



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
January 14, 2014
Closed Session 5:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:15 p.m.

Board Members Present: Ms. Bonnie Cassel, President; Mr. Joe Nava, Vice-President; Ms. Ruth Davis, Clerk; Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Ron Heberle; Mr. George Neely; and Mr. Ralph Womack

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

Meeting Recorder: Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Board

Call to Order

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

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No comments were received at this time.

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 Cassel led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Cassel reported on the following actions taken in Closed Session:

- **CAHSEE Waivers** – Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve California High School Exit Exam Waivers for students 2013-14 #11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters** – Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the appointment of Mr. Randall Malandro as Coordinator of Assessment, Research and Evaluation, effective date TBD.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported that the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) will be on the agenda at the upcoming District English Language Learner Advisory Council (DELAC) meeting at 5:30 p.m. on January 23rd and the District Advisory Committee (DAC) meeting at 5:30 p.m. on January 30th. Both committees routinely meet at the JAESC. By doing LCAP meetings in conjunction with these two meetings, the District hopes to increase parent participation.

Dr. Washer reported the GOT Kids Talent Showcase auditions have concluded. The GOT Kids Board is currently in the process of obtaining professional judges with experience in the performing arts to judge the event on February 22, at McNair High School Theater.

Spotlight

The Junior League of San Joaquin County, in conjunction with the Crete Family Foundation, presented Lodi Unified School District with a check in the amount of \$52,323.86 to purchase iPads for two LUSD classrooms. The Junior League's goal is to improve literacy to 100 percent for 3rd graders in San Joaquin County.

Recognition

Elementary Physical Education teachers were recognized for taking third place, out of a field of over eighty entries, in the Lodi Chamber of Commerce Parade of Lights. The group performed their award-winning song to the tune of Jingle Bells and described their presentation from the December event.

Consent Agenda A

Ms. Ruth Davis pulled Item A-7 for the purpose of abstaining and Mr. Womack removed Item A-2 to request further information. No items were pulled by the public.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended:

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 Warrants
- Item A-5 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-6 Master Contract of California Department of Education Approved Supplemental Education Service (SES) Provider for 2013-14 school year
- Item A-8 Resolution 2014-02 Finding that Board Member Ruth Davis Was Absent From the December 10, 2013, Regular Board Meeting Due to Illness

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-2, Contracts List

Mr. Womack referred to item number five on the contracts list and questioned if the graduations at Spanos Center, at University of the Pacific, would be a regular expense and from which budget area would the funds come from. Dr. Washer stated the schools were asked and the response was that they wanted to continue graduation ceremonies at UOP. Ms. Vetica added that the Grape Bowl, after remodeling, now has less seating capacity. Ms. Vetica noted the expense is from the Specialized Secondary Programs budget.

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-2 Contracts List.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-7, Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, December 10, 2013

Ms. Davis stated she was ill and unable to attend this meeting, thus she will abstain from voting on the minutes from said meeting.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to approve Item A-7 Minutes of the Organizational Meeting, December 10, 2013:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Womack
Noes: None
Abstain: Davis

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Readmission: Student #12/13-7-54
Expulsion: Student #13/14-8-29
Expulsion: Student #13/14-11-30
Expulsion: Student #13/14-11-31
Expulsion: Student #13/14-9-32
Expulsion: Student #13/14-10-33
Expulsion: Student #13/14-10-34
Expulsion: Student #13/14-8-35
Expulsion: Student #13/14-7-36
Expulsion: Student #13/14-7-37
Expulsion: Student #13/14-7-38
Expulsion: Student #13/14-4-39
Expulsion: Student #13/14-12-40
Expulsion: Student #13/14-9-41
Expulsion: Student #13/14-12-42
Expulsion: Student #13/14-10-43
Expulsion: Student #13/14-11-44
Expulsion: Student #13/14-8-45
Expulsion: Student #13/14-8-46
Expulsion: Student #13/14-9-47
Readmission: Student #12/13-12-01
Readmission: Student #12/13-11-02
Readmission: Student #12/13-7-24
Readmission: Student #12/13-7-69
Readmission: Student #12/13-10-90

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

OTHER ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 2014-01 Acceptance of the Federal Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income Grant (CaPROMISE) In The Amount of \$1,693,209 and Authorization to Create a CaPROMISE Program

Resolution 2014-01 and an overview of the program and program objectives were presented by Karen Honkala, Program Specialist; Bill Saunders, Administrative Director, Special Services/SELPA; and Project WorkAbility Assistants, Debbie Van Zant, Melinda Baughman and Regina Williams. The objective of the program is to expand helping families and students with severe disabilities at poverty level to gain skills and knowledge to ready them for the work world. The program will seek to educate students and families, that by working, they will earn more money than could be received by relying on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or other government aid.

President Cassel thanked the presenters and asked Ms. Honkala how the funds would be utilized with the current programs. Ms. Honkala stated the funds would be used to enhance the current WorkAbility and TTP programs by providing community outreach and the additional employees that the would be generated from grant funds towards this endeavor.

Comments from the Public
None

Comments from Board
Mr. Freitas stated the award of this grant is both exciting for the District and for the entire community. You are changing lives. In reading the item attachment, he noted that few states qualified for the opportunity and in California the grant was split between only a handful of communities, which says a lot about the quality of the application.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2014-01 Acceptance of the Federal Promoting the Readiness of Minors in Supplemental Security Income Grant (CaPROMISE) In The Amount of \$1,693,209.00 and Authorization to Create a CaPROMISE Program.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Resolution 2014-03, of the Lodi Unified School District, Approving the Forms of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Site Lease, a Lease/Purchase Agreement, and an Escrow Agreement, and Authorizing Certain Additional Actions

Mr. Hern explained that, as the Capital Facilities Corporation has approved this request, staff is asking the Board to approve the same Resolution to refinance the Certificates of Participation for a better interest rate. This will amount to a savings of approximately \$60,000 per year and over a million dollars for the life of the certificates.

Comments from Board
Mr. Womack commented that it is good business to look for ways to save dollars.

Comments from the Public
None

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2014-03, of the Lodi Unified School District, Approving the Forms of and Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of a Site Lease, a Lease/Purchase Agreement, and an Escrow Agreement, and Authorizing Certain Additional Actions

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

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

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

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Elizabeth Orgon, Lodi High School and Amanda Sieglock, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

None

Comments from Employee Groups

Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association, invited the Board to the annual Delta Service center dinner on February 27th at the Stockton Hilton. He reported that sixty LUSD teachers attended the Good Teaching Conference in San Jose over the weekend. He commented regarding the Governor's released budget and the impact of Prop 98, and asked that the Board restore salaries and work year of teachers to make them whole.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Neely commented on Dr. Washer's report regarding dates for future Local Control Accountability Planning sessions and asked if any were planned for north Stockton. Dr. Washer stated that the LCAP sessions are being linked to parent meetings and the groups have an established meeting location of the JAESC. Mr. Neely asked about a grant writer. Dr. Washer stated that currently grant writing is contracted for on an as-needed basis, such as was the case with the after school grant process.

Mr. Womack reported on the somber subject of the upcoming anniversary of the Cleveland School shooting and wants the dialogue to continue towards safe campuses, due diligence on training school site staff and to recognize the signs of troubled students early on and seek intervention. He wants to promote wrap-around services and promotes K-3 interventions as a starting point for the rest of the students' academic careers.

Mr. Heberle commented on the changing financial times and wanted to make sure attention is paid to fully restoring classrooms, when restoring other things. He commented that half the year is already gone and wished a Happy New Year including health, happiness and success to employees and students.

Mr. Nava noted that Tokay High School graduate, Julius Thomas, is playing for the Denver Broncos and to look for #80 in the upcoming game.

Ms. Cassel stated she is delighted to be president and has a positive attitude along with the excellent team working to common good to students under the District's care. She stated the District has challenges including Common Core Standards, Local Control Funding Formula, new rules, etc. She looks forward to the new year with anticipation of great success.

Comments from the Superintendent

None

REPORT

Aspire Public Schools Annual Student Achievement Report

Ms. Catherine Pennington, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, introduced the team from Aspire Public Schools: Mary Welch; Karl Fachner; Kris Jameson; and Jeff Palmquist. The report included highlights of Aspire's 360 teacher evaluation model, college for certain culture, teacher residency mentor program, etc.

Mr. Cassel asked how 100% of their graduating seniors are accepted to four-year institutions. Mr. Palmquist said they have a process for early intervention to keep students on track and to keep students on goal. Intervention occurs within the school day. When a student slips off track, staff knows immediately and the team works to get the student back on track. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

None

Ms. Cassel thanked the presenters and stated that LUSD is proud of its association with Aspire Public Schools.

Vincent Shalvey Academy Charter Renewal

The same team from the previous Report Item presented this report regarding charter renewal for the Vincent Shalvey Academy. The academy has been in operation for fifteen years and asked for its third renewal to continue operation within the boundaries of Lodi Unified School District. The team assured the Board that Vincent Shalvey Academy meets the legal requirements for renewal as set forth in Ed. Code 47607.


The item will return as an Action Item on the Board of Education agenda on February 4, 2014.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board