



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

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

Board Member Absent: Ms. Bonnie Cassel, President

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

Student Representatives: Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski, Lodi High School and Mr. Andrew Moton, Tokay High School.

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

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 7:01 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Vice-President Nava led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

Vice-President Nava reported on the following actions taken in Closed Session:

- **Non-Public School Student Placement** – Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2014-15 #s 75, 76 and 77.

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

Motion carried

- **Closed Session Personnel Matters** – Mr. Heberle motioned, Ms. Davis seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to approve the appointment of Ms. Nicole Vertar as Middle School Vice-Principal, Katnich and Morada Middle Schools, effective date TBD:

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

Motion carried

- **Closed Session Personnel Matters** – Mr. Heberle motioned, Ms. Davis seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to approve the appointment of Ms. Jacqueline Heinrich as High School Vice-Principal, Tokay High School, effective date TBD:

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

Motion carried

- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation** – Ms. Davis motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to deny claim 497801.

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

Motion carried

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer thanked Student Representatives Ryan Ozminkowski, representing Lodi High School and Mr. Andrew Moton, substituting for the Tokay High School representative for attending the meeting during their fall break. Dr. Washer presented a video highlighting the Restorative Justice program that is currently in place in a couple of the District's school sites.

Public Hearings

California School Employees Association (CSEA) Re-openers for the 2014-15 School Year

Vice-President Nava declared the public hearing "California School Employees Association (CSEA) Re-openers for the 2014-15 School Year" open. No comments were forthcoming. The public hearing was declared closed.

School Facility Fee Justification Report for Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Development Projects

Vice-President Nava declared the public hearing "School Facility Fee Justification Report for Residential, Commercial, and Industrial Development Projects" open. No comments were forthcoming. The public hearing was declared closed.

Consent Agenda A

Mr. Heberle asked to pull Item A-2 and Ms. Davis, asked to remove Item A-3.

Mr. Womack moved, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to adopt the Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended:

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-4 Donations
- Item A-5 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-6 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 16, 2014
- Item A-7 Resolution 2014-36 - A Resolution Adopting Bidder Prequalification Process
- Item A-8 Resolution 2014-37 - Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Creekside Elementary HVAC Project
- Item A-9 Resolution 2014-38 - A Resolution Adopting 2014 School Facility Fee Justification Report

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

Motion carried

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-2 Contracts

Mr. Heberle pulled Item A-2 to ask for clarification regarding the first contract entitled Aries training; specifically if the amount requested is above and beyond the purchase contract that included training. Mr. Hern affirmed that it is training above and beyond what was included in the original contract. Mr. Heberle and Mr. Neely both agree that additional training is a benefit, as there have been some problems with the implementation of Aries.

Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to approve the Contracts List:

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

Motion carried

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report

Ms. Davis removed Item A-3 to ask about a payment to American Express; specifically if it is a credit account. Mr. Hern responded that the District has an American Express account for expedited purchases. Ms. Davis asked if vendor names could be associated with the account listing of American Express, so as to know what vendors are being paid. Mr. Hern said that the item could be sub-categorized, as she requested.

Ms. Davis motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to approve the Purchase Order Detail Report:

Ayes: Davis, Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Womack
Noes: None

Absent: Cassel
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Other Action Items

Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee – Appointment of New Member

Mr. Warren Sun, Senior Operations Manager, presented the appointment of Mr. Jeff Seybold for the new member of the Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee.

Mr. Womack, who participated in the interview process, noted he was very impressed with Mr. Seybold's enthusiasm and dedication to the committee.

Public Comments

Ms. Susan Heberle, Citizen, commented that the Board should revisit the bond issue and the associated literature that came out with the bond. She noted that the existing Science rooms at Bear Creek High School have not been updated and perhaps that is something the Measure L Committee can look at.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to approve the appointment of Mr. Jeff Seybold to the Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee:

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

Motion carried

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consider Donating the Tokay Colony Elementary School Bell

Mr. Warren Sun, Senior Operations Manager, presented the item for Board consideration. Mr. Sun stated that the San Joaquin Historical Society asked that the bell be donated to the historical museum.

Mr. Heberle noted the San Joaquin Historical Society is a well proven organization and this is an excellent place to have this bell preserved.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to approve the appointment of Mr. Jeff Seybold to the Measure L Citizens' Oversight Committee:

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

Motion carried

Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Mr. McKilligan presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

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

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

Motion carried

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski, Lodi High School and Mr. Andrew Moton, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments From The Public

No comments.

Comments From Employee Group Representatives

Mr. Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association, expressed appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Heberle and Mr. Freitas for visiting the LEA open house and thanked Dr. Washer for the homemade, hand-decorated, personalized cookies she provided for the event. Mr. Johnston reported that the LEA Bargaining Team met over the break and will bring a proposal to their Executive Board on bargaining priorities on the 13th of October, the result of which will then be presented to the District.

Comments From Board Members

Mr. Freitas attended the College and Career Night hosted by McNair High School and reported the event was well organized, well attended and presented many opportunities for students. He noted that Mr. Jim Davis, Cindy Mettler and Kimberlee Collier worked hard to make the event successful. He attended the Health Fair at Westwood Elementary. He attended a breakfast for staff at Larson School hosted by the Larson PTA, which was a great event for interaction among parents, students and staff. The PTA at Larson School is doing a great job to support their teachers.

Mr. Womack gave commendation to Mr. Hern for the recent issue of the Fiscal Focus, through which he learned of the natural gas station and Maintenance and Operations upgrades. He thanked those on the list of donations presented. Mr. Womack thanked Dr. Washer and staff for furthering the Restorative Justice at District sites, which he fully supports and appreciates the work it took to make it happen. He thanked the student representatives for their attendance and input. He spoke of his involvement with the Rotary Club and their reading program for elementary school students.

Mr. Neely attended a Golden Bell Award validation event at a school in Lincoln Unified. He spoke of the many relevant programs at the school including their use of curriculum via digital means. This high school focuses on students that are on their way to the One Program, but are now offered high quality resources within their district. He noted that Stockton Unified is beginning to charge for their breakfast

program and asked staff if Lodi Unified has looked into this. He spoke of the Restorative Justice Program as a vehicle teaching skills such as avoiding conflict.

Mr. Heberle thanked the student representatives for their attendance and for sharing what is going on and sharing their ideas. He attended the College and Career Night and reported it was a huge success and seems to be getting larger and larger each year.

Mr. Nava commented on the great information provided in the District's Fiscal Focus publication. He was impressed with the number grants that were featured in the publication. He enjoyed reading to a class of second graders.

Mr. Freitas also read to a second grade class; noting it was a fantastic class of students.

Comments From The Superintendent

Dr. Washer thanked Board members for commenting on the College and Career Night event and noted that this was the first year that the phone message went to families of students in all grades. She said it was exciting to see elementary-age students participating.

Board Discussion

The Board Will Discuss the Idea of Expanding the Use of Digital Technology to Deliver Educational Programs and Services

Mr. Neely presented this item for Board discussion. The presentation started with a video of Evergreen School District. Mr. Neely explained that the video was shown because Evergreen School District is comparable to Lodi Unified. He explained that the District could implement course offerings, individualized learning and offer more world languages, complete CTE programs, information technology classes, credit recovery, online advanced placement and A-G courses. Mr. Neely explained the presentation is to get the District thinking about these concepts to create a future vision.

Mr. Moton, Student Representative, stated he agrees with Mr. Neely about the use of technology to expand course offerings. He gave an example of the Japanese language class at Tokay High that is envied by students at other schools. Mr. Moton suggested with such technology, Lodi USD could offer all the courses to all the students at all high schools. The more education we can provide, the better our students will be.

Public Comments

Mr. Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association, voiced concern to expanding a technology program when we aren't sure we can support what we currently have in place. He stated the District has invested millions of dollars in the past several years in technology, which is great, but we are still experiencing significant issues on the front line in our classrooms. He urged the Board to continue to utilize the Technology Committee.

Ms. Susan Heberle, Citizen, spoke as a proponent of value of online courses. She noted the presentation emphasized interpersonal connections with a small learning environment and connection with students. She noted, small classes, more school days, longer school days are something that provides the other part of school that students need.

Mr. Womack liked the concept of providing additional options for students and believes that students would take advantage of online opportunities. He supports this concept.

Mr. Freitas noted that such technology could solve individual problems across the District, covering all students and their needs. He also noted that times are changing, reading out of books and newspapers isn't how society will relay information. Individuals need to have the skills.

Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski, Student Representative, voiced his support of Mr. Womack's comments regarding getting students involved. He noted this is a valuable tool for all students.


Board Advisory Committee Reports

Mr. Nava reported on a recent City of Stockton Parks & Recreation Committee Meeting. The Stockton Police Department has a resolution to take back parks located in the District. They state that parks are used by gang members and homeless people. The Parks and Recreation Department is trying to get the community involved. The president of the Stockton Parks and Recreation Department is willing to come to speak to the Stockton 2x2 Committee meeting.

Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


Vice-President of the Board