

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
May 7, 2020**

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

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**Board Members Present:** Mr. Joe Nava, President; Mr. Ron Freitas, Vice President; Mrs. Susan Macfarlane, Clerk; Mr. Ron Heberle; Mr. Gary Knackstedt; 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

**Meeting Recorder:** Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent

**Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 6:16 p.m. via YouTube and GoToWebinar.

**Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, commented regarding labor negotiations.

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

**Reconvene Open Session**

The meeting was reconvened at 7:52 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Closed Session**

President Nava reported no action was taken in Closed Session.

**Action Item**

**The Board Will Consider Summer School Options and Determine What to Offer This Summer**

Mr. Heberle stated that he knows a lot of students take summer school for credit recovery and for other reasons. He noted the Task Force for Summer School is looking at Distance Learning for summer school. This will not be as expensive as last year and is a service to our students. Mr. Heberle stated he is in favor of providing a full summer school.

Mr. Porter stated that the Task Force is essential to bring forward ideas regarding summer school. He knows there will be accountability with grading and that students look forward to summer school opportunities. Mr. Porter stated he is in favor of a full summer school. He would like to adhere to the advice of the Task Force, as he feels lately we have not followed their direction. He wants to make sure we hear the voice of the Task Force and look at the documents they have presented. He stated the Board is united to make sure all students succeed and the Board needs to be united to offer full summer school; not just to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students.

Mr. Knackstedt stated that he has taught many summer school courses and can support this option if it looks like past programs. He cannot lend support if Distance Learning is the only model. Mr. Knackstedt suggested that the summer school be for credit recovery and advance placement, as it has in the past.

Mrs. Macfarlane stated she is in favor of a full summer school and would like accountability and not just Distance Learning. She explained that if it is Distance Learning, the District needs to require attendance and grading procedures. She stated that the Board needs to consider the Task Force recommendations and to value their experience and talents and to respect their knowledge and time spent as task force members.

Mr. Freitas stated that when he first became a Board Member it was during a time when the District did not have summer school because of budget cuts and he further explained that the Board and District have worked hard to get a full summer school program. Mr. Freitas stated he would not be comfortable if the District did not offer a full summer school, as it does not meet his goals as a Board Member.

Mr. Neely stated he is concerned about providing opportunities for the younger students in Title 1 schools. He noted it took a while for the District to get Distance Learning going and it is currently going well. He stated students are utilizing Chromebooks and internet services and there is more we can do to start learning again. He highlighted resources that are on the District website and commented that Sonja Renhult, Vice Principal, Lockeford and Washington schools, is putting together a package for kids to go to Dreambox, MyOn and math sites for additional resources. Mr. Neely commented that Ms. Renhult is working on a way for students to get recognized for meeting educational goals and that maybe this could be something for the GOT Kids Foundation to support. He recommends that the District implement a recognition program such as this.

Mr. Nava stated that he is adamant about the wishes of his fellow Board Members. He is interested in summer school being different than what has been in the past, as it needs to be student focused on learning and credits. Mr. Nava noted he is in favor of a full summer school and stated that the Task Force can come up with ideas relative to the grading process. He stated there could be less students in Distance Learning. He said it was a total oversight on our administration to get the wishes of the Board; we are in the right direction to get summer school going.

#### Public Comments

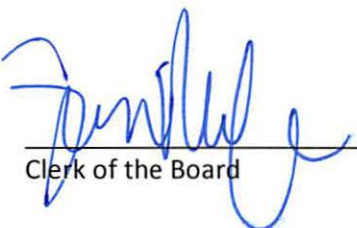
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, stated she agrees with the comments of the Board Members about summer school and the work of the Task Force.

Lisa Wilkins, Teacher, Morada Middle School, stated she is encouraged to hear the Board support summer school.

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to provide a full summer school for all high school students for the reasons discussed at this meeting.

#### Adjourn

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board  
President of the Board