



**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION**

December 8, 2015

Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:15 p.m.

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

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

Student Representatives: Ms. Anna Knezovich, Bear Creek High School and Ms. Julia Coon, Tokay High School

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Valerie McFee, 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.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

A parent spoke regarding a Closed Session student matter.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:15 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Nava led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Student Placements** – Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2015-16 numbers 89, 90 and 91.

Recognition

Mr. George Neely, Vice President, presented an award to President Nava on behalf of the Board of Education in recognition of his 2015 presidential leadership and service to Lodi Unified School District.

Board Organization – Election of Officers

President: Mr. Nava nominated Mr. Freitas. The motion was seconded by Mr. Neely. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Freitas as President was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Vice President: Dr. Talken nominated Mr. Heberle. The motion was seconded. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Heberle as Vice President was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Clerk: Dr. Talken nominated Mr. Womack. The motion was seconded. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Womack as Clerk was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Recess

There was a brief recess to allow newly elected officers to be seated.

Board Organization – Calendar of Meetings

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the 2016 Calendar of Board Meetings as presented.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Board Organization – Board Committee Appointments

President Freitas asked for volunteers for the Board sub-committees.

The appointments were as follows:

Board Audit Review Committee: Mr. Heberle; Dr. Talken; Mr. Womack
City of Lodi 2x2: Mr. Neely; Mr. Heberle
City of Stockton 2x2: Mr. Nava; Mr. Womack
City of Stockton Parks & Recreation Commission: Mr. Nava
Energy Conservation Committee: Ms. Cassel; Mr. Freitas; Dr. Talken
Joe Serna Jr. Charter Advisory Committee: Mr. Heberle
San Joaquin County School Boards Association: Mr. Nava

Board Organization – CSBA Delegate Assembly

President Freitas explained the election/nomination process for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, noting there are four empty seats in Region 8-A, San Joaquin County, that are available for nomination and the corresponding CSBA election procedures. Mr. Freitas explained that Mr. Womack's term will expire on March 31, 2016. The term for Mr. Heberle and Mr. Neely runs through March of 2017.

Mr. Womack declined the nomination. No Lodi USD Board Members were nominated to take part in the California School Boards Association's 2016 Delegate Assembly election.

Recognition

Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO, recognized Nancy Rostomily, Director of Nutrition Services and the Nutrition Services Department, as the proud recipients of the Center for Ecoliteracy's 2015 Leadership and Innovation Award. *California Food for California Kids* awards recognize districts and leaders in the movement to incorporate fresh, seasonal food in school meals.

Public Hearings

Local Plan for Educator Effectiveness Funds

President Freitas declared the public hearing "Local Plan for Educator Effectiveness Funds" open. Ms. Kotowski explained the program.

Mr. Heberle inquired as to the professional development categories with regards to Career and Technical Education (CTE) and (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) STEM, which are Board goals. Ms. Kotowski will provide a breakdown of professional growth opportunities, as requested.

Mr. Neely commented regarding a professional growth program he recently viewed at the California School Boards Association conference. He noted that with this product teachers can choose from thousands of lessons and videos available to design their own professional growth program that best fits their individual needs. Mr. Neely will provide additional information to staff regarding this product.

Public Comments

No public comments were received.

The public hearing was declared closed.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported that the District has started the process to adopt the new English Language Arts and English Language Development program for the District. The program is based on the new framework from the state. A committee of teachers is reviewing materials and will be making a recommendation in the spring. This is a huge effort for the District in terms of Professional Development and in terms of purchasing materials. She also reminded Board about the GOT Kids Crab Feed on January 16th and tickets are available for \$45.00.

Consent Agenda A

President Freitas asked to remove items A-6; A-7 and A-8 for the purpose of abstaining. No other items were removed by the Board or public.

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

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-3 Contracts List
- Item A-4 Warrants
- Item A-5 Resolution 2015-50 Award of Request for Proposal for Food Grade Preparation and Packaging Materials
- Item A-9 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-10 Resolution 2015-51 to Authorize Signer of Grant Deed Related to Aspire Public Schools Refunding of the 2005 Certificates of Participation

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-6, Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 17, 2015

Item A-7, Minutes of the Special Meeting, November 24, 2015

Item A-8, Resolution 2015-49 Finding that Board Member Ron Freitas

Was Absent From The November 17, 2015, Regular Board Meeting and the November 24, 2015, Special Board Meeting Due to a Hardship Deemed Acceptable by The Board

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to approve Item A-6, Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 17, 2015; Item A-7, Minutes of the Special Meeting, November 24, 2015; and Item A-8, Resolution 2015-49 Finding that Board Member Ron Freitas Was Absent From The November 17, 2015, Regular Board Meeting and the November 24, 2015, Special Board Meeting Due to a Hardship Deemed Acceptable by The Board, as follows:

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

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-23
Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-24
Expulsion: Student #15/16-11-25
Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-26
Expulsion: Student #15/16-11-27
Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-29
Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-30
Expulsion: Student #15/16-11-31
Expulsion: Student #15/16-12-32
Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-33
Expulsion: Student #15/16-11-34
Expulsion: Student #15/16-11-35
Expulsion: Student #15/16-9-36
Admission: Student #15/16-6-A1
Readmission: Student #14/15-8-37
Readmission: Student #14/15-8-72
Readmission: Student #14/15-7-85
Readmission: Student #14/15-9-109

Mr. Nava motioned to approve Consent Agenda B Student Discipline Cases. Mr. Neely asked for an amendment to Mr. Nava's motion to remove Student #15/16-9-28 for a separate vote. Mr. Nava agreed to the amendment.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board Members voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, with the exception of "Expulsion: Student #15/16-9-28".

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board Members voted, by voice vote, to approve "Expulsion: Student #15/16-9-28" by the following vote:

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

Motion carried

Other Action Items

2015-16 First Interim Financial Report

Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO and Angel Murnan, Director of Budgets, presented the First Interim Financial Report of 2015-16. The report was discussed. Mr. Neely noted gap funding and that Governor Brown takes back an estimated 68 percent of funding. Mr. Womack related that at the recent California School Board Association's conference emphasized financial uncertainties facing districts, including the STRS/PERS funding issues and the suggestion that districts complete five to six year budget projections. Ms. Cassel noted the report reflected the increase in services to children.

Public Comments
None

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the 2015-16 First Interim Financial Report.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Projects for the Consideration of Funding Through the Entitlements for the 2015-16 One-Time Funds for Outstanding Mandate Claims (\$14,162,187)

Dr. Washer explained that this item is a follow-up to the Special Board Meeting on this topic. She made three documents available to start the discussion.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Nava seconded, to approve the first two sections of the document entitled "Staff Recommendations". Discussion ensued.

Mr. Neely asked for an amendment related to inclusion of the \$2.5 million, the motion failed for lack of a second.

Public comments

Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA); Dr. Scott Keithley, Community Member;
Susan Heberle, Community Member

Dr. Talken repeated the motion (to approve the first two sections of the third document entitled "Staff Recommendations"), Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, as follows:

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

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Discussion continued regarding space utilization at Lodi High School and options related to moving the Maintenance & Operations Department.

Mr. Heberle noted that \$2.5 million remained available and asked that it be used for immediate betterment of facilities and instruction of children.

Mr. Heberle motioned to utilize the \$2.5 million to address those items listed "below the line" on the "Staff Recommendation" and "Synthesis" sheets, as funds are available.

Mr. Womack offered a friendly amendment related to the "Synthesis" page to add an additional line below the line and increase facilities, as needed, to accomplish more. Mr. Heberle accepted the friendly amendment. The vote on the friendly amendment was as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Womack, Talken

Noes: Nava, Neely

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion (amendment) carried

Mr. Heberle motioned, it was seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to spend the additional \$2.5 million, on the items identified on "Staff Recommendation" and "Synthesis" on all items with the exception of funds to move the Maintenance & Operations Department.

Ayes: Cassel, Heberle, Neely, Womack, Talken

Noes: Nava, Freitas

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Mr. McKilligan presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Anna Knezovich, Bear Creek High School and Julia Coon, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

John Gobel, Parent, Tokay High School, requested reimbursement from the District for funds he and fellow Tokay High School parents expended to fix the Tokay High School baseball diamond.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77, congratulated the newly elected Board of Education officers. She reflected on the past year and on her first year of a two-year term as CSEA President. She is looking forward to future accomplishments in the coming year.

Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), congratulated the newly elected officers to the Board. He reminded Board Members to RSVP to the LEA dinner in the coming week. He noted LEA will host Eric Heins, President, California Teachers Association, in the coming week. Mr. Heins will visit several schools to view Lodi USD programs.

Comments from the Board

He congratulated the newly elected President, Vice President and Clerk to the Board. Mr. Neely attended the California School Boards Association (CSBA) conference recently and noted he attended seminars on the following topics: schools and cities working together for the betterment of students; low performing schools with districts making significant improvements; bond measures; family resource centers; and professional development.

Mr. Womack also attended the CSBA conference. He noted a way to generate parent involvement might be to call a town hall meeting. Other seminars included information on alternatives to suspensions and the reserve cap/unfunded costs.

Ms. Cassel congratulated the newly elected officers. She referenced the two student representatives to the Board and noted the opportunities open to women of this generation. She wished everyone a lovely and peaceful holiday season.

Mr. Nava congratulated Mr. Freitas, Mr. Heberle and Mr. Womack on their respective offices.

Mr. Heberle commented that the District's 6-8 Science Committee should be a committee of experts in grades 6-12. He also asked for continued updates regarding the progress of the committee.

Mr. Freitas noted he is excited for the upcoming challenges and opportunities, as we work toward offering the best opportunities for our students. He thanked the Board for the vote of confidence in the position of president. He recognized Leslie Maldonado, Principal, Larson Elementary School, and Elodia Lampkin, Assistant Superintendent, in their handling of the recent bomb threat at Larson School. He wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Reports

Update on the Issue of Changing the High School Daily Schedule to Start Later in the Morning and End Later in the Afternoon

Dr. Washer outlined three options for consideration: 1) change daily schedule for high schools only; 2) change daily schedules for all schools; 3) add a seventh period to the current high school schedule to provide additional scheduling options; and 4) keep the current schedules in place. She noted that a staff and student survey have been completed thus far. If there is interest from the Board, staff will pursue avenues for parent input.

Discussion ensued. Mr. Nava would like input from parents. Mr. Neely referenced data from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) advocating for a later start time.

Mr. Womack noted that the concept did not come up during Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) information gathering. He noted his appreciation to Dr. Keithley for bringing the matter before the Board; however he does not support changing high school start times and he does not advocate for spending any additional time on the topic.

Dr. Talken voiced support for the option of including a seventh period to the high school schedules to allow flexibility.

Mr. Freitas voiced support for the implementation of later start times. Mr. Neely asked what the cost would be to move all schedules the same amount of time. Mr. Hern answered to move all schedules the same amount of time would result in no cost increase.

Ms. Cassel and Mr. Nava asked for parent input. Mr. Freitas related to Dr. Washer that the majority of the Board would like staff to continue the process.

Public Comments

Scott Keithley, Community Member; Susan Heberle, Community Member; Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association; Erik Sandstrom, Principal, Tokay High School; John Hunt, School Counselor, Tokay High School/President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association

Proposed Board Policy Revisions

Dr. Washer presented the proposed revisions. She noted that Exhibit 5145.6 will be pulled from the list for additional changes.

Ms. Cassel asked for clarification Policy 6146 in regards to the required number of years of English.

Ms. Vetica noted that Lodi Unified requires four years of English versus the state, which only requires three years. Ms. Vetica will make the revision, as the recent change in the Exit Exam has also prompted a change in Policy 6146.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were presented.

Future Agenda Items

No future agenda items were presented.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board