



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

### OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 15, 2017

Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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**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. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer; and Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

**Student Representative:** Ms. Melissa Ann Bongcaron, Ronald E. McNair High School and Ms. Jasmine Villanueva, 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 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 7:17 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Heberle led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Closed Session

President Heberle reported that no action was taken during Closed Session.

#### Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer reported that the Lodi Community Hall of Fame recently announced their 2017 award recipients. Two of the recipients: the Diede family, who are friends to the district and generous benefactors and Instructor, Janine Jacinto, whose contributions to education include a running club and lessons in environmental education. The Diede family and Ms. Jacinto will be honored at a dinner hosted by the Lodi Boys and Girls Club on October 28, when they will be inducted into the Lodi Hall of Fame. Dr. Washer announced that the District is hosting a district-wide art contest for students in grades 7-12, to be conducted in April. Student artwork will be showcased at the Elkhorn Golf Club located in Stockton. She announced that we are ready to roll out our idea for a film competition based

on the "Simple Act of Kindness" campaign with Joey Travolta's Inclusion Films. Five student entries will be selected as winners and students will receive the experience of filming, directing, and editing their film with Mr. Travolta.

### **Comments From The Public**

Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan School, thanked those involved for putting a (Lodi Education Association) contract out that everyone can agree to and utilize.

Chris Herrington, Teacher, Morada School, addressed the Board regarding his passion for the teaching profession and explained recent challenges with the District's math curriculum and Math 180 intervention classes. He also asked for Board members to address the current system in place in the Personnel Department regarding the credential pre-approval process and customer service.

### **Consent Agenda A, Routine Business**

Mr. Neely asked to remove Items A-1 and A-7 from Consent Agenda A. No items were removed by the public.

- Item A-2 Purchase Order Detail Report 6/1/2017 through 6/30/2017 for Fiscal Year 2016/2017
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report 6/1/2017 through 6/30/2017 for Fiscal Year 2017/2018
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report 7/1/2017 through 7/31/2017 for Fiscal Year 2017/2018
- Item A-5 Warrant Report
- Item A-6 Contracts List
- Item A-8 Resolution 2017-55 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for Prop 39 Year 3 Lighting Retrofit Services for Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School Project No. 6230-6550
- Item A-9 Resolution 2017-56 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Bear Creek High School Painting Project No. 0903-8202
- Item A-10 Resolution 2017-57 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Ronald McNair High School Painting Project No. 0903-8203
- Item A-11 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of August 1, 2017
- Item A-12 Proposed Board Policy Revisions

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended.

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

### **Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget**

Mr. Neely referenced the Learning Communities for School Success Program item on the Budget Revisions section (page two) of the agenda item and inquired as to the total amount of the grant. Ms. Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, responded that the amount of the grant is \$1.75 million. Mr. Neely inquired as to the number of community liaisons that will be hired and what school sites they will cover. Dr. Washer responded that the program will cover most of the Stockton area school sites.

Mr. Neely moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget.



The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

**Item A-7 Approval of Construction Project Change Orders for Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School Roofing Project No. 0904-8204**

Mr. Neely asked why the increase in costs for roof sheeting were not in the original project costs and included when bidding against other contractors. He noted the increase is thirty-nine percent above the cost of the project bid. Mr. Neely asked for a report back on what happened, who approved it and what work was completed.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Freitas seconded to deny the motion. Discussion ensued. Mr. Freitas cited a problem not with the roofing company, but with the District's process. Ms. Cassel asked Mr. Kahn to look into what the District would face for non-payment or delayed payment and she would like a detailed explanation of the costs.

Dr. Talken asked that Mr. Neely and Mr. Freitas withdraw their motion to deny and that the Board take action on Item A-7.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Nava seconded to table Consent Agenda A, Item A-7, and the Board voted, by voice vote, as follows:

Ayes:	Cassel; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely and Talken	
Noes:	Freitas	
Absent:	None	
Abstain:	None	Motion Carried

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

**Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases**

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #17/18-11-01
- Item B-2 Admission: Student #17/18-10-A01
- Item B-3 Readmission: Student #15/16-9-11
- Item B-4 Readmission: Student #15/16-8-43
- Item B-5 Readmission: Student #13/14-8-79

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases.

**Other Action Items**

**Item OAI-1 Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group**

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the tentative agreement for Board consideration.

No discussion or comments from the public were received.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Item OAI-1 Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group.

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

## **Personnel Matters**

Mr. McKilligan presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

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

## **Comments**

### **Comments from Student Representatives**

Melissa Ann Bongcaron, Ronald E. McNair High School and Jasmine Villanueva, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

As this was the first Board of Education meeting for Student Representatives Bongcaron and Villanueva, they shared information about themselves, including future aspirations.

### **Comments from Employee Groups**

John Hunt, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), commented that school psychologists are currently in better shape and presented Board with some historical LPPA negotiation data from 1983. He went on to comment that high school counselors currently have caseloads that exceed 550. He would like to have a conversation about what formula goes into the conversion of numbers to establish counselor to student ratios.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), spoke regarding how teachers are getting ready for the start of school and for the recent and successful Teacher Boot Camp. Ms. Orgon thanked Dr. Washer for the dialogue about classroom temperature set points and for the parent survey. She is not in favor of teachers having to discuss the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) during Back to School events. She spoke about the information gathering process for LCAP and noted LEA is excited about moving forward with the possibility of collaboration to make real change on how we spend our money and to invest wisely in our students.

### **Comments from Board Members**

Mr. Neely spoke of visiting several schools during the first week of school and presented an idea regarding physical education and the best use of instructional time. He gave accolades to the back-to-school events he attended. Mr. Neely spoke of the recent events in Charlottesville, North Carolina and noted we cannot allow this kind of hatred in our area, especially in our schools. He would like the Board to consider a resolution denouncing white supremacist groups.

Mr. Freitas agreed with Mr. Neely's comments.

Ms. Cassel voiced her support for Mr. Neely's comments and thanked Dr. Washer for her contributions to the "Simple Acts of Kindness" campaign. Ms. Cassel reported that an old oak tree, perhaps 200 to 300 years old, lost several massive branches recently on the Davis Elementary School campus. She gave accolades to Davis School Principal, Damon Auchard, for pointing out to KCRA News that everyone who ever attended Davis School went to school around that tree, as the school was actually built around that tree. Ms. Cassel noted that Mitch Slater, Director, Maintenance & Operations, stated he would have an



item made from the tree as a remembrance for the school site. Ms. Cassel issued a warm welcome to the two student representatives attending their first Board of Education meeting.

Mr. Heberle attended several back-to-school events. He voiced concern about the discussion of LCAP during such events, however he also wants the LCAP process to be as inclusive as possible. To that end, he noted the California School Boards Association (CSBA) has information related to best practices, which includes student representatives' participation. He asked that staff continue to work with school sites regarding air conditioning set points and does not believe there should be a district-wide blanket policy on set points. Mr. Heberle spoke of DreamBox (a math enrichment program) with hopes that the glitches will be overcome and implementation will refine it to be a usable product.

#### **Comments from the Superintendent**

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

### **Reports**

#### **Historical Enrollment Report**

Chief Business Officer, Leonard Kahn, presented a snapshot of current District enrollment for the first week of school and compared that with a three-year perspective. Mr. Kahn noted that the October CBEDS (California Basic Educational Data System) will give a better picture of enrollment. He added that it appears enrollment is holding course in the upper grade levels and dropping in the primary grades.

No Board, student or public comments were received.

#### **Report on Funding Through the Entitlements for the 2017-18 One-Time Funds for Outstanding Mandate Claims**

Chief Business Officer, Leonard Kahn, presented a chart referencing the current balances of one-time monies.

No Board, student or public comments were received.

#### **Board Advisory Committee Reports**

No committee reports were received.

### **Board Discussion**

#### **Start of School**

Mr. Neely asked for this item to provide means to discuss the start of the 2017-2018 school year. Discussion ensued on a variety of topics related to the start of school.

#### **Public Comments**

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association; Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School; John Hunt, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association; Rebecca Pisano, Teacher, Creekside Elementary School

### **Future Agenda Items**

Mr. Neely suggested a resolution to denounce white supremacy.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
President of the Board