



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 2, 2019

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

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

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

Student Representative: Ms. Mikayla Lozano, Lodi High School and Mr. Taylor Pittman, Bear Creek High School

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

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

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 7:03 p.m. President Knackstedt announced that Board Member Ron Freitas was participating in the meeting remotely from San Diego, CA. Attendance was recorded and the Pledge of Allegiance was conducted.

Closed Session

President Knackstedt reported that the following action was taken in Closed Session:

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One Potential Case:

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve OAH Case #2019020045.

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Uve Dahmen as Program Coordinator, Assessment, Research & Evaluation, effective date to be determined.

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Michelle Brown as Elementary School Principal, location to be determined, effective date July 1, 2019.

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Jaime Kite-Polinsky as Elementary School Principal, location to be determined, effective date July 1, 2019.

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Lindsay Wudel-Streeter as Elementary School Principal, location to be determined, effective date July 1, 2019.

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was observed in remembrance of former Lodi Middle School Teacher, Sherisse Zupo Pantoja, who passed away on March 5.

Spotlight

First Place Winners of the 2019 Superintendent's Poetry Contest are Invited to Read Their Award-winning Poems

Recognition

Staff will recognize students accepted to Ivy League Schools

Staff will recognize our Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) Student Leaders

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer displayed the newly developed Valley Robotics Academy's logo and mascot. She noted the graphics were done by a design team at Delta College. Dr. Washer provided information regarding elementary schools that have conducted and will be conducting family STEM nights. A video clip was shown from Good Day Sacramento television show that spotlighted the International Rally at Bear Creek High School. Dr. Washer thanked Mike McKilligan, Amber Jaeger and the staff of the District's Personnel Department for the coordination of the recent employee recruitment fair. LEA was present and the event was termed a success. She issued a reminder that the 2019 Spring Art Show hosted by Lodi USD and GOT Kids Foundation will be presented on Saturday at Elkhorn Golf & Country Club.

Comments from the Public

Carol Rexroth and Jennifer Van Blair, Teachers, Westwood Elementary School, explained that only three Title 1 schools participate in the Science Olympiad. They asked for assistance and/or advice to increase the number of Title 1 schools that participate.

Dave Hurley, Teacher, Ansel Adams, in the spirit of celebrating diversity, asked that leaders for the District be purposeful to prepare all teachers to work with the diverse populations in the classroom with a systematic approach.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Nava congratulated the winners of the poetry contest and thanked Dr. Washer for providing this opportunity for students. He also congratulated the FCCLA students, as it is a very rewarding program. He issued congratulations to Sam Wright on his accomplishments and acceptance to Harvard University.

Mr. Heberle congratulated the students in both the poetry awards and the FCCLA recognitions, noting that such activities create communication skills and allow students experience in how to express themselves. He spoke to the teachers who spoke during the comments portion of the agenda, agreeing that it is difficult to get involvement for Science Olympiad because of the number of events and he appreciates their efforts to do so.

Mrs. Macfarlane presented an offer to Ms. Rexroth and Ms. Van Blair to coach a Science Olympiad event next year for their school.

Mr. Neely asked for an update on Joe Serna School relocation process.

Mr. Freitas congratulated the winners of the poetry contest and Sam Wright for his acceptance into Harvard. He thanked staff for coordinating efforts to allow him to take part in the meeting via teleconference.

Mr. Knackstedt spoke of the U.S. Department of Education's National Blue Ribbon Schools program. Mr. Knackstedt shared that he started the first track meet on the new Tokay High School track. He announced that the Lodi High School art department will host a silent auction on April 10 to assist with funding for the Gary Fujihara art scholarship. He attended the Christa McAuliffe honors assembly.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Kahn asked to pull Item A-14. No other items were pulled by Board or the public.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Contracts List
- Item A-6 Resolution 2019-33 Lodi Middle School Relocatable Project No. 0854-8154
Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids
- Item A-7 Resolution 2019-34 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the
Beckman & Reese Paving Project No. 0910-8210 & 0931-8231
- Item A-8 Resolution 2019-35 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the
Lockeford Elementary School Parking/Drop-Off Improvement Project No. 0033-8053/
0925-8225
- Item A-9 Resolution 2019-36 Authorization to Award the Lodi High School Modular Project
Increment 1 Site Work Project No. 0906-8206

- Item A-10 Resolution 2019-37 Authorization to Award the Lodi High School Modular Project Increment 2 Installation of Modular and/or Prefabricated Classroom Buildings Project No. 0906-8206
- Item A-11 Resolution 2019-38 Authorization to Award the Tokay High School Modular Project Increment 2 Installation of Modular and/or Prefabricated Classroom Building Project No. 0947-8247
- Item A-12 Resolution 2019-39 Authorization to Award the Tokay High School Modular Project Increment 3 Installation of Modular and/or Prefabricated Gym Building Project No. 0947-8247
- Item A-13 Resolution 2019-40 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Live Oak, Oakwood and Silva Facility Improvement – Paving and Parking Lot Project No. 0924-8244, 0811-8011, 0822-8022
- Item A-15 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of March 5, 2019
- Item A-16 Accept the Resignation of Mr. Jerry Glenn from the Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee

The Student preferential vote was aye.

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-14 Resolution 2019-41 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Live Oak, Oakwood and Silva Facility Improvement – Paving and Parking Lot Project No. 0924-8244, 0811-8011 & 0822-8022

Mr. Kahn pulled this item for the purpose of tabling it to the next Board meeting.

The Student preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to table Item A-14 Resolution 2019-41 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Live Oak, Oakwood and Silva Facility Improvement – Paving and Parking Lot Project No. 0924-8244, 0811-8011 & 0822-8022.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #18/19-7-39
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-41
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #18/19-7-42

Mr. Knackstedt asked to remove Item B-2.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as amended.

Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda B – Student Matters

Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #18/19-9-40

No action was taken on Item B-2.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 School Uniform Policy Rescission – Erma B. Reese Elementary School

Scott McGregor, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, presented the statistics from the recent school uniform vote by Reese parents. It was determined that the Board policy regarding school uniforms was followed correctly. The Board discussed and considered the request for rescission. Reese Elementary School Principal, Gary Odell, was also available to provide additional input.

The Student preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Nava moved and Mr. Knackstedt seconded to approve School Uniform Policy Rescission – Erma B. Reese Elementary School, as follows:

Ayes:	Knackstedt; Nava	
Noes:	Freitas; Heberle; Macfarlane; Neely and Porter	
Absent:	None	
Abstain:	None	Motion Failed

OAI-2 Approval of .4 FTE Program Coordinator for the Curriculum and Instruction Department

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, commented that this position was recommended for follow up for administration to work with RBET teacher(s) to make the process run smoothly.

Mr. Heberle inquired as to the length of time the position will be needed. Dr. Washer commented that the District is unsure what the new culture will look like; thusly, the position could evolve or be eliminated in the future. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Jen Cassel, Teacher, Tokay High School

The Student preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Neely moved and Mrs. Macfarlane seconded for Approval of .4 FTE Program Coordinator for the Curriculum and Instruction Department, as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava and Neely	
Noes:	Porter	
Absent:	None	
Abstain:	None	Motion Carried

OAI-3 Ethnic Literature and Studies Course of Study and Textbook Adoption

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented the item which has met prior approval of the District's Curriculum Council. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Jen Cassel, Teacher, Tokay High School; Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

The Student preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Nava moved and Mr. Neely seconded to approve Ethnic Literature and Studies Course of Study and Textbook Adoption, as follows:

Ayes: Freitas; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely and Porter

Noes: Heberle

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

OAI-4 K-8 Science Textbook Adoption

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, and Sera Baysinger, Vice Principal, Bear Creek High School, presented the science textbook for adoption.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

The Student preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Nava moved and Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Science Textbook Adoption.

OAI-5 Academic Skills and Success Course of Study and Textbook Adoption

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, and Sera Baysinger, Vice Principal, Bear Creek High School, presented information related to this adoption, which was approved by the District's Curriculum Council at their meeting on February 7, 2019. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Dave Hurley, Teacher, Ansel Adams Elementary School

The Student preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Nava moved and Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Academic Skills and Success Course of Study and Textbook Adoption.

Personnel Matters

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

Public Comments

None

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

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Mikayla Lozano, Lodi High School, and Taylor Pittman, Bear Creek High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, thanked the student representative for mentioning the Apple School instructing the elementary students. She thanked Superintendent Washer for facilitating the financial literacy class that was recently offered to teachers. Ms. Orgon announced an upcoming Teacher Night at the Stockton Ports game on May 3rd and invited Board with more information to follow. She noted she is looking forward to the upcoming negotiation session on April 9. Ms. Orgon announced there will be march in Sacramento on May 9 for full-funded education. She noted her appreciation for the Moment of Silence for Ms. Pantoja.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Reports

Approval of the Request for Allowance of Attendance Due to Emergency Conditions (Fiscal Year 2018-2019) Form J-13A

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, announced that the District's request was approved and thanked April Juarez, Controller and her staff for their assistance.

Real Property Acquisition

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, asked for direction from Board regarding a piece of property in a new area being developed by A.G. Spanos and presented an idea regarding the current Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School property and a vacant building adjacent to the District's Nutrition Services building. He also provided information regarding a piece of property adjacent to Lockeford School.

Proposed LUSD Transportation Reorganization

Carlos Garcia, Director, Transportation, provided a plan to reorganize some positions in the Transportation Department. The plan included deleting a school bus driver trainer and a dispatcher and replacing with a lead dispatcher and upgrading a scheduling supervisor to an operations supervisor. He would also like to increase contracts for bus drivers.

Mr. Neely asked for a future report regarding acquiring more bus drivers.

Public Comments

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77

Local and Federal Accountability Report Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI)

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented the report.

No comments were received from Board or the public.

Proposed Board Policy Revisions Submitted by the Curriculum & Instruction Department

Ms. Kotowski presented three proposed new policies based on California School Boards Association's GAMUT policy information and due to recent changes in law.

Board Discussion

California School Boards Association (CSBA) Update

Mr. Neely provided an update on CSBA's Legislative Action Day that took place on March 12.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were presented.

Mr. Heberle asked for a future report regarding preparing for the new school year.

Mr. Porter congratulated Mr. Neely for being re-elected as a CSBA delegate and thanked him for his passion in representing the Board and District, noting his appreciation for the information that Mr. Neely shares from CSBA.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board