



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 2, 2017

Closed Session 5:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Administrative Staff: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO; and Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

Student Representatives: Lili LeBaron, Lodi High School and Michael Stallworth, Ronald McNair High School

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 Julia Morgan Elementary School, 3777 A.G. Spanos Blvd., Stockton, CA.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

A parent spoke regarding a Closed Session student discipline matter.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:16 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Heberle led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Student** – Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student #2016-17 #95.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mark Dawson as High School Principal, Ronald E. McNair High School, effective date to be determined.

○ **Conference with Real Property Negotiators:**

The Board instructed the District negotiators to negotiate the price and terms of payment for the purchase of the identified property located at 5401 East Harney Lane, Lodi, by the following vote:

Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely and Talken

Noes: Heberle

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Action carried

Recognitions

2017 Teacher of the Year

Amy Lundeberg, Teacher, Ronald E. McNair High School, was introduced as Lodi Unified School District Teacher of the Year. Ms. Lundeberg is also among six finalists vying for the San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year title.

2017 Classified Employees of the Year

Ariana Rodriguez Ruvira from Needham Elementary School has been selected as the Lodi Unified School District Classified Employee of the Year in the category of Support Services and Security. Ms. Ruvira has also been selected as Classified Employee of the Year by the San Joaquin County Office of Education in the same category of Support Services and Security. San Joaquin County will honor Ms. Ruvira at an awards dinner in June.

Note: Willie White, Custodian, Vinewood Elementary School, is the Lodi Unified School District Employee of the Year in the category of Maintenance, Operations and Facilities. Mr. White was not present at the meeting to receive his award.

Day of the Teacher Proclamation – May 10, 2017

President Heberle read the proclamation denoting May 10, 2017 as California's Day of the Teacher. The proclamation was presented to Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association.

Winning Team Members from The Math Counts Competition Will Be Recognized

Students participating in the Math Counts competition were recognized and presented with certificates for their achievements.

Winning Team Members From Math Olympiad Will Be Recognized

Students from Elkhorn School took 3rd place at the Math Olympiad, hosted by the San Joaquin County Office of Education.

Winning Team Members From The District Math Tournament Will Be Recognized

The 3rd place team from Parklane Elementary School; 2nd place team from Manlio Silva Elementary School and the 1st place team from Larson Elementary School were recognized for their achievements at the Math Tournament. First, second and third place students were recognized for their individual achievements.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported that the Teacher's College of San Joaquin informational night hosted by Lodi Unified was a great success with over 200 community members in attendance who might be considering teaching as a profession. Dr. Washer thanked the Board Members for their support of the new process regarding the certification of multiple subject teachers. She reported that due to the implementation of the new process, staff members have seen the vacancy rate drop from fifty teaching positions to ten vacant positions.

Comments from the Public

Denise Reich, Teacher, Larson Elementary School, spoke regarding the importance of integration of special education preschoolers to their regular education counterparts. She also noted that compliance for such, as is written in some students' individual education programs (IEP), includes integration minutes. She asked for equal access for all students.

Stephen Martin, Parent, spoke of the success of interaction between general and special education students. He spoke of the success that integration has had when working with autistic students.

Susanne Reed, Teacher, Wagner Holt Elementary School, spoke of concerns related to special education students and student rights.

Claudia Menutti, Teacher, Bear Creek High School, asked the Board to reconsider the variable credit system for high school students.

Daniel Patella, Parent, spoke in favor of inclusion classrooms and asked for support to continue the practice in Lodi Unified. He detailed how such a classroom setting helped his child adapt, interact and thrive.

Jamie Hillis, Teacher, Millswood Middle School, commented regarding teachers getting offers to teach in other districts and spoke in support of an increase to teacher compensation.

Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, asked that the district stop putting money into technology and instead, put money into people.

Maria Mack, Teacher, Millswood Middle School, spoke regarding an increase in compensation for teachers. Ms. Mack stated Lodi USD could attract more minority teachers to the district if salaries were increased.

Consent Agenda A

No Board Members or members of the public asked to remove an item from Consent Agenda A.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 Resolution 2017-33 Certified the Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Proposition 39 Year 2 Tokay High School Gymnasium Evaporative Direct Cooler Replacement – Project No. 6230-6550

- Item A-5 Resolution 2017-34 – Prop 39 Years 1-5 Joe Serna, Jr Charter School HVAC, Controls, and Lighting Upgrade Project No. 6230-6550 – Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids
- Item A-6 Resolution 2017-35 Authorization to Advertise and Request for Proposal for Processed Commodities
- Item A-7 Non-Public School (NPS) Master Contract for 2016-17
- Item A-8 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 18, 2017

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda A, as presented, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely; and Talken
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #16/17-10-59
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #16/17-11-60
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-61
- Item B-4 Readmission: Student #15/16-8-39

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda A, as presented, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely; and Talken
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Suspend Katnich School Program for the 2017-2018 School Year

Dawn Vetica, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, presented a report related to the proposed suspension of the program at Katnich Community Day School at April 18th Board meeting.

Mr. Neely spoke of the original reasons for pursuing the Katnich Community Day School program and the success of the school; however, it now seems that the program no longer is fulfilling the needs of the District.

Ms. Vetica explained that one of the visions when the school started was that other districts would utilize the school site for their special education students who were expelled; however, this was not the case. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Vetica noted that the students would be housed at the comprehensive high schools.

Mr. Knackstedt asked that the facility be repurposed and Mr. Freitas cited the need to retain the name of the school named for longtime Lodi educator, Walter Katnich, as the name was chosen to honor him and acknowledge his accomplishments in the community and in education.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association; Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to approve the suspension of the program at Katnich Community Day School for the 2017-2018 school year and to retain the name (Walter J. Katnich) for this program or for a future facility use, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely; and Talken

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-2: Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the item for Board consideration. No comments or questions were forthcoming.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to approve the filing of Item OAI-2: Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely; and Talken

No: None

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-3: Measure U Project Budgets and Schedule

Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/Chief Business Officer, referred to the Special Meeting that was conducted on April 26th to study and discuss the Measure U project budgets and schedule in detail. Mr. Hern presented himself available for additional questions.

Board Members echoed sentiments to Mr. Hern and staff for putting together this together. Mr. Freitas also thanked the community and voters who passed Measure U with 67 percent of the vote.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association; Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School

Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to approve Item OAI-3: Measure U Project Budgets and Schedule, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely; and Talken
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

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

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to approve Personnel Matters, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely; and Talken
No: None
Absent: None
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Lili LeBaron, Lodi High School and Michael Stallworth, Ronald E. McNair High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

As this was the last Board of Education meeting for Student Representatives LeBaron and Stallworth, several Board Members thanked them for their service to the Board during their tenure as Student Representatives and wished them continued success in their respective college careers.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, noted the upcoming National Teacher Day and thanked the Board for their recognition of such. Ms. Orgon stated the teachers will have a booth at the upcoming Lodi Street Fair on Sunday. Students can drop by (the booth) to write a note to teachers. She detailed the daily roles and responsibilities of teaching staff. She stated the teachers do not agree with the conceptual agreement. She said the group has offered to settle on salary and then write an MOU for the conceptual proposal.

Comments from Board Members

Ms. Cassel (*in reference to a public comment*) stated she would like additional information related to variable credits. She asked Superintendent Washer to provide additional information.

Mr. Knackstedt asked Superintendent Washer to provide additional information related to the advanced placement culture at Bear Creek High School.

Mr. Freitas recommended that we reach out to Assemblymember Susan Eggman asking for her support in an effort to acquire a state college in the surrounding area available for our students and community members.

Mr. Neely attended the Tokay High School *Comedy Sports* event, which featured teachers versus students. He cited this event as an example of the diversity of what is going on at the high schools.

Mr. Heberle reported that the Lodi Unified team won the regional Science Bowl and recently went to national competition in Washington DC. He noted the team has progressed to this level of competition nine times out of the last twelve years. He accompanied the team on this trip.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

REPORT

Proposed Board Policy Revisions

Dawn Vetica, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, presented a series of proposed Board policy revisions covering areas of students attendance, student directory information and student discipline. She stated the proposed changes would serve to clean up some language, reflect changes in law and make changes related to recommendations of the Office for Civil Rights.

Mr. Nava thanked Ms. Vetica for bringing forth the proposed changes. No further comments were made by Board or members or the audience. Ms. Vetica noted the proposed revisions will return as an action item at the next Board meeting.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

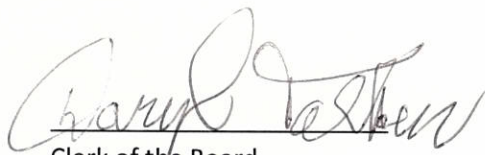
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Future Agenda Items

A few items for future agenda topics were mentioned under other sections of this agenda.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board