



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

November 5, 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; 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. Trinity Escorpiso, McNair High School and Mr. Dylan Rogers, Lodi High School

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Maria Baez, 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 Educational Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA 95240.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No public comment was received prior to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:09 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Student Representative, Trinity Escorpiso led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

No action was taken at Closed Session

Public Hearings

Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-Openers for a Successor Agreement

President Knackstedt declared the Public Hearing Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-Openers for a Successor Agreement open. No comments were received from the Board or the public. The hearing was declared closed.

Lodi Unified School District Successor Agreement Openers with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA)

President Knackstedt declared the Public Hearing Lodi Unified School District Successor Agreement Openers with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association open. No comments were received from the Board or the public. The hearing was declared closed.

Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with Lodi Unified Supervisory Group (LUSG)

President Knackstedt declared the Public Hearing Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with Lodi Unified Supervisory Group (LUSG) open. No comments were received from the Board or the public. The hearing was declared closed.

Lodi Unified Supervisory Group (LUSG) Re-openers for the 2019-20 Contract Year

President Knackstedt declared the Public Hearing Lodi Unified Supervisory Group (LUSG) Re-openers for the 2019-20 Contract Year open. No comments were received from the Board or the public. The hearing was declared closed.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Washer reported that Larson Elementary School is featured on the front cover of the current issue of San Joaquin Office of Education's OUTLOOK magazine with an accompanying article featuring Larson's Ron Clark Academy. Dr. Washer announced Save Mart stores celebrated their Lodi store renovation by selecting Live Oak Elementary School as a recipient of their Adopt-A-School program and giving the school a \$500.00 donation. She announced that Middle College High School students will conduct a high altitude balloon launch on Tuesday, November 19th at 9:00 a.m. (weather permitting) on the Delta College campus.

Comments from the Public

Kaela Burke, parent, thanked the Board Members for including community members as part of the Comprehensive Sexual Health Instructional Materials Review Committee. She presented the Board with a petition signed by 1000 community members concerned about the "Teen Talk" curriculum.

Laurie Kraljev, speech pathologist, invited the Board Members and District staff to attend the American Speech Language Hearing Association's virtual town hall meeting on December 9th from 3:15-5:30 p.m. at the JAESC, third floor south conference room.

Jamie Howen, parent, thanked the Board for creating the Comprehensive Sexual Health Instructional Materials Review Committee of which she is a member; she presented a letter to the Board and provided comments related to the Heart curriculum.

Karen Minick, teacher, Bear Creek High School, thanked the Board Members for increasing the District's daily personal reimbursement rate from \$100.00 to \$250.00. She spoke about upcoming LEA's bargaining sessions and lobbied for increased compensation to recruit and retain teachers.

David Hurley, teacher, Ansel Adams Elementary School, spoke regarding equitable funding for all District students to have access to the READ 180 program.

Roberto Perez, parent, Live Oak Elementary School, read a letter expressing concerns regarding the policies that effect migrant students who live at the Harney Lane Migrant Camp. He asked the Board to consider maintaining student slots at school during the time frame that migrant families are required to move.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Heberle, commented on the recent District spelling bee and asked that the participants be invited to a future Board meeting for recognition.

Mr. Neely, attended the Open House at Lincoln Technical Academy and gave accolades to several of the programs and classes he visited. He asked that the topic of student achievement be addressed at a future Board Meeting.

Mr. Knackstedt, received a positive report from the county superintendent of schools related to the Williams Act and recent school visitations. He attended the Lincoln Technical Academy Open House and spoke of the construction trades program they have implemented and the importance of hands-on education.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

The following item was pulled from the Consent Agenda: Item A-3

- Item A-1 Intent to Conduct Annual Organizational Meeting as Required by Education Code 35143. Announcement of the Board's Intent to Conduct its Annual Organizational Meeting on December 17, 2019
- Item A-2 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-4 Contracts List
- Item A-5 Approval of Resolution 2019-96 Authorization to Publish a "Notice to Bidders" for the Westwood Elementary School Paving and Parking Lot Project No. 0856-8056
- Item A-6 Resolution 2019-97 Creekside Elementary School Paving and Parking Lot Project (Additional Scope) Project No. 0913-8213 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids
- Item A-7 Approval of Construction Project Change Order 1 Prop 39 Yr. 3-5 HVAC Replacement DSA Project at Washington Elementary School
- Item A-8 Lodi Education Association Re-openers for the 2019-20 Year
- Item A-9 Approval of Proposed Board Policy Changes Submitted by the Curriculum & Instruction Department
- Item A-10 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2019
- Item A-11 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 80020.40
- Item A-12 Addition of Central Valley Training Center to the 2019-20 Non Public School Master Contract List

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane 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-3 Changes to the Adopted Budget

Mr. Neely pulled Consent Agenda A, Item A-3 to address various concerns and asked Mr. Kahn to investigate the possibility of utilizing Title 1 funds earlier in the school year.

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-3 Changes to the Adopted Budget.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #19/20-11-07

Item B-2 Suspended Expulsion: Student #19/20-9-08

Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #19/20-9-09

Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #19/20-9-10

Item B-5 Expulsion: Student #19/20-11-11

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

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Dylan Rogers, Lodi High School and Trinity Escorpiso, McNair High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Resolution 2019-98 Authorization to File a Career Technical Education Facilities Grant Application

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, noted that this grant opportunity would require 50/50 matching funds and if successful, the grant would be used at Bear Creek High School to construct a two classroom agricultural facility.

Public Comments

None

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Resolution 2019-98 Authorization to File a Career Technical Education Facilities Grant Application.

Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval.

Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent Personnel, presented a provisional internship permit for Board consideration.

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

Personnel Matters

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

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

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi Chapter #77, spoke regarding CalPERS retirement reporting concerns for the CSEA Unit.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, inquired as to where she could find updated information regarding Measure L and Measure U projects on the District's website.

Liz Englebrick, Public Relations Officer, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), informed the Board negotiations would begin next week, and spoke of her hopes that the District would find a better way to recruit and retain speech pathologists. LPPA currently has two pending grievances: (shortage of speech language pathologists and reduction of program specialist positions). She announced LPPA is looking forward to supporting the GOT Kids Foundation this year.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Reports

Project Updated for Houston School and Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, shared with the Board that Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School is still in need of water tanks and noted some areas on the campus will need to be re-keyed. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments
None

Updates on Bond Measure L and Bond Measure U Projects

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented an update on Measure L and Measure U projects. Discussion ensued regarding the logistics of the proposed swimming pool for Lodi High School.

Public Comments
None

Solar Report

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented a report of possible options regarding solar energy for the District. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments
None

2019-20 Annual Report Pursuant to the Williams Settlement

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction, shared with the Board that the Williams Act report reflected sufficiency of instructional materials, all facilities are adequate and in good repair and teacher assignments were completed for 2018-19.

Public Comments

None

Update on District Property Located at 19 S. Central Avenue, Lodi, CA 95240

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, shared with the Board estimates on the cost of repairing the facility to be DSA compliant vs tearing the building down. Mr. Kahn informed the Board he will get a better estimate regarding demolition costs. Discussion ensued.


Public Comments

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board