



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

### OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 15, 2016

Closed Session 5:30 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 (*via teleconference*); and Dr. Daryl Talken

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

**Student Representatives:** *No Student Representatives present due to school break.*

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

#### Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. at the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA.

#### Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Kyle Harvey, Labor Relations Representative, California School Employees Association, spoke in reference to two litigation items on the Closed Session agenda.

#### Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

#### Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. President Freitas announced that Mr. Neely was teleconferencing from Orlando, Florida. Attendance was recorded and Mr. Heberle led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### Report on Actions from Closed Session

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

- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation (Gov't Code 54956.9):**  
Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to reject Claim #53582.
- **Non-Public School Students** – Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Non-Public School Students 2015-16 #102 and #103.

#### Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer reported that Lawrence Elementary School has graduated the first class from the Parenting Partners group. The parents took part in the eight-week course lead by a team of instructors and

parents. She stated that according to Mr. Villafana, it was a growing experience for all involved and many of the parents are interested in being future class leaders.

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction, reported on upcoming events. The countdown has begun for the next LUSD rocket launch that will take place on April 10<sup>th</sup> at Snow Ranch. She reported on the McNair High School Rocket Club and what the students are accomplishing. She reported that Harold Ross, Teacher, Delta Sierra, and his students are hosting the District's "High Altitude Balloon Launch" at Delta Sierra on March 30<sup>th</sup>. Subject to FAA clearance and weather, the plan is to launch from their campus late morning. At over 100,000 feet, every student in the District should be able to see the launch and track it online as it travels across the state.

Dr. Washer ended the report with a thank you to Raley's Supermarkets for donating almost \$600 in groceries for the McNair Culinary Arts program and \$10,000 for organic garden projects for elementary school sites, which will be administered through the GOT Kids Foundation.

### **Comments from the Public**

No comments were received from the public.

### **Consent Agenda A – Routine Business**

Item A-13 was removed from Consent Agenda A by Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO. No items were removed by the public.

Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted unanimously 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 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 Warrants
- Item A-5 Approval of Cal 200 PE Minutes Compliance Report
- Item A-6 Resolution 2016-16 Certifies the Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Delta Sierra Middle School Roof Restoration Project
- Item A-7 Resolution 2016-17 Authorization to Request Proposals For Grocery Products – Frozen Goods
- Item A-8 Resolution 2016-18 Authorization to Request Proposals For Grocery Products – Dry & Refrigerated Goods
- Item A-9 Resolution 2016-19 Authorization to Request Proposals For Fresh Produce
- Item A-10 Resolution 2016-20 Authorization to Request Proposals For Fresh Bread
- Item A-11 Resolution 2016-21 Authorization to Request Proposals For Dairy Products
- Item A-12 Resolution 2016-22 Authorization to Request Proposals For Five-Compartment Trays
- Item A-14 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 1, 2016



## **Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda A – Routine Business**

### **Item A-13 Resolution 2016-23 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Proposals for the Nutrition Service Center**

Mr. Hern pulled Item A-13 to strike two sentences: "The construction delivery method shall be Lease-Leaseback." And "A Facilities and Site Lease will be executed for the project." (For the record: the elimination of the two sentences does not affect the actual resolution)

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Item A-13 Resolution 2016-23 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Proposals for the Nutrition Service Center, as modified.

## **Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases**

Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #15/16-9-61

Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-62

Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #15/16-9-63

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

## **Personnel Matters**

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

Mr. Nava, motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

## **Communications**

### **Comments from Student Representatives**

Student Representatives not presented because of Spring Break.

### **Comments from Employee Group Representatives**

No comments received from employee group representatives.

### **Comments from Board Members**

Mr. Heberle took part in the mock student interviews at Lincoln Technical Academy and reported it was very successful with hundreds of kids participating. He attended the Regional Science Bowl Competition and reported that the Tokay High School teams placed second and fifth. He attended the Science Olympiad hosted by McNair High School on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Schools in the competition were: Elkhorn; Lodi Middle; Morada Middle; Millswood Middle; Bear Creek High; Tokay High; Lodi High; McNair High and Middle College High. Elkhorn, Lodi Middle, Tokay High and Lodi High will represent the District at state competition. Mr. Heberle congratulated the Worlds of Wonder Science Museum in Lodi on their seventh anniversary and noted the services they provide to our community.

Mr. Neely attended the WASC exit meeting at Lincoln Technical Academy. He noted the WASC team had high praise for the school. While there he was able to view a dancing robot, programmed by students

and noted that the students and staff are now operating an authorized Samsung repair center for Chromebook repair.

Ms. Cassel attended the student mock interviews at Lincoln Technical Academy and noted the students are on track with courses that will determine their future professions. She attended the Science Olympiad awards ceremony and the Block "L" event at Lodi High School.

Mr. Womack attended several of the parent forums regarding school start times, as well as the GOT Kids talent show. He (and other Board Members) visited Edison High School in Stockton, as the school was showcasing their AVID program. He explained how Edison High has adopted AVID programs and strategies and the success they are experiencing. Mr. Womack attended the African American Student Success Committee meeting at Bear Creek High School.

Mr. Freitas thanked his fellow Board Member for their comments. He thanked staff for incorporating the Local Control Accountability Plan report, thus combining a regular meeting and a proposed study session.

#### **Comments for the Superintendent**

No further comments.

#### **Report**

##### **Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2016-2019**

The report was presented by: Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction; Josie Fierro, Categorical Programs Manager and Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO. Mr. Hern reviewed where the District stands with reference to the second interim financial report and the existing LCAP. The increase in obligations related to STRS/PERS funding was discussed.

As feedback, Ms. Cassel, would like to continue to provide targeted groups with AVID or AVID-like programs to create a comprehensive approach. She would like the position of grant writer filled.

Mr. Heberle asked if stakeholders would have additional opportunity to weigh in. Dr. Washer said the LCAP parent committee will meet again after Board direction is attained. Mr. Heberle suggested to move the grade 7-12 staffing ratios by one (from 31:1 to 30:1). Mr. Heberle would like to create a lab tech position at each high school and explained the duties that could be assigned to the position.

Mr. Nava noted concern that the City of Stockton may be stopping support for after-school programs in North Stockton schools. He would like to continue after-school programs in this area. Mr. Nava would like to fill the coordinator of instructional technology position and add an elementary vice principal. He liked the suggestion by a fellow Board Member to consider filling the grant writer position.

Dr. Talken stated he would rather see funds directed to the school sites in terms of elementary, middle and/or high school assistant and vice principals, rather than spent on a coordinator of instructional technology. Dr. Talken would like schools adequately staffed on all levels including: administrative; clerical; custodial and teaching staff. He feels the Curriculum Department could absorb the additional instructional technology duties.



Mr. Neely is in favor of the additional elementary vice principal. He is in favor of filling the coordinator of instructional technology, as he feels this would be capitalizing on the District's investment of technology. Mr. Neely agrees that a grant writer is a good idea; however, he feels there are companies that can do the job cheaper. He agrees with the inclusion of North Stockton schools in regards to after-school program availability.

Mr. Freitas was in agreement with all of the suggestions brought forward by fellow Board Members. Dr. Washer noted the Board will need to make decisions of what to keep in and what needs to be altered in regards to funds and the weighted LCAP outcomes.

Mr. Heberle has questions related to the SAFE (Student And Family Empowerment) program. Dr. Washer noted that Dawn Vetica, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, would present a report on that topic at an April Board meeting.

#### Public Comments

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Chapter #77, noted, in regards to stakeholders, she would like another opportunity for bargaining groups to meet to discuss the LCAP. Groups would like time to understand the goals and what they look like in implementation; a reflection of what will actually happen.

Lisa Wilkins, Vice President, Lodi Education Association, stated the need for a Punjabi-speaking community liaison for Morada Middle School. She asked for clarification regarding the New Teacher Induction vs. BTSA. She asked for an increase in technology support.

Susan Heberle, Community Member, inquired regarding the LCAP suggestions and asked if suggestions from stakeholders, other than staff and Board, were included. Ms. Heberle commented that one suggestion she remembered from LCAP meetings was a 24:1 class size recommendation. She voiced opinion that if the Board decides to fill the grant writer position, that the person would write grants for school sites, as well as District.

#### Board Advisory Committee Reports

Mr. Freitas reported on the first meeting of the recently formed San Joaquin County 2x2 Committee. Committee members present included: Bonnie Cassel, Board Member; Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO; Chuck Winn, SJC Board of Supervisors; Moses Zapien, SJC Board of Supervisors and himself. The group shared interests and hopes to schedule another meeting in June.

#### Future Agenda Items

No items received for future agendas.

#### Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
President of the Board