



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE

BOARD OF EDUCATION

May 6, 2014

Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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**Board Members Present:** Ms. Bonnie Cassel, President; Mr. Joe Nava, Vice-President; Ms. Ruth Davis, Clerk; Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Ron Heberle; Mr. George Neely; and Mr. Ralph Womack

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

**Meeting Recorder:** Ms. Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

### 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

None

### 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 President Cassel led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Closed Session

President Cassel reported on the following actions taken in Closed Session:

- **Non-Public School Student Placement** – Ms. Davis motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2013-14 #s 102, 103 and 104.
- **Anticipated Litigation** – Ms. Davis motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to reject Claim #493712.

### Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer commented that it is a busy time of year; noting the abundance of events, graduations, promotions and other numerous activities. Dr. Washer attended a rollout of the technology devices for the first grade class at Washington School, made possible by Lodi's Twin Arbors Athletic Club. The Twin Arbors Athletic Club made a very generous contribution to the GOT Kids Foundation for the purpose of increasing students' access to technology. This event was the "show and tell" day to visit the classroom to see the technology in action with the students. It was quite impressive, as soon as the devices were put in a child's hand it was immediate engagement. It was hard to get them to look up for a picture, as they wanted to keep working on the devices. Dr. Washer also reported that the Lodi High School Future

Farmer's of America (FFA) Chapter was named the state champion team in the Novice Agriscience Fair during the FFA State Leadership Conference in Fresno this month. The District's Technology Committee has been working throughout the year and they have come up with a proposal and presentation that they will bring to the next Board meeting. The committee has worked long and hard on this task. Dr. Washer noted that the GOT Kids Casino Night is on Friday night and asked for support of the event. She commented that all funds raised goes directly to classrooms to support programs for kids.

## **Recognitions**

On behalf of the Lodi Unified Board of Education, President Cassel acknowledged Elizabeth Orgon, Lodi High School and Amanda Sieglock, Tokay High School for their year of service as Student Representatives to the Board of Education. They were each given a plaque as a thank you for their dedicated service.

Skills USA Winners certificates were presented to students from Bear Creek and Lodi High School.

Ronald McNair High School's Girls' Basketball Team and Coach Anthony Matthews were acknowledged for their award winning season and athletic accomplishments.

Lodi Unified Classified Employees of the Year were presented. Stephanie Santiago, Principal's Secretary at Woodbridge School was recognized as the Lodi Unified Classified Employee of the Year in the Clerical/Office category and Norma Guevara, Paraprofessional at Lakewood Elementary School, was recognized in the Paraprofessional category.

Lodi Unified Teacher of the Year (2014-15) – Jessalee Goehring, Teacher, Lodi High School was recognized for this honor.

## **Consent Agenda A**

Mr. Neely removed Item A-2 and Ms. Davis removed Item A-6 from Consent Agenda A.

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as revised:

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-3 AB1200 and 2013/14 Proposed Salary Schedule for Lodi Pupil Personnel Association
- Item A-4 Minutes of April 1, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Item A-5 Minutes of April 15, 2014 Regular Meeting

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

## **Item A-2 Contracts List**

Mr. Neely pulled this item to question the contract for Capitol Advisors Group and to attain further information on the AVID funding contract. As information to respond to the Capitol Advisors Group question was not available, discussion ensued regarding tabling the item until later in the meeting when the information could be received. Note: The Contract List states "Lodi Capitol Advisors Group"; however, the correct item should read "Capitol Advisors Group."

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted unanimously, by voice vote, to table Item A-2 Contracts List until later in the meeting.

**Item A-6 Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Special Meeting/Study Session**

Ms. Davis pulled this the minutes of April 28, 2014 for the purpose of abstaining from the voting procedures, as she was not present at said meeting.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board members voted, as follows, to approve Item A-6 Minutes of the April 28, 2014 Special Meeting/Study Session:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Womack

Noes: None

Abstain: Davis

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

**Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases**

Expulsion: Student #13/14-7-90

Expulsion: Student #13/14-8-91

Expulsion: Student #13/14-7-92

Expulsion: Student #13/14-11-93

Expulsion: Student #13/14-8-94

Expulsion: Student #13/14-9-95

Expulsion: Student #13/14-10-96

Expulsion: Student #13/14-9-97

Expulsion: Student #13/14-10-98

Expulsion: Student #13/14-11-99

Expulsion: Student #13/14-10-100

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

**OTHER ACTION ITEMS**

**Reclassification of two Typist Clerk IIIs to Administrative Secretary I and Reclassification of one EL Resource Assistant II to a Assessment, Research and Evaluation Technician**

Mr. McKilligan presented this item for Board consideration.

Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Reclassification of two Typist Clerk IIIs to Administrative Secretary I and Reclassification of one EL Resource Assistant II to a Assessment, Research and Evaluation Technician.

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

**Resolution 2014-19 Elimination of Classified Staff Due to Lack of Work and/or Funds**

Mr. McKilligan presented this item for Board consideration.



**Public Comments**

(unidentified woman, Computer Lab Technician, Parklane School); (Susan Reuscher, Computer Lab Technician, Reese School); (unidentified woman, Reese School); Peggy Pinheiro, Teacher, Reese School; and Paula Calderon, President, CSEA, Chapter #77.

Mr. Neely questioned the need to eliminate the two computer tech positions. Mr. Womack asked how the services currently being performed will be completed. Dr. Washer stated the library staff will be trained more thoroughly. Ms. Pennington added that at one time, many of our schools had computer lab assistants. Over time, most of the schools have eliminated those positions, as the District has been moving away from a strictly computer lab teaching method and has more broad classroom technology. The District has had to look at how to provide services at all schools, with the position of the library media technician. Mr. Heberle voiced his concern, including losing services to kids and the need to incorporate usable technology for instruction. Discussion ensued regarding transitioning the computer lab assistant positions to library media technician positions without losing services to students.

Mr. Heberle motioned, Ms. Davis seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to amend Resolution 2014-19 to remove the two Paraeducator – Computer Lab positions and move forward with the elimination of the Principal Secretary I and Cafeteria Assistant I positions at Tokay Colony School.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

**Paid Lunch Equity Meal Price Increase Mandated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture**

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Paid Lunch Equity Meal Price Increase Mandated by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

**Advanced Placement Statistics Textbook Adoption**

This item was presented by Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for Board consideration.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Advanced Placement Statistics Textbook Adoption.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

**Advanced Placement U.S. History Course of Study and Textbook Adoption**

This item was presented by Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for Board consideration.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Advanced Placement U.S. History Course of Study and Textbook Adoption.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

### **Advanced Placement Environmental Science Textbook Adoption**

This item was presented by Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for Board consideration.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Advanced Placement Environmental Science Textbook Adoption.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

### **Math Pathway for Secondary**

The Secondary Math Pathway item was presented by Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment for Board consideration.

Ms. Kotowski answered questions posed by various Board members. Mr. Heberle commented that student concerns, that were previously stated, had been added. Ms. Cassel thanked Ms. Kotowski, Dr. Washer and Cabinet for continually revising the math pathway for secondary, when requested. Mr. Womack commented that the committee meetings had done what they are supposed to do and thanked those responsible.

#### **Public Comments**

Marena Henne, Parent; Ann Hank, Teacher, Tokay High School

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve the Math Pathway for Secondary.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

### **Personnel Matters**

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

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

### **Item A-2 Contracts List**

Mr. Neely pulled this item to question the contract for Capitol Advisors Group. This item had been tabled from earlier in the meeting and as information was received, discussion on the item resumed. Mr. Hern explained that the agreement with Capitol Advisors Group is a contract to train staff for implementation of a mandated block grant.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Item A-2 Contracts List from Consent Agenda A.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.



## **Communications**

### **Comments from Student Representatives**

Elizabeth Orgon, Lodi Creek High School and Amanda Sieglock, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

### **Comments from the Public**

Dave Hurley, Teacher, Sutherland School, spoke on Sutherland and Parklane schools' transitions. He communicated his concern regarding the combination classes at first/second and third/fourth grade levels. He also spoke on the issue of AVID at the elementary school level.

Robert Harmon, Teacher (retired), brought attention to the recent retirees not receiving the two percent retroactive pay increase for the 2012-2013 restorations.

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

Paula Calderon, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77, thanked the Board for listening to her input (earlier in the evening) and looks forward to the next negotiation session between CSEA and the District.

### **Comments from Board Members**

Mr. Freitas commented and thanked those responsible for bringing forward so many employees and students to be acknowledged and honored. He visited Ms. Rodriguez's class at Westwood School and reported that the class raised \$2,300, including a \$400 grant from GOT Kids, to purchase a 3D printer. He reported that it is the only 3D printer in the county and the only 3D printer in a fourth grade classroom in the country. He thanked Ms. Rodriguez for her hard work. He commented that he is pleased with the changes to the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) draft. Mr. Freitas commented on California graduation rates and how District graduation rates have climbed; noting the District is above the state average and ten percent above our 2009-10 rates. He noted there was a great article in the newspaper today regarding the Delta College pathway.

Mr. Neely noted it was Teacher Appreciation Week and thanked teachers for all they do. He attended the Music In Our Schools program; noting the only time he has seen more parents attend an event was a sports event or graduation. Mr. Neely stated he would like to implement a computer science program at the high school level to incorporate math and English and asked that it begin in the 2015-2016 school year; thus creating a reduction in class sizes through computer science technology and expanded CTE offerings.

Mr. Nava visited Delta Sierra, Oakwood, and Clairmont schools. He attended the Music In Our Schools program. He thanked Mr. Harmon for presenting his case and asked for staff to look into the situation.

Mr. Heberle attended the All-City Track Meet, which was attended by about 350 kids. He also attended the Music In Our Schools program. He attended Tokay High School's Every 15 Minutes program; noting the realism is important, as it shows the kids that there are consequences.

Mr. Womack attended Tokay High School's Every 15 Minutes event, Music In Our School program, and the All-City Track Meet. He visited Delta Sierra and looks forward to next year's Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics (STEM) program. He visited Westwood Elementary to get a first hand look

at the MakerBot 3D printer and visited a blended Social Studies class at Tokay High School, where students were studying 1968 Vietnam. He congratulated Greg Evans for receiving the Cortopassi Foundation Award.

Ms. Cassel reported that she helped judge a student landscaping project at Bear Creek High School. She visited Clairmont and Tokay Colony schools. While at Tokay Colony, she was invited to lunch with staff and had a great dialog with the teachers that have been reassigned. She told Mr. Harmon that the District will research the situation he spoke of during Comments from the Public.

**Comments from the Superintendent**

No further comments.

**Board Advisory Committee Reports**


Mr. Neely reported that on March 31<sup>st</sup> he attended the City of Lodi 2x2 meeting. Attending from the City of Lodi were Bob Johnson, Jeff Hood and Steve Schwabauer. He reported the tone of the meeting was cordial and that people were working together to get along. He stated there was progress made and the committee is looking at some projects to do together to benefit the city and Lodi USD. Mr. Neely said they explained the increase of labor by 12.5% to support the afterschool program. Mr. Neely commented that he did receive a phone call from Bob Johnson regarding graduation.

**Adjourn**

Mr. Nava, motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 9:38 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
Vice-President of the Board