



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 3, 2016

Closed Session 6:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Student Representatives: Mr. Dominic Hummel, Lodi High School and Mr. Roman Romero, Ronald E. McNair High School

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Board

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 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 7:04 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Freitas led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Students:**

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2015-16 #105, 106, 107 and 108.

- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Hillary Harrell as High School Principal, Bear Creek High School, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Talken, Womack

No: Neely

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Spotlight

Students from Julia Morgan Elementary School performed a short skit to support their school pledge in conjunction with Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS). The Julia Morgan ukulele group then joined them for a rendition of the school's Mustang song.

Recognition

First Place Winners from the Annual Superintendent's Poetry Contest

First place recipients Kaia Rivera, Destiny Simmons and Ava Clark were present to read their winning poems. Dr. Washer noted that the contest, in its sixth year, garnered close to 2000 entries. She thanked the students who participated and the parents and teachers who helped them. She acknowledged Professor Robert Stanley, California State University, Sacramento, who helped with the judging for the upper grades.

Proclamation for Day of the Teacher, May 11, 2016

President Freitas recited the proclamation and then presented it to Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association.

2016-2017 Teacher of the Year

The Lodi Unified School District 2016-2017 Teacher of the Year award was presented to Adrianne Go-Miller, Teacher, Elkhorn School. Ms. Go-Miller is also among the top five finalists for San Joaquin County Teacher of the Year.

2016 Classified Employee of the Year

It was announced that Sandy Cunningham, Principal Secretary, Larson Elementary School, is the Lodi Unified School District 2016 Classified Employee of the Year.

Morada Middle School – 2nd National Award

On April 15th, Morada Middle School placed first in the 14th Annual Garrett Morgan Sustainable Transportation Competition for their Grape Stomp Bio-Fuel Project. The winning team was led by their teacher, Michael Hurst, and sponsored by the California Transportation Department (Caltrans). The team will be recognized at the annual Mineta Transportation Institute Awards Banquet in San Jose where they will receive a plaque and a \$1,000 check for their classroom.

Tokay High School – Science Bowl Recognitions

Susan Heberle, Science Bowl Coach, introduced Science Bowl students that were present for recognition. She detailed the team's course from double elimination to taking second place at the Science Bowl championships.

Ronald E. McNair High School – Science Olympiad

Jim Davis, Principal, Ronald McNair High School, announced the students that were present for recognition as members of the McNair Science Olympiad team.

Tokay High School – Science Olympiad

Sue McFarland, Teacher and Science Olympiad Coach, Tokay High School, introduced the Science Olympiad students that were present. She explained the long hours of practice required of the students participating.

Lodi High School – Skills USA Leadership and Skills Championships

Paul Guthrie, Teacher and Skills USA Advisor, introduced the Skills USA students that were present and shared their college selections and future aspirations. Mr. Guthrie described the dedication it takes to make it to the state championships. Board members acknowledged and thanked Mr. Guthrie for his dedication to the team.

Ronald E. McNair High School – HOSA State Leadership Conference

Jim Davis, Principal, Ronald E. McNair High School, announced that Elaine Zhang received the 3rd Place Medal in Job Seeking Skills at the HOSA (Health Occupation Students of America) State Leadership Conference.

Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer announced that Araceli Ramirez, Teacher, Ronald McNair High School, has been chosen as the San Joaquin A+ Teacher of the Year. Ms. Ramirez will represent Lodi Unified School District at the upcoming San Joaquin A+ banquet. Dr. Washer reported that Lincoln Technical Academy has met their WASC accreditation goal. The commission granted a six-year accreditation status, with a mid-cycle one-day visit, through June 30, 2022. This is the highest accreditation award possible from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). She announced that this is the last Board of Education meeting for our two Student Representatives.

Comments from the Public

Jonathan Lopez, Outreach Director, San Joaquin County Pride Center, stated the center appreciates the working relationship with district administration and the various schools sites within the district and asked for support of various ideas for increasing services to LGBT students by utilizing Local Control and Accountability Plan resources.

Ann Swehla Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, thanked the Board for the one-time money that was allocated to the school sites. She said the money at her school was used for additional classroom supplies, art supplies, educational tools for the kindergarten classroom and many other items. She thanked Board for conducting their meeting at Julia Morgan School.

Mike Lynn, Grandparent, spoke about an incident at Reese Elementary School regarding an incentive-based field trip and three students that were not able to take part in the trip, one of which was his grandson. He distributed a letter to Dr. Washer and Board members to provide additional details regarding the issue.

Consent Agenda A

Ms. Cassel pulled Item A-7. No items were removed from the public.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board members voted unanimously by voice roll call vote to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended:

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, April 19, 2016
- Item A-4 Declaration of Obsolete Textbooks
- Item A-5 Special Education Textbook Adoptions
- Item A-6 Introductory Horticulture Textbook Adoption
- Item A-8 Textbook Adoptions for Agriculture Courses of Study

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-7 The Dynamic Literacy of Patient Care Course of Study and Textbook Adoption

Ms. Cassel pulled this item to comment on it as a fine example of Career Technical Education. She noted this group of literature promotes compassion and empathy for students contemplating a career in health related fields. Ms. Cassel asked who compiled the list of literature. Dawn Vetica, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, answered that David Yee, Teacher, Ronald E. McNair High School, developed and promoted the list.

Ms. Cassel motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-7 The Dynamic Literacy of Patient Care Course of Study and Textbook Adoption by voice roll call vote.

The Student Representative vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B Student Discipline Cases by voice roll call vote.

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #15/16-8-73
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #15/16-7-74
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #15/16-9-75
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #15/16-12-76
- Item B-5 Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-77
- Item B-6 Readmission: Student #14/15-9-43
- Item B-7 Readmission: Student #14/15-9-48
- Item B-8 Readmission: Student #14/15-9-69
- Item B-9 Readmission: Student #15/16-11-31

Personnel Matters

Mr. McKilligan presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters by a voice roll call vote.

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Dominic Hummel, Lodi High School and Roman Romero, Ronald E. McNair High School, presented reports from their respective high schools. Both students reflected on their final meeting and post-graduation plans. Board members thanked them for their service.

Comments from Employee Groups

None

Comments from the Board

Mr. Neely reflected on Teacher Appreciation Week and noted it takes a special person to be a teacher and it is not only a profession, but it becomes a way of life. He announced that if teachers sign up with GoFundMe by Friday, GoFundMe will match all donations. Mr. Neely noted that there are still funds available for teachers to request through the GOT Kids grant process.

Mr. Womack congratulated all those who were recognized during the evening. He read from an article in *The Record* stating that Ruth McMaster, Principal, Creekside Elementary School, challenged her students, saying she would kiss a pig if they read 30 million words. The students accomplished the reading challenge and Ms. McMaster kissed the pig. He congratulated the staff of Lincoln Technical Academy on their six-year WASC accreditation. Mr. Womack thanked the Student Representatives for their service to the Board during their tenure.

Mr. Freitas thanked Dr. Washer and staff for facilitating the Board meeting in Stockton.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were presented.

Future Agenda Items


No items for future agendas were discussed; however, Mr. Heberle asked that the Friday communication memo indicate future agenda items.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m. and the Board returned to continue Closed Session.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board