

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION November 6, 2018

Closed Session 5:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. George Neely, President; Mr. Gary Knackstedt, Vice President; Mr. Joe Nava, Clerk; Ms. Bonnie Cassel; Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Ron Heberle; and Dr. Daryl Talken

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

Student Representative: Ms. Alayssia Townsell, McNair High School and Mr. Jonathan Henry, Tokay 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 7:06 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Jonathan Henry led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mr. Heberle moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Mary Lisa Lopez as Director of Child Development, School Readiness & Preschool Services, starting date to be determined.

Recognitions

Randy Malandro, Coordinator, Assessment, Research & Evaluation, was recognized as the California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77's Boss of the Year for 2018. Mr. Malandro was presented the award by Chapter #77 2nd Vice President, Marvel Bristow.

Report

Science Instruction Material Advisory Committee Update

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, introduced the instructors representing the committee: Mike Heberle, Bear Creek High School; Sandi Starr, Tokay High School; Nicole Dickinson, Vinewood Elementary School; Charalee Cunningham, Instructional Coach; and Rachel Flanigan, Mosher Elementary School. Discussion ensued regarding the procedures for selection of science curriculum for elementary and secondary levels. Several members of the Board voiced concern with the availability of professional development from the vendors. Negotiation strategies were also discussed.

Public Comments

Lisa Wilkins, Teacher, Morada Middle School; Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported that the Children Centered Careers and Occupational Opportunities Academy at Tokay High School has been nominated by the California Department of Education as a California Partnership Academies Distinguished CA Partnership Academy (CPA). She congratulated Tokay High's CPA Coordinator, Jamie Anaforian, Principal Erik Sandstrom and staff at the high school. Pictures were shown from the Inclusion Films red carpet premier event. Dr. Washer noted that students from Lodi USD and surrounding districts and the San Joaquin County Office of Education took part in the Joey Travolta film camp. She thanked Liz Zastrow and her staff. Dr. Washer was excited to announce the District's first eSports team is up and running at Tokay High School, which is one of the few eSports teams in the area. She thanked Edith Holbert, Eric Sandstrom and Tokay High School instructor, John Medina. Pictures were displayed of the eSports team room.

Measure U Report

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented an update of current construction projects. Four of the largest modernization projects (Lodi High, Tokay High, Needham and Houston schools) were discussed. Mr. Kahn noted additional information will be provided at the next meeting regarding costs associated with the Lodi High School project.

Discussion ensued regarding the swimming pool project at Lodi High School with the consensus being that the Board would like to move forward with the plans for the Lodi High pool. Mr. Kahn will bring back possible funding resources.

Public Comments

Mrs. Susan Heberle, Community Member; Kristen Vessie, Parent, Tokay High School

Comments from the Public

Susan Heberle, Community Member, congratulated Randy Malandro on his award as 2018 CSEA Boss of the Year. She offered suggestions regarding physical learning environments on the first day of school which sets the tone for the student for the entire school year.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Knackstedt attended the Harvest Festival at Manlio Silva Elementary School. He also attended the Lincoln Technical Academy CTE event and proposed that these opportunities be made more readily available to all students in the District. He inquired as to how non-District sponsored student trips are facilitated in regards to liability. He voiced concern regarding safety issues at school sites regarding homeless individuals that might be near school grounds.

Mr. Freitas spoke regarding the Bear Creek v. McNair football game that he and Mr. Nava recently attended. Mr. Freitas mentioned that Carlos Villafana was the grand marshal of the Lodi/Tokay Band Review.

Mr. Heberle congratulated Mr. Malandro as the 2018 CSEA Boss of the Year. He attended the CTE event at Lincoln Tech. He described the work going on in the computer repair workshop at Lincoln Tech. Mr. Heberle attended the Lodi/Tokay Band Review last weekend which drew hundreds of people to the Lodi community.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Approval of Construction Project Change Order for Prop 39 YR 1 Tokay High School Pool Boiler Repair
- Item A-3 Technical Revision to AB1200 Salary Schedules for LEA 2018-2019 School Year
- Item A-4 Intent to Conduct Annual Organizational Meeting as Required by Education Code 35143
- Item A-5 Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) for the 2018-2019 Year
- Item A-6 The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires Board of Education Approval to assign certificated personnel according to EC 44258.2, EC 44256 (b) And EC 44263
- Item A-7 Lodi Unified Supervisory Group (LUSG) Re-openers for the 2018-2019 Year
- Item A-8 Adoption of the Instructional Calendars for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Years
- Item A-10 Credential Waiver Application and Approval
- Item A-11 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 16, 2018

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Knackstedt 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-9 Resolution 2018-63 Lincoln Day Holiday 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Year

The proposal is to observe Lincoln Day on Friday, February 7, 2020 for the 2019-2020 school year and February 5, 2021 for the 2020-2021 school year.

Dr. Talken noted that he is in favor of keeping the Lincoln Holiday on February 12th for the 2020-2021 school year. He asked why a change was needed. Mr. McKilligan explained that Lincoln Day has been adjusted in the past so that Presidents Day and Lincoln Day are not both on the same day of the week in certain years. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association; Tammy Williams, Teacher, John Muir Elementary School

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted to approve Item A-9 Resolution 2018-63 Lincoln Day Holiday 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 School Year, as follows:

Ayes:

Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; and Neely

Noes: Absent: Talken None

Abstain:

None

Motion Carried

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-05
Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #18/19-9-06
Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #18/19-11-07
Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #18/19-9-08
Item B-5 Readmission: Student #17/18-11-31
Item B-6 Readmission: Student #17/18-9-34

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

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Lodi Unified School District Board of Education will officially receive the renewal petition from Aspire, Vincent Shalvey Charter School

Scott McGregor, Interim Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, was available for questions regarding the Board's official receipt of the renewal petition. Dr. Washer noted that the charter petition will be presented at the next Board meeting.

There were no Board or public comments regarding the receipt of the renewal petition.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Lodi Unified School District Board of Education will officially receive the renewal petition from Aspire, Vincent Shalvey Charter School

Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval

Mr. McKilligan presented the provisional internship permit.

No comments were received from Board or public.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship and Approval.

Personnel Matters

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

Mr. Freitas indicated he will not be voting yes on Personnel Matters due to the resignation of Warren Sun and the fact that he is saddened that Mr. Sun is leaving.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted to approve Personnel Matters, as follows:

Ayes:

Cassel; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely; and Talken

Noes:

Freitas

Absent:

None

Abstain:

None

Motion Carried

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Jonathan Henry, Tokay High School, and Alayssia Townsell, Ronald E. McNair High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Employee Group Representatives

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, thanked Board for allowing CSEA to highlight their 2018 Boss of the Year and noted the Board is always receptive to employee celebrations. She stated CSEA has concluded bargaining and they have a tentative agreement. She thanked Board for sticking with us (CSEA) and working through their issues. She indicated next Tuesday evening the unit will vote on the proposal.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, stated she appreciates the collaboration with Facilities & Planning regarding a possible safety problem with securing the twenty-two sites that are being utilized as polling locations. She asked that Board and staff evaluate if polling places (at schools) gives an opportunity to create an unsafe environment for students. Superintendent Washer noted that schools must allow facility usage if certain things are in place by the Registrar of Voters; the District was obligated this year.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer commented that Stockton's Mayor Tubbs will be at an upcoming event at McNair High School to observe the culinary arts program and speak to some of the students.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No committee reports were received.

Mission, Vision and Goals Draft

Ms. Cassel presented drafts of the proposed revisions. After much discussion and input from Board and the public, Ms. Cassel will work to revise the document and present it for action at the next scheduled Board of Education meeting.

Public Comments

Lori Celiz, Teacher, Ansel Adams Elementary School; Tammy Williams, John Muir Elementary School; Martha Snider, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School; Aimee Ramsower, Teacher, Beckman Elementary School

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board