



MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

December 14, 2021

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

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

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

Student Representatives: Marissa Duterte, McNair High School and 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 Educational Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA 95240 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 7:00 p.m. and attendance was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Representative, Taylor Willis.

Closed Session

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

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Christina Halsey as Elementary Principal at Woodbridge Elementary, effective date, TBD.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Gina Lopez as Elementary Principal, effective 2021/2022 school year, location TBD.

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Settlement Agreement of OAH Cases No. 2021090853 and 20211110762.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of 2021-2022 Non-Public School New Students numbers 103, 104, 105, and 106.

Recognition

Paula Calderon, 2nd Vice President, and Patricia Gurecki, Chapter Public Relations Officer, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi, Chapter #77, presented the "Boss of the Year" Award to Eric Collins, Principal, John Muir Elementary School.

President Freitas post humously presented the Lodi USD Golden Quill Award to Will Heryford's wife, Tina Heryford, and son, Andrew Heryford.

Susan Macfarlane, Vice President, presented an award to President Ron Freitas on behalf of the Board of Education in recognition for his year of service to the Lodi Unified School District Board of Education as the 2021 President.

Board Organization – Election of Officers

President: Mr. Freitas moved, and Mr. Neely seconded, the nomination of Mrs. Macfarlane for the office of President.

The vote on the motion to elect Mrs. Macfarlane as President was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Vice-President: Mrs. Macfarlane moved, and Mr. Heberle seconded, the nomination of Mr. Porter for Vice President.

The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Porter as Vice-President was unanimously approved by voice vote.

Clerk: Mr. Freitas moved, and Mr. Nava seconded, the nomination of Mr. Neely for Clerk.

The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Neely as Clerk was approved, by the following voice vote:

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

Motion carried

The Board took a brief recess to allow newly elected officers of the Board to take their seats.

Board Organization – Calendar of Meetings

The proposed 2022 calendar of Board meetings was presented.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously, to adopt the 2022 Calendar of Board Meetings, as presented.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Board Organization – 2021 Board Subcommittee Appointments

President Macfarlane asked for volunteers for Board sub-committees.

The appointments were as follows:

Board Audit Review Committee: Mr. Heberle; Mr. Knackstedt; Mrs. Macfarlane

City of Lodi 3x3: Mr. Heberle; Mr. Neely; Mr. Porter
City of Stockton 3x3: Mr. Freitas; Mr. Knackstedt; Mr. Nava
San Joaquin County 2x2: Mr. Freitas; Mrs. Macfarlane
City of Stockton Parks & Recreation Commission: Mr. Nava
Joe Serna Jr. Charter Advisory Committee: Mrs. Macfarlane; Mr. Porter
Legislative Advisory Committee: Mr. Freitas; Mr. Heberle; Mr. Porter
San Joaquin County School Boards Association: Mr. Neely
Facility Master Plan Committee: Mr. Freitas; Mr. Heberle; Mr. Knackstedt

Board Organization-CSBA Delegate Assembly

President Macfarlane asked for nominations for the California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly to run for the four empty seats in Region 8-A, San Joaquin County. Mr. Neely's term continues through March 31, 2023.

Mr. Neely nominated Mr. Porter, which was seconded by Mr. Freitas and the Board voted to approve, by voice vote, the nomination of Mr. Porter to the upcoming California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly election.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Spotlight

CSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting

Mr. Neely postponed the spotlight to a future Board meeting.

Comments from Student Representatives

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

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Washer congratulated Mrs. Macfarlane on her election as president for the 2022 term and recognized the other newly appointed Board officers. She thanked Mr. Freitas for his presidential year and leadership during such a challenging time. She spoke about the school start time report that will be brought to the Board in January. Dr. Washer thanked the Board members who participated in the red-carpet event premiering Joey Travolta's, Film Camp movie "Lost Luggage".

Comments from the Public

Pete Valdez, Community Member, gave his opinion of the Board members and on the mask mandate.

Shelley Mahoney, Community Member, spoke about the inconsistency of required mask wearing.

Emily Mahoney, Paraeducator, spoke about her experience with going on unpaid leave for not wearing a mask.

Alex Aliferis, Substitute Teacher, spoke about the theory of the doctrine of the lesser magistrates and his opinion on the repercussions of students wearing masks.

Reiss Mahoney, Community Member, spoke about his wife Emily Mahoney's experience with being reprimanded for not wearing a mask while working.

Jim Hicks, Community Member, requested the Board share their individual opinions on the mask mandate and spoke about a 61-page research document that was released today.

Agenda Reordering

President Macfarlane announced that the Report item would be moving up on the agenda.

Reports

Board to Discuss Governor's Plan Regarding COVID-19 Vaccinations for Students and Staff and Review Draft Resolution Calling for State Officials to Recommend, Not Require, COVID-19 Vaccine for Students and Staff

Dr. Washer presented the draft resolution for Board discussion and consideration.

Mr. Heberle stated the resolution was well written and he is in favor of it. He added that he is against mask and vaccine mandates.

Mr. Neely stated he is in support of the resolution and believes in vaccines; however, he does not believe it should be a mandate.

Mr. Freitas stated he is in support of the resolution and looks forward to voting on it in January.

Mr. Knackstedt stated he is in support because it is a reasonable compromise.

Mr. Porter stated he is not in favor of the resolution and will not support it. He stated he will follow what the county health department says to do and will follow the mandate. He suggested the public go to the county supervisors to try and make a difference.

Mr. Nava stated he is in favor of the resolution and does not agree with mandates and it should be a choice.

President Macfarlane stated she is in favor of the mandate.

Marissa Duterte, Student Representative, spoke in favor of the mask mandate.

Public Comments

Steve Colangelo, Community Member
Shelly Villafana, Parent
Tye Brockmeier, Parent
Pete Valdez, Community Member
Jim Hicks, Community Member
Jill Keifer, Teacher, Larson Elementary
Ashley Herzick, Speech Language Pathologist
Jenessa Weller, Paraeducator, Victor Elementary
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association
Alex Aliferis, Substitute Teacher
Melissa Evans, Paraeducator, Special Education
Fredrick Newman, Parent
Austin Christianson, Parent
Mike Mueller, Community Member

The Board requested the resolution to return as an Action Item at the next meeting.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Neely pulled Items A-4 and A-15 from Consent Agenda A for discussion.

- Item A-1 Contracts List
- Item A-2 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-3 Warrant Report
- Item A-5 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)
- Item A-6 Resolution 2021-59 Award of Contract Lodi High Fire Alarm Upgrade Project No. 0906-8206
- Item A-7 Resolution 2021-61 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Facility Improvement - Beckman Elementary School Fire Alarm Project No. 0910-8210
- Item A-8 Resolution 2021-64 Department of Justice Tobacco Program Grant Award
- Item A-9 Resolution 2021-65 Application for Continued Funding for State Preschool from the California Department of Education (CDE)
- Item A-10 Resolution 2021-67 Authorization to Request Proposals for the Tokay High, Lodi High and Lakewood Elementary School Athletic Fields Project No. 0825-8425
- Item A-11 Approval of Construction Project Final Change Order Facility Improvement - Fire Alarm Upgrade Beckman Elementary School Project No. 0910-8210
- Item A-12 Annual Renewal of Services: Super Co-Op, A California USDA Foods Cooperative for the School Year 2022-23
- Item A-13 Lodi Education Association (LEA) Re-openers for the 2021-22 Year
- Item A-14 Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-openers for the 2021-22 Year
- Item A-16 2021-22 Comprehensive Support & Improvement Plan - Liberty High School
- Item A-17 Construction Technology 2 CTE Course of Study and Textbook Adoption
- Item A-18 Computer Science 1 CTE Course of Study
- Item A-19 Robotics CTE Course of Study
- Item A-20 2021-2022 School Plans for Student Achievement
- Item A-21 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 16, 2021

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Freitas 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-4 Changes to the Adopted Budget

Mr. Neely asked for an explanation of where the 7 plus million dollars came from.

Adina Andris, Director, Budget Department, explained the majority of the 7.18 million dollar increase was due to the increase in the Local Control Funding Formula revenues.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-4 Changes to the Adopted Budget.

Item A-15 Parent and Family Engagement Policies: District Level and School Level

Mr. Neely requested a Spotlight at a future Board meeting to show exactly what the schools are doing and what has been successful.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-15 Parent and Family Engagement Policies: District Level and School Level.

Consent Agenda B -Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-11-21
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-11-22
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-7-23
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-9-24
- Item B-5 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-10-25
- Item B-6 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-11-26
- Item B-7 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-11-27
- Item B-8 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-11-28
- Item B-9 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-8-29
- Item B-10 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-8-30
- Item B-11 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-11-31
- Item B-12 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 21/22-10-32
- Item B-13 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-7-33
- Item B-14 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-11-34
- Item B-15 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-12-35
- Item B-16 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-11-36
- Item B-17 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-8-37
- Item B-18 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-8-38
- Item B-19 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-8-39
- Item B-20 Expulsion: Student # 21/22-8-40
- Item B-21 Readmission: Student # 19/20-7-12

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 First Interim

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, and Adina Andris, Director of Budgets, presented the Financial Impact Summary report and were available for questions. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 First Interim.

Item OAI-2 Annual Audit Report ending June 30, 2021

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, introduced Peggy Vande Vooren, CPA, Gilbert Associates, Inc., and April Juarez, Controller. Ms. Vande Vooren provided information regarding the audit committee and presented a review of the report. Discussion ensued.

The Board thanked Mr. Kahn and the team for a job well done.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Annual Audit Report ending June 30, 2021.

Item OAI-3 Lodi Unified School District Equity Statement

Mr. Freitas presented the Lodi Unified School District Equity Statement for Board consideration.

Mr. Heberle suggested the item be tabled.

Mr. Porter stated he is in full support of the Equity Statement.

No public comments were received.

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-3 Lodi Unified School District Equity Statement, by the following vote:

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

Item OAI-4 Resolution 2021-66 Authorization to Award Lodi High School Aquatic Center and Locker Rooms Project (Project No. 0919-8219)

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, stated that Diede Construction was awarded the Lodi High School Aquatic Center and Locker Room project.

Public Comment

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 Resolution 2021-66 Authorization to Award Lodi High School Aquatic Center and Locker Rooms Project (Project No. 0919-8219).

Item OAI-5 Approval of 2020-2021 Development Fee Report (Montieth) Annual report to provide the public information on impact fees received from new residential and commercial/industrial development

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the development fee report that is presented on an annual basis.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-5 Approval of 2020-2021 Development Fee Report (Montieth) Annual report to provide the public information on impact fees received from new residential and commercial/industrial development.

Item OAI-6 Educator Effectiveness Funds (EEF)

Robert Sahli, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, presented the Educator Effectiveness Funds for Board consideration.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-6 Educator Effectiveness Funds (EEF).

Personnel Matters

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

Mr. Heberle thanked Mr. McKilligan and staff for their hard work.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Knackstedt, seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters.

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke about possible COVID-19 leave days for teachers who need to quarantine. She thanked Mr. Freitas for his tenure as President of the Board.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Freitas congratulated the newly appointed officers, thanked everyone for the kind words, and wished everyone a happy holiday season.

Mr. Knackstedt spoke about the newly constructed Lodi High facility, stating the Board and District should be very proud.

Mr. Heberle wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mrs. Macfarlane wished Scott McGregor an upcoming happy birthday.

Mr. Nava wished everyone a happy holiday and thanked all District employees for making our District great.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

CSBA Delegate Assembly

No reports were presented.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were presented.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board