



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 9, 2014
Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

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

Board Member Absent: Ms. Ruth Davis, Clerk

Board Member Elect Present: Dr. Daryl Talken

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

Student Representatives: Mr. Jay Halva, Bear Creek High School and Mr. Carlos Casillas, Ronald McNair High School.

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Valerie McFee, 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.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No comments were received at this time.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Cassel led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Student Placement** – Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2014-15 #s 49, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86 and 87 by the following vote:

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

Noes:

Absent: Davis

Abstain:

Motion carried

Recognition

Mr. Joe Nava, Vice President, presented an engraved bell to President Bonnie Cassel on behalf of the Board of Education for her 2014 presidential service and leadership.

Oath of Office

The Honorable Judge Lauren P. Thomasson, Superior Court, San Joaquin County, administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Bonnie Cassel, Mr. Ron Heberle, Mr. George Neely and Dr. Daryl Talken. Board Members Cassel, Heberle and Neely were then officially re-seated on the Board and Board Member Talken was officially seated on the Board.

Board Organization – Election of Officers

President: Ms. Cassel nominated Mr. Nava. The motion was seconded by Mr. Heberle. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Nava as President was unanimously aye by voice vote.

Vice President: Mr. Heberle nominated Mr. Neely. The motion was seconded. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Neely as Vice President was unanimously aye by voice vote.

Clerk: Mr. Nava nominated Mr. Freitas. The motion was seconded. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Freitas as Clerk was unanimously aye by voice vote.

Recess

There was a brief recess to allow newly elected officers to be seated.

Board Organization – Calendar of Meetings

Mr. Womack asked to change July 21, 2015 to July 14, 2015 to be consistent with last year's calendar. Several Board Members questioned the need to conduct a meeting in July. Dr. Washer commented that the July meeting is typically needed to approve personnel hires prior to the start of school. She also noted that the schedule does not reflect study sessions or special meetings that may be added at any time.

Mr. Womack motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and Board voted unanimously to approve the 2015 Calendar of Board Meetings, as amended, changing the July 21, 2015 meeting date to July 14, 2015.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Board Organization – Board Committee Appointments

President Nava asked for volunteers for the Board sub-committees. Many wished to continue their current appointments in 2015. The appointments were as follows:

City of Stockton 2x2: Mr. Nava; Mr. Womack

City of Lodi 2x2: Mr. Neely; Mr. Heberle

City of Stockton Parks & Recreation Commission: Mr. Nava

Board Audit Review Committee: Mr. Heberle; Dr. Talken; Mr. Womack

Energy Conservation Committee: Ms. Cassel; Mr. Freitas; Dr. Talken

Joe Serna Jr. Charter Advisory Committee: Mr. Heberle

San Joaquin County School Boards Association: Mr. Neely to continue year three of a three-year term

Ms. Cassel commented regarding the relevance of the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee. Dr. Washer stated that staff has recommended elimination of this committee, as the Local Control Accountability Plan has eliminated the need for this committee. President Nava stated that the committee could be reinstated at a later date, if needed.

Mr. Neely commented regarding the need to continue the Research K-8 School Model Committee. Ms. Cassel agreed that the committee is currently not needed. Mr. Heberle added that if, in the future, the Board considers converting an existing school or creating a new school with this format the committee could be reinstated.

Board Organization – CSBA Delegate Assembly

President Nava explained the process related to the California School Boards Association Delegate Assembly and the requirements of those nominated to run for the three empty seats in Region 8-A, San Joaquin County. Mr. Nava explained that Mr. Neely's term will expire on March 31, 2015 and Mr. Womack's term will expire in March of 2016.

Mr. Womack nominated Mr. Neely, Mr. Freitas and Mr. Heberle. Mr. Freitas declined the nomination.

Mr. Freitas nominated Ms. Cassel. Ms. Cassel declined the nomination.

Mr. Nava nominated Dr. Talken.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported on the training conducted today at the San Joaquin County Office of Education regarding the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). She reported that of the 40 participants at the training, more than 20 were representing Lodi Unified School District. The group learned of impending changes, especially to high school courses. The changes will be similar to the recent changes in math courses and will include revamping how we teach Science courses and conduct lab course work. She thanked the administrators for attending.

REPORTS

Update on Special Education Program

The report was presented by Ms. Kathy Vasquez, Coordinator Psychological Services & Student Support. She was aided in the report by Mr. Bill Saunders, Administrative Director, Student Services/SELPA; Ms. Denice Shigematsu; Coordinator Special Education & Student Services and Mr. Paul Warren, Coordinator, Mental Health Services.

Ms. Vasquez explained the delivery model in place to serve students which divides the District into four regions based on high school attendance areas. This new model is beneficial in the following ways: facilitates consistent and coordinated services among service providers; improves communication between site staff and District office staff; and allows for implementation of wrap-around services for students.

Discussion ensued and a question and answer period followed.

Mr. Neely noted he would like the Board to receive periodic updates on the Special Education Program.

Update on Child Welfare and Attendance Department

Mr. Bill Toledo, Coordinator, Child Welfare & Attendance Department, presented the report. He explained there are currently eight Student Attendance Advisors assigned to multiple schools working with site administrators to identify students at risk academically due to irregular attendance.

Mr. Toledo presented a statistical review of contact logs for the first quarter of the year.

Mr. Womack noted that it appeared, from the contact log, that in the K through 3rd grade level there were 694 contacts and he hopes that they will continue to focus areas of prevention for those grade levels. Discussion ensued.

Questions arose regarding the current role of the School Resource Officers (SRO) that service the school sites. Ms. Dawn Vetica, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, stated that a group is in the process of looking at the job description of the SRO and clarifying the expectations on both sides. She said the information will be shared with Board when something is developed.

The Board advised Mr. Toledo that it appeared, from the report that the department needs to look more closely at accuracy in the area of recordkeeping.

Public Comments: Susan Heberle, Citizen; Dr. Scott Keithley, Parent

Public Hearings

Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) Re-openers for the 2014-15 Year. On November 18, 2014, the Board of Education acknowledged receipt of 2014-15 re-openers from Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG).

President Nava declared the public hearing "Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) Re-openers for the 2014-15 Year" open.

Board Comments
None

Public Comments
None

The public hearing was declared closed.

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President Nava declared the public hearing "Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-openers for the 2014-15 Year" open.

Board Comments
None

Public Comments

None

The public hearing was declared closed.

Consent Agenda A

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

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrants
- Item A-3 Contracts List
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) for the 2014-15 Year
- Item A-6 Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with Lodi Supervisorial Group (LUSG) for the 2014-15 Year
- Item A-7 Authorization to Advertise to Receive Bids for 12 New CNG School Buses
- Item A-8 Authorization to Co-solicit with National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) and Advertise for Request for Proposals (RFP) for Office, School, and Other Workplace-related Supplies and Services

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #14/15-11-4
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #14/15-11-16
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #14/15-10-17
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #14/15-8-18
- Item B-5 Expulsion: Student #14/15-10-19

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

Other Action Items

Annual Audit Report Ending June 30, 2014

Ms. Maria Fong, Controller and Ms. Peggy Van de Vooren, CPA, Gilbert Associates, presented the audit results from the Annual Audit Report, ending June 30, 2014. Ms. Van de Vooren stated the Annual Report revealed a clean opinion in both the financial and compliance areas. A brief report was presented, as a more detailed report had been given to the District's Audit Committee. Ms. Van de Vooren reported that last year there was a finding in the area of student body funds. This year there were no problems.

Mr. Womack and Mr. Heberle, both members of the Audit Review Committee, stated that the report presented at the committee provided great detail and information.

Ms. Cassel commented, as having been on the committee years ago, that such a report of clean compliance says a lot about staff and district.

Mr. Neely commented on the fact that the District's Average Daily Attendance is about 1,000 below previous levels and stated that hopefully this will turn around.

Mr. Freitas also commented that the audit findings are a tribute to the District's staff.

Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve acceptance of the Annual Audit Report, Ending June 30, 2014.

The student preferential vote was aye.

2014-15 First Interim Financial Report

Mr. Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO and Ms. Angel Murnan, Director of Budgets, presented the First Interim Financial Report of 2014-15. The snap shot of the District's status included projected revenue, projected expenditures, ending fund balance, multi-year assumptions and included information related to moving forward using the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) and the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) process.

Mr. Neely asked what was projected for this year's deficit spending. Mr. Hern responded that this year the District is spending about five million dollars, some of which come from restricted dollars. He explained that sometimes deficit spending is planned deficit spending.

Public Comments

Mr. Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association, inquired as to the District spending down the reserve. Mr. Hern responded that the reserve has been spending down for such items as restoring employee furlough days and funding for Special Education.

Ms. Susan Heberle, Citizen, voiced concern regarding the increase of class size in English classes as a result of implementing READ 180 in those classes.

Mr. Heberle asked if the planned deficit spending includes grade span adjustment. Mr. Hern responded that no, that is not a draw down. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve acceptance of the 2014-15 First Interim Financial Report.

The student preferential vote was aye.

Personnel Matters

Mr. McKilligan presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Heberle asked how long the Account Supervisor position was vacant. Mr. Hern reported that the person in the position recently left and an employee on the reemployment list was able to return to the position (Account Supervisor) they held prior to layoff.

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

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Mr. Jay Halva, Bear Creek High School and Mr. Carlos Casillas, McNair High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

Mr. David Phillips, Representative, Lodi Sports Foundation, commented on the all-weather track built at Lodi High School. Mr. Phillips stated the fundraising of their group has delivered \$375,000 of the \$400,000 they promised to repay, with the remainder to be paid shortly. Mr. Phillips voiced concern that students are being asked to pay \$29.00 an hour to use the facility. He reported that a new running club has been started in an effort to get more kids involved in sports. He spoke as a proponent for increasing coaching stipends for track and all sports. He thanked the Board for their continued support and mentioned that the group will continue fundraising in hopes of generating funds to build grandstands.

Mr. Nava asked that Dr. Washer and Ms. Vetica look into the activity fee of \$29.00 for students to use the track at Lodi High School. He also stated that the Board will take a closer look at coaching stipends.

Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski, Student, Lodi High School, urged the Board to end the fee of \$29.00 for students to use the facilities at Lodi High School. He stated that many students are unable to pay the fee and the all-weather track is needed for students to run on during the winter months.

Ms. Cassel asked Mr. Ozminkowski to share his good news with the audience. Ryan obliged and stated he will be attending Princeton University and participating on their track team.

Mr. Womack congratulated the Lodi Sports Foundation for all the money they raised and their continued efforts. He also asked Dr. Washer to investigate the facility usage fee.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Mr. Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association, congratulated Mr. Nava for being selected the 2015 President of the Board and thanked Ms. Cassel for her work as the former President. He welcomed Dr. Talken, newly elected to the Board. Mr. Johnston highlighted some recent happenings between the District and LEA at the bargaining table. He commented that neighboring school districts are higher and the average cost of living adjustment for San Joaquin County schools was 3.37 percent last year. He urged the Board to spend current money on today's employees, not in reserves.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Freitas thanked Ms. Cassel for her leadership during her tenure as Board President. He welcomed Dr. Talken and acknowledged that he "is no longer the new guy." He recognized teachers Maureen Diehl, Beckman Elementary and Patty Radotic, Millswood Middle, for being selected as 2014 Classroom Heroes by the *Lodi News-Sentinel*. He urged an end to the fee for students to use the facilities at Lodi High School. Mr. Freitas wished everyone a happy holiday season and acknowledged this as the last meeting of 2014.

Mr. Womack congratulated Dr. Talken and thanked Bonnie for her service as Board President. He also congratulated the new officers. He is looking forward to his third year of service as a Board Member.

He announced that on January 10, 2015 the Board will attend a professional development session to review the roles of trustees and he is looking forward to attending. He acknowledged the work of Podesta Ranch, Ansel Adams, John Muir, Mosher, McNair and Sutherland for their food donations to the Channel 3 sponsored, Kids Can Food Drive. Together these schools contributed 4,917 pounds of food to the food drive.

Mr. Neely asked that staff review the use of facilities by the public and acknowledged that the issue has never been resolved at Tokay High School. He also asked staff to investigate the activity fee for students using the Lodi High School track. He acknowledged the comment from Mr. Johnston regarding negotiations and suggested that perhaps looking at total compensation packages may make things look different. He wished happy holidays to all and welcome Dr. Talken to the Board.

Ms. Cassel welcomed Dr. Talken. She commented regarding the issue of student fees for access to the Lodi High School track and asked Dr. Washer to take a look at the situation. She wished all a wonderful holiday season.

Mr. Nava thanked the Board for having confidence in him to refer him for the leadership role of president. He welcomed Dr. Talken. He thanked Bonnie for serving as president and commented that she will be busy doing the many other things that she does. He wished all a happy holiday and hoped that everyone comes back refreshed in 2015.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

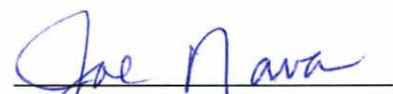
Board Advisory Committee Reports

Mr. Womack reported on the Stockton 2x2. The crossing issues at McNair and the roles of school resource officers were two of the items on the agenda that were discussed at that meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:41 p.m. and Board Members returned to Closed Session.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board