



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**
September 6, 2022
Closed Session 6:00 p.m. / Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Member Absent: Mr. Ron Freitas

Administrative Staff: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Neil Young, Associate Superintendent (via teleconference); and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

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 Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA, 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. Attendance was recorded and Board Member Joe Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Personnel Matters

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Frank Bono as High School Assistant Principal, effective date, and location, to be determined, by the following vote:

Ayes: Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter

Noes: None

Absent: Freitas

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Joshua Munoz as High School Assistant Principal, effective date, and location, to be determined, by the following vote:

Ayes: Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely

Noes: Heberle; Porter

Absent: Freitas

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Benjamin Rechter as Program Coordinator, Child Welfare and Attendance, effective date, to be determined, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to rejected claim #610589, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

Moment of Silence

President Macfarlane held a moment of silence for John Bate, Teacher, Ronald McNair High School, who passed away on August 19, 2022.

Public Hearings

Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) Re-openers for the 2022-23 Year

President Macfarlane declared the public hearing "Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) Re-openers for the 2022-23 Year" open.

No Board or public comments were received.

The public hearing was declared closed.

California School Employees Association (CSEA) Re-openers for the 2022-23 Year

President Macfarlane declared the public hearing "California School Employees Association (CSEA) Re-openers for the 2022-23 Year" open.

No Board or public comments were received.

The public hearing was declared closed.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Washer shared that the Raymus Foundation funded six grant applications totaling \$117,500 for Beckman Elementary, Clairmont Elementary, Clyde W. Needham Elementary, Delta Sierra Middle, John Muir Elementary, and Lodi Middle.

Mr. Young thanked everyone involved in College and Career Night and stated that it was a very successful evening.

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Jaesa Del Prato, Bear Creek High School, and Ms. McKenna Anderson, Lodi High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Comments from the Public

Michelle Orgon, Teacher, Needham Elementary, spoke about the unprecedented high heat and reported that numerous school sites were experiencing air conditioning issues.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Resolution 2022-89 "Gann" Appropriations Limit for 2021/2022 and 2022/2023
- Item A-4 The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires Board of Education approval to assign certificated personnel according to EC 44256 (b), EC 44258.2, EC 44263, and T5 80020.4
- Item A-5 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 23, 2022

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-9-02
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-11-03
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-8-04

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Case, as presented, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Resolution 2022-79 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Robert Sahli, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, presented Resolution 2022-79 to certify the sufficiency of instructional materials at Lodi Unified Schools.

Mr. Heberle asked which secondary sites were chosen and voiced his concern for using the same school sites every year.

Dr. Sahli stated that the school selection is done by San Joaquin County Office of Education and the schools where Christa McAuliffe Middle, Ronald McNair High, and Delta Sierra Middle.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-1 Resolution 2022-79 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-2 Approval of Resolution 2022-90 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Virtual/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361

Dr. Washer presented Resolution 2022-90 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Virtual/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361, for Board approval.

Mr. Heberle voiced his concern about the resolution and read an article from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, supporting why he will not be in support of the resolution.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-2 Approval of Resolution 2022-90 Recognizing a State of Emergency and Authorizing Virtual/Teleconference Meetings Pursuant to AB 361, by the following vote:

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

Motion Failed

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

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

Mr. Knackstedt asked about retired teachers having problems trying to substitute because of issues with California State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS).

Mr. McKilligan stated the issue has not been resolved yet; however, the required paperwork with the requested date adjustment has been sent to STRS.

No public comments were given.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve Personnel Matters, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

Reports

California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Dr. Sahli introduced Uva Dahmen, Coordinator, Assessment, Research, & Evaluation, who presented the preliminary results for the District's ELA and Math CAASPP testing for grades 3-8 and 11.

Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Proposed Education Services Department Reorganization

Mr. Young presented the plan for reorganizing the Education Services Department. He displayed a diagram of the existing department and then displayed a new layout with the removal of assistant superintendent positions.

The Board expressed interest in the proposed reorganization and looks forward to seeing more information brought forward.

Mr. Porter questioned the timing of the reorganization and Mr. Young's reasons for the changes.

Discussion ensued.

Ms. Del Prato, Student Board Representative, stated she would like the District to focus on teacher shortages instead of the top administration.

Ms. Anderson, Student Representative, asked Mr. Young what changes an individual student would see and how much more assistance would be given in classrooms.

Public Comments

Desiree Wise, 1st Vice President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Belinda Yeats, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, spoke about the record-breaking heat wave and stated that CSEA classified employees are hard at work in the outside heat. She thanked Mr. Kahn and staff for following the proper procedures to keep staff safe during the high temperatures.

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, listed off the schools throughout the District that had issues with air conditioning during the heat wave.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Knackstedt spoke about the College and Career Night and how well attended it was. He asked if San Joaquin Delta College classes are articulated with Lodi District classes.

Mr. Neely would like staff to make sure the air conditioning is fixed or replaced where needed. He also spoke about a possible continuation program at Henderson School. He suggested having flashing banners on the Lodi USD website to help advertise available positions.

Mr. Porter spoke about a special education teacher at Lodi Middle, who helps with the hearing-impaired students. He questioned why the District does not have a trained sign language interpreter, more paraeducators, and he would like staff to look at restructuring from the ground up, instead of at the administrative level.

Mrs. Macfarlane spoke about her experience at the Bear Creek football game, how wonderful staff was, how well the concessions and event were run.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Board Member Advisory Reports

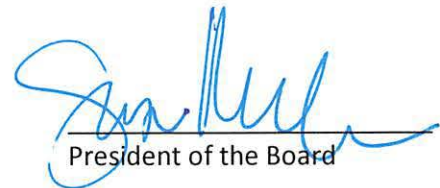
Mrs. Macfarlane stated the Joe Serna Jr. Charter Advisory meeting was very informative and looks forward to the next meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board