



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
September 6, 2016
Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Student Representatives: Ms. Lili LeBaron, Lodi High School and Mr. Michael Stallworth, Ronald E. McNair 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 James Areida Education Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, California.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No comments were received prior to the Board adjourning 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 Student Representative, Lili LeBaron led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Report on Actions from Closed Session

President Freitas reported on the following action taken in Closed Session:

- **Non-Public School Students:**
Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2016-17 #73, 74, and 75.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Bryan Bethards as High School Assistant Principal, Ronald E. McNair High School, effective date August 24, 2016.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Lindsay Wudel-Streeter as Elementary Vice Principal, Beckman and Westwood elementary schools, effective date to be determined.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer shared pictures and reported on the recent "My Books" Program presentation at Oakwood Elementary School. She stated the school library was full of parents and grandparents reading to and interacting with their children/grandchildren. The program was scheduled for second graders; however many kindergarten participants attended as well. The program is funded by GOT Kids Foundation and Steve Diede of Diede Companies. Dr. Washer reported that over 100 organizations, including colleges, trade schools, military and public service agencies took part in the recent College & Career Night at Bear Creek High School. Over 1,500 parents and students of all ages, the majority of which were from secondary grades, attended. She thanked staff members Randy Malandro, Cindy Mettler, and Kim Collier, along with the entire College & Career Committee, and the staffs of Bear Creek High School and Maintenance & Operations.

Public Hearings

Resolution 2016-52 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

President Freitas declared the Public Hearing "Resolution 2016-52 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials" open.

Public Comments

Susan Heberle, Community Member

The Public Hearing was declared closed.

Comments from the Public

Anne Swehla-Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary, spoke of what attracts potential teachers to a school district and specifically to Lodi Unified School District. She also mentioned the backlog of appointments for volunteers/classroom helpers to be fingerprinted.

Dave Hurley, Teacher, Sutherland Elementary, spoke regarding the following: status of long-term substitutes in the District; recruitment and retention of teachers; and teacher training.

Susan Heberle, Community Member, asked the Board and staff to make the decision to adequately staff and provide appropriate materials prior to the start of the school year.

Consent Agenda A

No items were removed by Board of Education members or by the public.

Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget

Item A-2 Contracts List

Item A-3 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, August 16, 2016

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

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-04
- Item B-2 Readmission: Student #14/15-7-40

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

Other Action Items

Approval of Army Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) for McNair High School

Dawn Vetica, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, and Jim Davis, Principal, McNair High School, presented this item for Board consideration. In 2013 the Board approved JROTC for McNair High School; however, the army could not afford the program, which is now being reinstated. Mr. Davis reflected that this is another opportunity for students to connect with their school. He has heard interest from many students and views this as a tremendous opportunity for them. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Cassel, who voiced opposition to the item, presented an amendment to include a provision to require parents to sign off on their student entering the program so they have full knowledge. The amendment failed for lack of a second. Ms. Vetica noted that parent signature is obtained for all class selections.

Representative LeBaron sees this as an additional opportunity for those students not on a direct path to collage; however, acknowledged it is a lot for a student to take on at that early of an age. Representative Stallworth noted it is a great opportunity for McNair students. He noted that it is a good opportunity to obtain prior knowledge of the military before deciding to enlist. Discussion continued.

Public Comments

Dave Hurley, Teacher, Sutherland Elementary School; Chanel Thach, Student Body President, McNair High School; Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted to approve Army Junior Reserves Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) for McNair High School, as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack	
No:	Cassel	
Absent:	None	
Abstain:	None	Motion carried

The student representational vote was unanimously aye.

Resolution 2016-52 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Ms. Kotowski explained the process of a visiting team from San Joaquin County Office of Education. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Heberle indicated areas of Resolution 2016-52 that need to be reviewed and noted that although he does not have a problem with the textbook portion of the resolution, he does not believe that the District has sufficient instructional materials and equipment in every classroom. Further, he is not

assured that there is sufficient science and lab materials. He will not support the resolution. Dr. Talken inquired as to the legal implications of not passing the resolution. Ms. Cassel noted that recent quarterly Williams Settlement reports did not show any complaints.

Public Comments

Anne Swehla-Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary; Susan Heberle, Community Member

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted to approve Resolution 2016-52 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, as follows:

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

No: Heberle

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Student Representational Vote, as follows:

Lili LeBaron – No

Michael Stallworth - Yes

Reapproval of the 2016-2019 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Ms. Kotowski reported that due to a software glitch, the Local Control Accountability Plan when approved was missing a few sections. The San Joaquin County Office of Education is asking that a complete version of the document be approved.

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the re-approval of the 2016-2019 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

The student representational vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

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

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Lili LeBaron, Lodi High School and Michael Stallworth, Ronald E. McNair High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke regarding Lodi Unified attracting and retaining qualified teachers, teacher training opportunities and scheduling of trainings. She expressed concern regarding the Williams Act and the resolution that was approved earlier in the evening regarding sufficiency of instructional materials. Ms. Orgon voiced concern regarding the backlog of

volunteers' access to appointments for fingerprinting and asked for information about vouchers to cover the cost of fingerprinting. She expressed concerns with common planning time for teachers.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Nava thanked Tim Hern and his staff for the *Fiscal Focus* publication, as it keeps him abreast of District happenings.

Ms. Cassel thanked the student representatives for their leadership. She asked Dr. Washer for follow up with additional information regarding the volunteer fingerprinting process.

Mr. Womack attended several Back-to-School nights and the College & Career Night at Bear Creek High School. He spoke of a criminal justice academy in Stockton Unified School District and looks forward to the JROTC class that is scheduled to begin at McNair High School. Mr. Womack shared information regarding the Discover Challenge Academy, which is a 5 ½ month long live-in academy for students who are at high risk for dropping out or have already dropped out. Students must commit to a year, post academy to continue the success of the program.

Mr. Heberle thanked the students for their respective reports. He reported on the College & Career Night and noted the variety of the different booths available for students to gather information. He asked staff for an update regarding his request at the last meeting for a report on teacher vacancies and other concerns.

Mr. Neely thanked the student representatives for their reports. He presented ideas regarding teacher collaboration on Common Planning Days. He acknowledged the success of the GOT Kids "My Books" program. He thanked the staff involved in the success of College & Career Night. He noted the state laws surrounding long-term substitutes and noted he looks forward to visiting the JROTC class when it is underway at McNair High School in January.

Dr. Talken noted his appreciation for the articulate conversation by the student representatives is wonderful.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

REPORTS

Properties Owned by Lodi Unified School District

Mr. Neely requested information on properties owned by the District and a discussion on the impact current housing construction may have on schools. Warren Sun, Senior Director of Operations, provided details about three properties that are currently reserved for future school sites: Samuel Gantner, Lodi; Panoussi, Stockton; and Bright, Stockton. Mr. Sun presented enrollment projects for the District into the 2025/26 school year.

Public Comments

None

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) 2015-2016 Data Review

The report was presented by Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction and Randy Malandro, Coordinator, Assessment, Research and Evaluation. Mr. Malandro presented an update of the results of the District's standardized testing. Highlights included the increase in reclassification of English Language Learners, increased Average Daily Attendance (ADA); decrease in dropout rates and an increase in school graduation rates. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments
None

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were presented. Mr. Womack noted he is interested in scheduling a Stockton 2x2 Committee meeting, as there are items to be discussed.

Future Agenda Items


No further items were presented.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board