



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 1, 2022
Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Susan Macfarlane, President; Mr. Courtney Porter, Vice-President; Mr. George Neely, Clerk; Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Ron Heberle; Mr. Gary Knackstedt (via teleconference); and Mr. Joe Nava

Teleconference Location: 3323 Larchmont Drive, Stockton, CA 95209

Administrative Staff: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

Student Representatives: Ms. Marissa Duterte, McNair High School, and Ms. Taylor Willis, Tokay High School

Meeting Recorder: Mrs. Michelle Armstrong, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

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, and broadcast on YouTube.

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 7:05 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Mr. Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Macfarlane reported the following action was taken in Closed Session:

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Placement of 2021-2022 Non-Public School Students (New) numbers 109 and 111.

Comments from the Public

Susan Heberle, Community Member, congratulated the Board for the new construction at Lodi High School and spoke about her opinion and desire to save public education.

Emily Mahoney, Community Member, spoke about her experience of being a paraeducator and her opinion of being terminated.

Reiss Mahoney, Community Member, quoted a verse from the Bible and spoke about the employment termination of his wife, Emily Mahoney.

Anne Rogers, Community Member, displayed the front page of *The Record* showing that the mask mandates are lifted and requested Board to allow kids to not wear masks after spring break.

Carli Glock, Parent, spoke about her experience with school site COVID-19 protocols and her frustrations with not being allowed to be on-site or involved in the classroom.

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Marissa Duterte, McNair High School, and Ms. Taylor Willis, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer congratulated Tokay High School's Robotic Team for being selected to represent the District at the Northern California Regional Championship of the Robotics Education & Competition Foundation (REC). She congratulated Lodi High School, Mr. Kahn, staff, and Chelsea Vongehr, Public Information Officer/Grant Writer, on a very successful ribbon cutting ceremony and the McNair High School culinary students who provided delicious treats for the event. Dr. Washer thanked the Board members who participated in the successful GOT Kids Crab Feed Fundraiser. She commented on the Governor Newsom's mask mandate being lifted starting March 11 and looks forward to everyone having the choice to mask after students return from spring break.

Mr. Heberle commented on his frustration with the delay of lifting the mask mandate and the decisions by the State of California during the whole pandemic.

Mr. Neely asked that staff research why parents are not being allowed on campus.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled Item A-1 and Mr. Heberle pulled Item A-3 for discussion.

Item A-2 K-8 Math Curriculum Adoption

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely 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-1 Contracts List

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, questioned the agreement with Air Tutors LLC and asked if the District is outsourcing and if there is an estimate of students it would serve.

Staff stated they will get the requested information for Ms. Orgon at another time.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-Contracts Lists.

Item A-3 9-12 Math Curriculum Adoption

Mr. Heberle and Mr. Porter stated they were surprised to see the 9-12 Math Curriculum on as an action item due to the negative reaction from teachers, Board Members, and staff from a previous meeting.

Mr. Freitas asked Robert Sahli, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, if he recommends changing the curriculum. Dr. Sahli stated it is an opportunity to upgrade the curriculum to a more current program with digital access for students and to utilize ESSER funds to purchase. He commented on the math data over the past 6-7 years that doesn't show growth. Discussion ensued.

President Macfarlane asked if more than one curriculum can be offered to better fit each school site. Dr. Sahli stated it is possible but he doesn't recommend having different curriculum at school sites because of the difficulties of when or if a student or teacher transfers schools.

Mr. Porter questioned whether math is struggling and feels that the decision shouldn't be based on dollars but what the students' needs are.

Mr. Neely commented on the history of curriculum adoption and said it is the teachers who make the difference because the curriculum is only a tool.

Mr. Nava asked how many math teachers were involved with the selection. Dr. Sahli replied stating nine math teachers are on the Curriculum Council. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Freitas suggested adopting the curriculum at two high schools who want it and leave the old curriculum at the other schools.

Public Comment

Lori Beffa, Teacher, McNair High School
Anne King, Teacher, Tokay High School
Jennifer Cassel, Teacher & Curriculum Council Member
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association
Tammy Naylor, Math Instructional Coach
Susan Heberle, Community Member

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted to postpone Item A-3 9-12 Math Curriculum Adoption, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously no.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Proposed Revisions to Rule 6142.7 Physical Education and Activity to Identify Athletic Exemption Criteria

Robert Sahli, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, presented the proposed revisions to Rule 6142.7 for Board consideration. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Neely and Mr. Freitas would like a resolution to be sent to the State Board of Education.

Mr. Heberle pointed out that this revision does not include club sports. Discussion ensued

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Heberle seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Proposed Revisions to Rule 6142.7 Physical Education and Activity to identify Athletic Exemption Criteria.

Item OAI-2 Second Interim Financial Report

Mr. Kahn and Adina Andris, Director, Budget, presented the Second Interim Financial Report, explaining to Board that the District has experienced significant decline in enrollment and the projected average daily attendance (ADA) for 2021-22 is at 24,807 ADA; however, funding is held harmless at 26,727 ADA. Mrs. Andris stated that the District will lose the protection of Hold Harmless state funding in 2022-2023, putting the District into an on-going structural deficit. Mr. Kahn explained that the projected structured deficit beginning in fiscal year 2022-23. Discussion ensued.

No public comments were received.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Second Interim Financial Report.

Item OAI-3 Approval of Resolution 2022-23 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Virtual/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

Superintendent Washer presented the resolution for Board consideration. She explained that this is a required resolution as protection for the Board to hold virtual meetings or have Board members virtual because of the current state of emergency with COVID-19, if necessary. Dr. Washer stated it will need to be renewed every thirty days.

No public comments were received.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Approval of Resolution 2022-23 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Virtual/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361.

Personnel Matters

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

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Porter pointed out that a close friend is leaving the District.

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

Reports

Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 5127 from the Special Education Department

Paul Warren, Administrative Director, Student Services/SELPA, presented the revisions to Board Policy 5127 for Board consideration.

No Board comments were received.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke about Read Across America and how teachers are working on report cards and grading before kids go on spring break.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Nava thanked Carlos Villafana, Principal, Joe Serna, for his time at his position and congratulated him for accepting a teaching position.

Mr. Neely spoke about 60-day substitutes and long-term substitutes. He commented on the Lodi High Ribbon Cutting Ceremony and thanked everyone involved.

Mr. Freitas thanked staff and anyone who was involved in the ribbon cutting.

President Macfarlane thanked Dr. Washer for her comments about the mask mandates and commented on the barriers the Board faced in some situations.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Board Member Advisory Reports

No reports were presented.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board