to a rally on May 22nd that CSBA is hosting along with California Teachers Association in Sacramento. He stated he looks forward to working with the District.

Nichole F., Citizen, voiced concerns related to new state sex education curriculum.

Katherine Duffel, Teacher, Bear Creek High School, spoke regarding District administration's request for prior review of an article that appeared in a recent edition of the *Bruin Voice*. Three student staff members from the *Bruin Voice* also commented on the subject and their respective experiences on the same topic.

David Hurley, Teacher, Ansel Adams Elementary School, spoke regarding the lack of AVID availability in Lodi Unified; specifically at Morada Middle School. Mr. Hurley presented suggestions to increase AVID availability.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Nava announced and congratulated the students that received Pinnacle recognition in *The Record*. He acknowledged various District students for academic, club and athletic achievements.

Mr. Neely spoke regarding topics covered at the recent California School Boards Association conference. Mr. Neely acknowledged parent concerns related to the new social studies curriculum and further explained that the curriculum will be on the June 18 Board agenda.

Mr. Freitas thanked Mr. Nava for covering all the student accolades. Mr. Freitas congratulated San Joaquin County Office of Education's Teacher of the Year finalist, Jeff Simpfenderfer and added that Mr. Simpfenderfer has inspired many students to get their diplomas. He thanked the Lodi Sikh Temple for hosting that Lodi Multicultural Festival over the weekend that also featured a performance by Lodi USD students.

Mr. Heberle thanked the students and teachers for coordinating and performing at the two Music in Our Schools events. Mr. Heberle voiced concerns about 1:1 teacher/student testing and potential infringement into instructional time. He asked for additional information to come as a report to a future Board meeting. He also inquired as to the District's readiness for the start of school with regards to supplies, facilities, etc. He asked if extra personnel would be hired over the summer months to ready classrooms.

Mr. Knackstedt shared an e-mail from Aaron Fonzi, Band Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School, who informed Mr. Knackstedt that band members competed over the weekend earning them a ranking of top 10% in the nation. He thanked the student athletes of the year and noted he agrees with Mr. Heberle about the needing further information regarding the cumbersome testing.

Change to order of agenda.

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Alayssia Townsell, Ronald E. McNair High School, presented a report regarding recent activities at McNair High School.

Report

Dual Enrollment

Alayssia Townsell, Student Representative, presented a report on the process of a student taking part in dual enrollment, which is receiving college credits while attending high school. According to Ms. Townsell, a successful participant in this program could essentially leave high school only needing one year before transferring to a four-year college. This also moves students up in standings for admittance.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Porter pulled Item A-2. Mr. Freitas pulled Item A-3. Mr. Neely pulled Items A-7 and A-8. Michelle Orgon pulled Item A-10 and Item A-11 and Mr. Heberle pulled Item A-17.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-4 Resolution 2019-51 Authorizing Certain Employees to Make Cash and Budget Transfers for Year-End Accrual
- Item A-5 Resolution 2019-52 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Lodi Middle School Relocatable Project No. 0854-8154
- Item A-6 Resolution 2019-53 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Needham Pre-Demolition Data & Telecommunications Infrastructure Relocation Project No. 0917-8217-1
- Item A-9 Approval of Resolution 2019-56 Rejection of Bids for the Heritage and Victor Facility Improvement – Fire Alarm Projects

- Item A-12 Job Description for Lead Dispatcher
- Item A-13 California School Employees Association (CSEA) Re-openers for the 2019-20 Year
- Item A-14 School Administration Field Experience Agreement between California State University, Stanislaus and Lodi Unified School District, beginning May 21, 2019 through May 21, 2020
- Item A-15 Declaration of Obsolete Textbooks
- Item A-16 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 7, 2019
- Item A-18 Ratification of Representatives and Alternate Designees to CIF Section

Mr. Neely 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-2 Warrant Report

Mr. Porter asked questions on the warrant report regarding monies paid to Church of God and the contractual duties of Jerry Adams, Security Consultant, conferences and AT&T mobile contracts. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Neely asked for a future report to look into safety consulting services.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association
Lori Celiz, Teacher, Ansel Adams Elementary School
Anne Swehla-Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-2 Warrant Report.

Item A-3 Resolution 2019-50 Temporary Interfund Transfers

Mr. Freitas asked in what incidences would the District use temporary Interfund transfers. Mr. Kahn offered an explanation.

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-3 Resolution 2019-50 Temporary Interfund Transfers.

Item A-7 Resolution 2019-54 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Bear Creek Fire Alarm Project, Project No. 0861-8041

Mr. Neely talked about both Item A-7 and Item A-8 explaining that for three schools, the District is paying \$2.8 million for fire alarms. He further explained that he has spoken to Mr. Kahn and noted that the costs are due to state mandates and mandates from the fire marshal.

Mr. Kahn broke down the costs and noted that all fire alarm costs were going over budget. Mr. Kahn noted that current systems at these schools are old that is why they are being replaced at this time.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-7 Resolution 2019-54 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Bear Creek Fire Alarm Project, Project No. 0861-8041.

Item A-8 Resolution 2019-55 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Wagner Holt and Parklane Fire Alarm Project No. 0864-8044 and 0863-8043

Mr. Freitas inquired as to some of the amounts listed on the resolution. Mr. Kahn noted it was an error.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-8 Resolution 2019-55 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Wagner Holt and Parklane Fire Alarm Project No. 0864-8044 and 0863-8043.

Item A-10 Approval of Resolution 2019-57 Houston School – Joe Serna Jr. Charter School – Transition and Expansion Project – Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, asked if this approval was for the effects of placing portables or altering the parking lot.

Mr. Kahn responded that there is minimal impact to the site or that it can be mitigated.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-10 Approval of Resolution 2019-57 Houston School – Joe Serna Jr. Charter School –Transition and Expansion Project – Adoption of Mitigated Negative Declaration.

Item A-11 Lodi Unified School District Board of Education will officially acknowledge receipt of a petition from Gateway Community Charter, Gateway Academic and Vocational Academy

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, noted that some of the aspects of the charter petition were recently discussed at a Board Study Session and that some of the aspects will be covered by the implementation of the Valley Robotics Academy.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-11 Lodi Unified School District Board of Education will officially acknowledge receipt of a petition from Gateway Community Charter, Gateway Academic and Vocational Academy.

Item A-17 Contracts List

Mr. Heberle asked if there was interest by the Board to table the first item on the Contracts List until the Board can look at facilities and further investigate. Mr. Kahn explained the process to test soil and see if a large building structure is able to be built on the property in question. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Porter seconded to table item #1 on Item A-17 Contracts List, the vote was as follows:

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

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-17 Contracts List, as amended.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Mr. Porter pulled item B-1.

- Item B-2 Suspended Expulsion: Student #18/19-9-52
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #18/19-7-53
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #18/19-11-54
- Item B-5 Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-55
- Item B-6 Admission: Student #18/19-9-A3

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

Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda B – Student Matters

Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-51

Mr. Porter explained he would like to amend Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-51 to a Suspended Expulsion.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted to amend Consent Agenda B, Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-51 to Suspended Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-51 and the Board voted as follows:

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

Motion Carried

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Update on the Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School Relocation Project and Board Consideration of Timeline Options to Move The School

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, provided an update on facilities at Houston in preparation for the move of Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School to the Houston campus. Discussion ensued.

Board Member Macfarlane asked about communication to parents, teachers and administrators and Mr. Kahn said there can be a weekly video update.

Public Comments

Aaron Lange, Parent, Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association
Alyson Mettler, Parent, Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School

No action was taken on Item OAI-1.

Item OAI-2 Approval of Resolution 2019-58 Authorizing Contract Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20118 in order to purchase relocatable classrooms for the Houston School campus (addition of Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School)

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the proposed authorization to agree under Pajaro Valley Unified School District's piggyback contract to purchase one (1) new classroom portable and one (1) new portable office building.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2019-58 Authorizing Contract Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 20118 in order to purchase relocatable classrooms for the Houston School campus (addition of Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School).

Item OAI-3 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Mr. McKilligan presented the declaration for emergency permits.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board unanimously approved Item OAI-3 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

Item OAI-4 Resolution 2019-46 Authorization to request for reduced days of operation for the State Preschool Program pursuant to Education Code Section 8271

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, stated that the State Preschool program lost two days of attendance in November due to poor air quality caused by the wildfires.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 Resolution 2019-46 Authorization to request for reduced days of operation for the State Preschool Program pursuant to Education Code Section 8271.

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 unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, voiced concern regarding the need to hire classified employees to fill the many vacant paraprofessional positions, as some vacancies have been filled by substitute paraprofessionals for more than a year. Ms. Orgon spoke regarding the importance

of professional development for teachers and the need for communication regarding training opportunities for parents and teachers.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Reports

Valley Robotics Update

Jeff Palmquist, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, and Stacy Kahn, Principal, Valley Robotics Academy, presented an update regarding teacher recruitment efforts and enrollment stats.

Career Technical Education Administration Board Report

Jeff Palmquist, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, and Julie Jansen, Principal, Lincoln Technical Academy, presented a plan to reorganize the CTE administration responsibilities, which includes a proposal for an additional vice principal.

Analysis of Math Achievement

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction and Randy Malandro, Coordinator, Assessment, Research and Evaluation, presented the math achievement results, including information regarding District resources and support.

Technology Services Proposed Reorganization

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the proposed reorganization plan for the Technology Services Department, which would include deleting a PC Support Technician and a Network Technician, while adding a Typist Clerk II and a Lead Network Technician.

Report of Estimated Cost for City of Lodi to Connect Water to Henderson School/Independence School/Valley Robotics Academy Site

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented information regarding the process of connecting Henderson School/ Independence School/ Valley Robotics Academy site to City of Lodi water services. Mr. Kahn noted that at this time, the water connection would only be for drinking water with the cost estimated to be \$250,000.

Course Placement of Students Data Follow Up

Jeff Palmquist, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, reported that in response to Board and public input, an action plan and task force is in the process of being established to create criteria with multiple measures, site-based plans, data analysis, reporting, and accountability. Mr. Palmquist noted that the starting point will be 9th/10th grade English. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

None

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented a draft of the 2019-2020 LCAP noting that nothing has changed since it was previously brought to a Board meeting. Discussion followed.

Public Comments
None

Proposed Board Policy Revisions Submitted by the Curriculum & Instruction Department

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented proposal revisions. No comments were forthcoming from Board or the public.

Board Discussion

Individual Professional Development for Teachers

Board Member Neely stated the teachers will begin a new round of negotiations on the 29th and would appreciate public comment regarding this topic. Board and public comments ensued.

Public Comment

Dave Hurley, Teacher, Ansel Adams and Co-Chair of the RBET Committee

Martha Snider, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School

Jen Cassel, Teacher, Tokay High School and Member of the RBET Committee

Lori Celiz, Teacher, Ansel Adams Elementary School


Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were forthcoming.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:59 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board