



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 21, 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 (*via teleconference*); 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: Ms. Alayssia Townsell, McNair High School and Mr. Jonathan Henry, Tokay 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 Julia Morgan Elementary School, 3777 A.G. Spanos Blvd., Stockton, 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 7:18 p.m. Attendance was recorded and it was noted that Board Member, Bonnie Cassel, is attending via teleconference from Port Ludlow, Washington. President Neely led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Neely reported that no action was taken in Closed Session:

Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer announced that Plaza Robles High School will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on September 5th from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. and the public is invited. Dr. Washer thanked the Michael David Family Foundation for supporting the GOT Kids Foundation through their Reggae and Rhone event which resulted in a \$26,000 donation. She announced that the second part of the pilot FLIP (Fit Life Improvement Program) has started. This program helps students learn about healthy living and nutrition. Dr. Washer announced that she is now live via Twitter.

Comments from the Public

Megan Stewart, Music Teacher, spoke as a representative for the District's music teachers. She thanked the Board for giving them the opportunity to teach using the new music curriculum. She shared that fellow instructor, Shane Park, recently received a \$400 donation.

Mr. Neely commented on how important the music programs are in our schools. He noted he would like a future Board report from the music teachers.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrant Reports
- Item A-3 Contracts List
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Agriculture Career Technical Education Incentive Grants
- Item A-6 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 7, 2018

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 presented.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Approval of Resolution 2018-53 Prescribing the Terms and Authorizing the Issuance of 2006, Series 2018 Bonds of the School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 of the District; Approving Forms of and Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Paying Agent Agreement, a Purchase Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and an Official Statement; Authorizing Distribution of the Official Statement; and Authorizing Execution of Necessary Certificates

Mr. Kahn presented Resolution 2018-53 to authorize the sale of bonds from Measure L.

Mr. Freitas asked if there was an expiration date and Mr. Kahn responded there is no expiration date.

Ms. Cassel asked if the sale of this group of bonds still has a good grade status. Mr. Kahn responded that the District had an AAA rating in 2016 and he looks forward to a continued excellent rating at their next rating review in the coming days.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Approval of Resolution 2018-53 Prescribing the Terms and Authorizing the Issuance of 2006, Series 2018 Bonds of the School Facilities Improvement District No. 1 of the District; Approving Forms of and Authorizing Execution and Delivery of a Paying Agent Agreement, a Purchase Agreement, a Continuing Disclosure Certificate, and an Official Statement; Authorizing Distribution of the Official Statement; and Authorizing Execution of Necessary Certificates.

Item OAI-2 Resolution 2018-54 Concerning an Exemption to the CalSTRS Separation from Service Requirement

Mr. McKilligan explained the circumstances that occurred to warrant this action. Discussion ensued about having retired teachers return as substitute teachers.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Resolution 2018-54 Concerning an Exemption to the CalSTRS Separation from Service Requirement.

Personnel Matters

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

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

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Jonathan Henry, Tokay High School, and Alayssia Townsell, Ronald E. McNair High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, shared an update on bargaining and information from the District's Technology Advisory Committee. Ms. Orgon reported she is hearing so so feedback about the special education preschool model. She reported that transportation and scheduling is currently being worked out. She stated that LEA looks forward to continued collaboration and open communication towards solving problems as they come up. She stated she is pleased to have a Study Session opportunity for the RBET (Review Board on Excellence in Teaching).

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, spoke about the Chapter meeting conducted prior to the Board meeting. She inquired as to the substitute driver trainer position on the Personnel Matters report. Ms. Ladwig discussed a District/CSEA mediation session, which she felt was a success. She thanked Board regarding the direction given for both sides to work out their differences and come to an agreement, as to what is in the best interest of the students. She stated she looks forward to more productive and successful negotiation sessions.

Comments from the Board

Ms. Cassel thanked Lynn Aebi and Valerie McFee for ensuring her participation to attend the Board Meeting from a remote location. She welcomed Student Representatives, Jonathan and Alayssia, and said she looks forward to meeting them in person and thanked them for their respective leadership at the high schools they represent.

Mr. Neely asked that a presentation for the Social Study adoption come to a Board agenda in the near future. He announced that a Special Board Meeting is planned for September 11th to discuss progress made by the RBET (Review Board for Excellence in Teaching) Committee. Mr. Neely voiced concern about three open math teaching positions currently at Delta Sierra Middle School and asked for a report about this at the next Board meeting. He ended his comments by reading a quote about leadership.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Reports

Proposed Changes to Board Policies

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented three policies for suggested deletion, as they mention No Child Left Behind and presented a draft of an updated policy for the Local Control and Accountability Plan. Discussion ensued regarding the policy revisions and concerns raised about school site councils.

Mr. Neely asked that Ms. Kotowski bring school site council policies to the next Board meeting.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Reclassification Rate of English Learners

Ms. Kotowski presented information related to the percentages of the reclassification rate and how the rate was achieved, including curriculum, utilization of the After School Program, and the four-year follow up that is required post reclassification. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Budget Report

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented a report on the cost of living adjustments for Lodi Unified for the 2018-2019 year. The local control funding formula revenue is 3.70% and special education, child nutrition, foster youth, Native American grants, mandate block grant are scheduled to receive 2.71%. It was noted that as of August 10, enrollment is down 23 students when compared to 2017-2018 data. Discussion ensued.

District Website Report

Mr. Kahn provided an update on the Section 508 requirements to make our information accessible to disabled persons. Mr. Kahn provided links to support the discussion including a Google link to explain how Google is making websites accessible. Also discussed was whether individual teacher websites need to be built with Google Docs in order to be compliant.

Mr. Neely noted that this is not a website issue; but a document compliance issue.

Student Representative, Jonathan Henry, commented that he uses Google Classrooms and it works well and can be accessed from anywhere.

Public Comments
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Board Discussion

The Board Will Discuss Options for Updating and/or Revising the Board Mission Statement, Board Vision, Board Values, and Board Goals


President Neely presented the 2006 (updated in 2011) Board Vision/Value/Mission/Goals document. Mr. Neely offered that the goals could be discussed at a special meeting/workshop on a Saturday or a Board subcommittee could be formed. Consensus was that staff would develop information then give to the Board subcommittee, then the subcommittee could vet the suggestions and information as needed. The committee will be comprised of Ron Freitas, Bonnie Cassel and Joe Nava.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No committee reports were received.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:44 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board