

## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 26, 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; Bonnie Cassel; Ruth Davis; Ron Freitas; and Ron Heberle

**Administrative Staff:** Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO

**Absent:** Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

**Student Representatives:** Raeni Sroufe, Lodi High School

**Absent:** Abbey Grundmann, Tokay High School

**Meeting Recorder:** 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.

### Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

### Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:19 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Womack led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Closed Session

President Womack reported on the following item from Closed Session:

- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
  - Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mr. Jose Maciel, as Categorical Program Manager

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer spoke about and shared pictures of McNair High School students involved in Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) activities. Dr. Washer shared a picture of an "unknown" Elvis impersonator that gave a presentation at a farewell reception for retiring, long-time District employee Carol Acevedo. The Elvis was announced as Lawrence School Principal, Juan Carlos Villafana. She thanked the Lodi Police Department for conducting Active Shooter Drill training at Lodi High School. Dr. Washer called on Mr. Ed Eldridge, Coordinator of Assessment, Research & Evaluation to speak on the implementation of Common Core Standards and an online survey that teachers can complete, giving feedback. The survey closes on March 27<sup>th</sup> and the results will be shared with Board. Dr. Washer reported that staff members continue to be involved in the Wellness Program.

## Recognitions

Committee Members from the Measure K Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee were recognized for their contributions and work on the Measure K Committee. Members Marilyn Domingo and Alan Korgaden were present to receive their awards.

## REPORTS

### Measure L Bond Oversight Committee

Mr. Warren Sun, Senior Director of Operations, presented the sixth annual report of the Measure L Committee. The report was reviewed and approved by the Measure L Committee on February 12, 2013. The Committee concluded all funds were spent correctly and the District is in compliance by the Measure L Bond requirements.

### Mid-Year READ 180 and System 44 Report

Ms. Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director, Curriculum & Instruction, Mr. Corey Ness, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Washington School and Mr. Paul Easton from Scholastic presented the report. The report highlighted student progress in the programs. Discussion ensued regarding funding, the differences in READ 180 vs. System 44, teacher/coach trainings and other elements of the report.

## Consent Agenda A – Routine Business

Mr. Neely pulled Item A-7 from Consent Agenda A. No comments were received from the public.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adopt Consent Agenda A, 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 Warrants
- Item A-5 Resolution 2013-11 – Authorizing 2013 Re-Roofing at Oakwood & Wagner Holt Elementary Schools Under Open Contract Extension
- Item A-6 Resolution 2013-12 – Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the 2012 Roof Overlay at Vinewood Elementary School Under Open Contract Extension (#6940)
- Item A-8 Resolution 2013-14 – Agreement to Conduct Hearings with the Office of Administrative Hearings

The student preferential vote was as follows:

Aye: Sroufe

Absent: Grundmann

### Item A-7 – Resolution 2013-13 – Authorizing 2012 Re-Roofing Portables at Various Sites Under Open Contract Extension

Mr. Neely questioned the re-roofing of 39 portables. Mr. Hern stated that this resolution would give the District the opportunity to extend the contract to get the price point. Mr. Neely stated that the cost of reroofing a portable at \$6,500 each seemed very high. Mr. Hern stated that this was completed under



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competitive bid and is the lowest price. As there are many state requirements to cover, the price is usually higher than private sector work.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-13 – Authorizing 2013 Re-Roofing Portables at Various Sites Under Open Contract Extension.

The student preferential vote was as follows:

Aye: Sroufe

Absent: Grundmann

## **OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

### **2013-14 to 2014-15 Memorandum of Understanding between Lodi Unified School District and Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School**

Mr. Hern stated that this MOU is to extend the charter.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2013/14 to 2014/15 Memorandum of Understanding between Lodi Unified School District and Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School.

The student preferential vote was as follows:

Aye: Sroufe

Absent: Grundmann

### **Resolution 2013-10 Authorizing the District to Participate in the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District**

Mr. Hern reported that the District has been very aggressive in searching for grants to help with the purchase of new vehicles. This proposal would provide the opportunity to purchase five sedans for student/school use. The grant is \$100,000, with the District contributing anything over \$20,000 per vehicle. President Womack asked what the current pricing was per vehicle. Mr. Hern responded that six months ago the pricing was \$21,000 to \$22,000 per vehicle. The cost of the alternative fuel (compressed natural gas) is one-third the cost of regular fuel. Ms. Cassel asked who wrote the grant. Mr. Hern stated that Carlos Garcia, Director of Transportation had written the grant.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Resolution 2013-10 Authorizing the District to Participate in the New Alternative Fuel Vehicle Purchase with San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

The student preferential vote was as follows:

Aye: Sroufe

Absent: Grundmann

**Resolution 2013-15 Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and the Issuance and Sale of One or More Series 2013-2014 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes Therefore and Participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County to Issue and Sell Said Series of Note**

Mr. Hern reported that the District needs to make sure we have the ability to borrow money because of the referral system the state has. The approval of this resolution would give the District the ability, if necessary, to make necessary trans to meet payroll and the like.

Mr. Heberle commented that the resolution contained a very good explanation of the item.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board unanimously approved Resolution 2013-15 Authorizing the Borrowing of Funds for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 and the Issuance and Sale of One or More Series 2013-2014 Tax and Revenue Anticipation Notes Therefore and Participation in the California School Cash Reserve Program and Requesting the Board of Supervisors of the County to Issue and Sell Said Series of Note

The student preferential vote was as follows:

Aye: Sroufe

Absent: Grundmann

**District Technology Committee**

Mr. Neely brought forward the proposal to formulate a LUSD Education Technology Advisory Committee. Several Board Members commented on the need for the committee to have an understanding of the "end user" needs. Discussion ensued. Dr. Washer noted that the committee could either be a Superintendent Committee or a Board Committee.

**Public Comments**

Martha Snider, Amy Whitsman, Sonja Renhult and Sue Kenmotsu

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded to grant the Superintendent guidance to form the technology committee and the Board voted unanimously.

The student preferential vote was as follows:

Aye: Sroufe

Absent: Grundmann

**Personnel Matters**

Approval of certificated and classified personnel matters, presented by Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

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



## **Communications**

### **Comments from Student Representatives**

Raeni Sroufe, Lodi High School, reported on activities at Lodi High.

### **Comments from the Public**

Martha Snider, Teacher, invited the Board to Christa McAuliffe School on April 20<sup>th</sup> for a Professional Development opportunity open to all staff from Discovery Education showcasing technology.

Jan Zarzinsky – requested reconsideration to distribute a Pro-Life Speech Contest flyer to high school juniors and seniors.

Amy Whitsman, Guidance Counselor, Morada Middle School, presented an AVID update regarding college going culture at Morada Middle School. She updated the Board on expansion of the project and how they built partnerships with local colleges and universities.

Cheryl Adams, Guidance Counselor, Christa McAuliffe/Morada Middle Schools, continued with the AVID update from the previous speaker.

Sarah Neely, Morada Middle School – continued with the AVID update from the previous speaker.

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

Jessalyn Ka, CSEA Labor Representative, introduced herself as the new labor representative representing the classified employees in the District.

### **Comments from Board Members**

Mr. Heberle attended the San Joaquin County Science Olympiad, where many LUSD elementary schools participated. He thanked teachers, parents and support staff who participated in the event that was hosted by McNair High School. Mr. Heberle commented that he would like the Board to act to reduce class sizes for students. He stated that we raised class sizes in preparation for non-passing of Proposition 30; it passed, so this money belongs to children.

Mr. Womack attend fundraising softball tournament with 100% of the proceeds going to cancer research.

## **Reports Continued**

### **Cell Tower and Photovoltaic Review Update**

Mr. Warren Sun, Senior Operations Manager, gave an update on the District cell tower agreement. Four District locations currently have cell tower agreements. The locations are: McNair High School; Bear Creek High School; Lodi High School; and the James Areida Education Support Center. Mr. Sun noted, that each cell tower location is under a different contract with a different company. Mr. Sun reviewed the contract agreements and corresponding revenue amounts. Mr. Sun reviewed the savings generated from the various solar projects, all savings mentioned are from four locations.

Ms. Cassel commented that she is happy to see that the solar project is saving so much, she is happy that the schools receive the money generated from the cell towers being placed on their respective properties. Ms. Cassel asked Mr. Hern if LUSD is currently being approached by additional companies regarding cell tower placements, as she is against additional placements.

### **Strategic Plan – Draft**

Dr. Washer presented the "draft" strategic plan, reviewing the three committees and what they focused on. She described the report as a rough compilation of the committees' work. She described the structure of the strategic plan draft, stating that strategy is bigger concept and action is how to accomplish the strategy. The strategies are not set in stone, it is up to the Board to set the guidelines. Dr. Washer's suggestion is to look over the draft and identify what you feel is most important, as a basis to start our discussion at the Study Session, planned for April 17<sup>th</sup>.

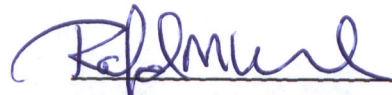
Mr. Neely commented that he had read the plan and was very impressed. He thanked Dr. Washer and Mr. Hern for their work on the project.

Mr. Womack thanked those involved. He stated he sees a lot in the plan that connects with keeping kids in school and teaching them well. It is possible that we may need more than one Study Session to work on the plan. Discussion ensued.

### **Public Comments**

Susan Heberle, Sonja Renhult

Meeting adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board  
President of the Board