



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 7, 2015

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

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

Board Member Absent: Ms. Bonnie Cassel

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

Student Representatives: Ms. Alexa Douros and Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski

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 comments were received at this time.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:07 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Nava led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Student** – Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student #2014-15 #s 99 and 100, as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack
Noes:	None
Absent:	Cassel
Abstain:	None

Motion carried

Spotlight

Liberty High School Student, Alejandro Osorio, presented the speech that won him first place in the Lodi Tokay Rotary Club speech contest and received runner up status at the regional competition.

Recognition

Tokay High School Purple and Gold Science Bowl Teams were recognized for their achievements thus far, including the upcoming National Competition to be conducted in Washington, D.C. Science Bowl Team Coach, Susan Heberle, noted that by the time a student makes it to this level of completion they have logged over 1,000 hours of practice and studying.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer presented an example of how students at Tokay High School are utilizing technology tools. Students in Librarian Tanya Richards' class created video trailers for popular book titles. She noted that additional samples can be found on Tokay High School's website. Dr. Washer displayed pictures of McNair students competing in the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) program. Dr. Washer noted that two graduates from McNair, who took part in the HOSA Academy at McNair, have started a similar program at UC Davis. McNair students also were highlighted for competing in a recent MESA competition and reported winners from several categories.

Mr. Freitas and Dr. Washer reported on the Cortopassi Family Foundation Award recipients from Lodi Unified School District: Kristin Winterhalter, Lodi High School; David Pires and Alicia Wong, Ronald McNair High School. They both stated that the Cortopassi Family Foundation award is a very prestigious and competitive award. Dr. Washer reported that the second annual LUSD Certificated Job Fair will be conducted on April 15 at the JAESC from 3:30 to 7:00 p.m. and invited Board Members to stop by and view this wonderful event.

REPORT

Mid-Year Report on READ 180, System 44 and iRead Programs

Ms. Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment, and Mr. Sam Howe, Senior Vice President of Academic Planning & Analysis at Scholastic, presented the report. The report focused on a group of students and highlighted their growth and accomplishments over the course of one semester using READ 180, System 44 or iRead. Mr. Howe noted that the systems are only tools, as the success is directly linked to the teacher and the student. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Ms. Lindsey Ortegell, Teacher, Borchardt School; Ms. Susanne Reed, Teacher, Wagner Holt School; and Ms. Bethany Harris, Teacher, Clairmont School

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Womack pulled Item A-1. No items were pulled by the public.

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted to approve amended Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as follows:

- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Donations

- Item A-4 Approval to Submit Form J-13A, Request for Allowance of Attendance Because of Emergency Conditions, to the California Department of Education
- Item A-5 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-6 Resolution 2015-13 Application for Continued Funding From the California Department of Education (CDE), Early Education and Support Division (EESD), for The 2015-2016 School Year for Sate Preschool
- Item A-7 Resolution 2015-14 – Authorization to Advertise and Bid for Proposition 39, Year 1, Energy Conservation Projects
- Item A-8 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, March 17, 2015
- Item A-9 Approval of Title III Plan for Lodi Unified School District

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

Noes: None

Absent: Cassel

Abstain: None

Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-1 Contracts List

Mr. Womack pulled Item A-1 Contract List to confirm that the additional incentive related to the cell tower was an increase in revenue. Mr. Hern said it was an increase to the budget.

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted to approve Item A-1 Contracts List, as follows:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Cassel

Abstain: None

Motion carried

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #14/15-6-62
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #14/15-8-63
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #14/15-9-64
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #14/15-10-65
- Item B-5 Expulsion: Student #14/15-9-66
- Item B-6 Expulsion: Student #14/15-10-67
- Item B-7 Expulsion: Student #14/15-10-68

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Cassel

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Other Action Items

Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group

Mr. McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel presented the tentative agreement to the Board for their consideration.

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted to approve the Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with the Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group, as follows:

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

Noes: None

Absent: Cassel

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Personnel Matters

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

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Cassel

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Alexa Douros, Tokay High School and Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski, Lodi High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

Ms. Maddy Chesley, Student, John Muir Elementary School, read a letter asking the Board to consider a salary increase to teaching staff.

Ms. Martha Snider, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe, thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend a CUE conference in March. She offered an invitation to a free professional development opportunity on April 25th at her school and indicated an invitation will be forthcoming from the Curriculum & Instruction office.

Ms. Cyndi Reichert, Teacher, Larson, first year teacher, spoke as a first-year teacher and of the need for a fair and equitable settlement for the teachers.

Ms. Susanne Reed, Teacher, Wagner Holt School, spoke of caseloads, communication and mandates in the Special Education Department and commented on the need for a salary increase for teaching and classified staffs.

Ms. Laurie Bradley, Teacher, Reese School, asked that the Board make teachers a priority and offer them a fair and equitable settlement.

Ms. Denise Reich, Teacher, Larson School, asked the Board to consider a fair contract vote for the teachers and to consider providing Beginning Teacher Support Assistance (BTSA) for Special Education Teachers, as it is only currently being provided to Regular Education teachers.

Mr. Michael dePolo, Teacher, Manlio Silva School, spoke regarding the need to develop a Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program to recruit and retain Special Education teachers in the District. He also voice comment for an equitable settlement to current teacher negotiations.

Ms. Lindsey Ortegel, Teacher, Borchardt School, read a letter from a non-tenured teacher who wrote regarding the need for a BTSA program for Special Education teachers and a wage increase for teaching staff.

Ms. Erin Aitken, Athletic Director, Lodi High School accompanied by Mr. Louis Franklin, Athletic Director, Tokay High School, spoke regarding consideration to reinstate the coaching stipends that were previously eliminated due to budget cuts.

Mr. David Hurley, Teacher, Sutherland School, reminded the Board that teachers and classified staff supported the goals for students by taking reductions in the past and are now looking towards fair and equitable contract settlements.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Mr. Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke of the transformation in the role of teachers today, including Smarter Balanced Assessment, skills to navigate new computer formats, and new mandates. He stated that highly trained teachers are critical for student success. Mr. Johnston spoke regarding shortages in teaching personnel and the need to increase salary and benefits for teachers.

Ms. Debra Ladwig, President, CSEA, Chapter #77, announced that unit member, Bridget Wilson, has recently been given the Unsung Hero award and was honored at a luncheon. The chapter has an upcoming dinner for members retiring this year, will be awarding ten scholarships to graduating seniors, conducting a Classified School Employee Week dinner and will take part in a bowling event. Ms. Ladwig commented on the chapter's involvement in the District's Local Control Accountability Plan.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Heberle, reported that 52 teams from San Joaquin County took part in the Elementary Science Olympiad, with Vinewood School taking first place. Mr. Heberle gave accolades to the custodial staff at McNair for doing a great job, thus enabling the event to run smoothly. Mr. Heberle reported that other events are on the horizon including math competitions and spelling bees.

Mr. Womack complimented those who donated to the District and were included on the Donations List. He attended the International Rally at Bear Creek. Mr. Womack reported that Mr. David Yinger, Teacher at Christa McAuliffe, is part of a musical duo called Cole & Younger who have a song in the top 25 of Nashville's ReverbNation chart.

Mr. Neely commented on the high school students visiting the middle school students to explain what they can expect at the high school level and how well it is working based on their Student Representative reports. He noted that data shows that going from 6th grade into 7th grade and from 8th grade to 9th grade are very difficult transitional times for students. Mr. Neely asked that BTSA be added to a future agenda for discussion.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer noted the correction that the Certificated Job Fair is April 16th, not April 15th as was previously stated.

Board Discussion

Public Use of Lodi Unified School District Track Facilities

Mr. Neely presented the item for Board discussion. Mr. Neely noted that many people spent several years fundraising and were expecting the track to be open to the public. He said it was time to revisit the District's policy regarding facility usage. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Mr. Joe Hammonds aka "Lodi Joe", Citizen; Ms. Joivita Bradford, Representative, San Joaquin County Public Health; Mr. Steve Scott, Retired Coach; Ms. Lauri Merrill, Lodi Physical Therapy; Ms. Erin Aitken, Athletic Director, Lodi High School; Mr. Bob Lofsted, Principal, Lodi High School; Mr. Monty Merrill, Lodi Physical Therapy; and Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski, Student, Lodi High School

Dr. Washer stated that this item will be brought back to a future agenda.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

None

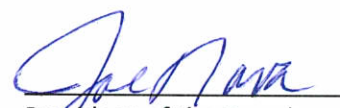
Future Agenda Items

Mr. Neely asked for an agenda item related to the Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) program.

Mr. Heberle asked for an agenda item to be added to address the status of providing standards-aligned instructional materials, supplies and equipment with regards to the Local Control Accountability Plan needs assessment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:09 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board