



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 3, 2019

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

Board Members Present: Mr. Gary Knackstedt, President; Mr. Joe Nava, Vice President; Mr. Ron Freitas, Clerk; Mr. Ron Heberle; Mrs. Susan Macfarlane; Mr. George Neely (*via teleconference*); and Mr. Courtney Porter

Administrative Staff: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

Student Representative: Ms. Aatiya Edwards, Tokay High School and Mr. Ethan McLaughlin (substitute), Bear Creek 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 the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No public comment was received prior to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:11 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Knackstedt announced that Board Member Neely would be teleconferencing from Calhoun, GA. Student Representative Aatiya Edwards led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Knackstedt reported that the following action was taken in Closed Session:

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Porter seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Magenda Cruz as Elementary School Principal, Davis Elementary School, effective date to be determined.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation:

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to reject Claim #573750.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation:

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted unanimously to reject Claim #49.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Washer displayed the current issue of the San Joaquin County Office of Education's *OUTLOOK* publication, which featured one of our Larson Elementary School students as the cover shot. Dr. Washer credited Public Information Officer, Chelsea Vongehr for taking the photograph. Dr. Washer announced that math instructor, Abigail Bates, will be representing the District as a member of the focus group selected to prepare the 2021 California Math Framework. Dr. Washer thanked Cindy Mettler and the staff of the College and Career Committee for planning and executing a successful 2019 College and Career Night.

Comments from the Public

Rocio House, parent, relayed the experience of her child being bullied and how she felt it could have been handled better by District staff members and asked that the District revisit channels of communication and review bullying protocols.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Heberle suggested that all Board meetings be conducted at the District Office, citing poor acoustics, no livestreaming capabilities, which reduced public contact when Board meetings are conducted at Julia Morgan Elementary School. He asked that an item be added to the next agenda to discuss keeping meetings at the District Office next year.

Mr. Porter echoed the concerns brought forward by the speaker during public comments, stating that our schools need to be a safe and welcoming place for students and staff. Mr. Porter asked for information related to College Preparatory (CP) class assessments for students who fail and are again placed in CP classes. Mr. Porter asked that perhaps Closed Session could start at 5:30 p.m. in an effort to complete the work needed.

Mr. Freitas commented on the success of the recent College and Career Night and spoke of his experience at the event with his grandson, as they visited the informational booths. Mr. Freitas echoed the prior comments related to school violence and stated that perhaps a District task force might be needed.

Mr. Knackstedt also spoke regarding the recent College and Career event. He noted that Lincoln Technical Academy currently offers 32 college articulated courses and if a student successfully completes one of these courses they are awarded college credit. He added that this is a great opportunity for our students.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

The following items were pulled from Consent Agenda A: Item A-1; Item A-2; Item A-4 and Item A-5
Item A-3 Resolution 2019-78 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for
The Needham Pre-Demolition Data & Telecommunication Infrastructure
Relocation Project No. 0917-8217-1

Item A-6 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 20, 2019

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended.

Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda A – Routine Business

Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget

Mr. Heberle pulled this item to discuss the Fund 67 reserves and the \$2.5 million coming from the General Fund. Discussion ensued regarding details and coordination of the Protected Insurance Program (PIP), fees associated with the move to PIP, present and future claims, etc.

Michelle Orgon, President Lodi Education Association, questioned Changes to the Adopted Budget items pertaining to special education teaching positions and student transportation.

Public Comments

Kyle Harvey, Labor Relations Representative, California School Employees Association

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-1 with the removal of #10, as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas; Heberle; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely and Porter
Noes:	Knackstedt
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Motion Carried

Item A-2 Contracts List

This item was pulled by Mr. Heberle; however, he stated the question he had has since been answered.

Michelle Orgon, President, LEA, asked a question regarding #1 on the Contracts List for Amplify Education. Ms. Orgon said teachers would like to see supplemental materials go through the Curriculum Council approval process.

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-2 Contracts List.

Item A-4 Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with California School Employees Association (CSEA)

Kyle Harvey, Labor Relations Representative, CSEA, pulled this item for comment. Mr. Harvey discussed the District negotiation team's offer regarding a successor contract. He stated the chapter has not gone through the process to survey members in preparation for negotiating a three year agreement. The Lodi chapter would like to negotiate 2019-2020 first and then began negotiations for a successor contract.

Public Comments
None

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-4 Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with California School Employees Association (CSEA), as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; and Porter
Noes:	Neely
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Motion Carried

Item A-5 Approval of Proposed Board Policy Changes Submitted by the Curriculum & Instruction Department

Michelle Orgon, President, LEA, pulled this item to discuss Rule 6162.5 Student Assessment.

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, will pull Policy and Rule 6162.5 to do further research and make any necessary changes. Policy and Rule 6162.5 will return to a future agenda for consideration.

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Freitas moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-5 Approval of Proposed Board Policy Changes Submitted by the Curriculum & Instruction Department, as amended to exclude approval of Policy and Rule 6162.5.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Item B-1 Admission: Student #19/20-9-A2

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely and Porter
Noes:	Heberle
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Motion Carried

Board Discussion

Discussion of parent concerns regarding a group of homes included in the boundaries of Live Oak/Morada instead of Borchardt/Lodi Middle

Daisy Dickens, Parent, spoke regarding the possibility of altering boundaries for a specific housing development (225 homes and an apartment complex) in Lodi that currently lies within the boundaries of Live Oak Elementary School and Morada Middle School and changing to be included within the boundaries of Borchardt Elementary School and Lodi Middle School.

Discussion ensued. Board asked that staff take a closer look at the current Intradistrict policy.

Public Comments
Michelle Orgon, President, LEA

Other Action Items

OAI-1 Approval of Resolution 2019-75 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, presented the resolution for Board consideration. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments
None

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, OAI-1 Approval of Resolution 2019-75 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, as follows:

Ayes:	Freitas; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely and Porter
Noes:	Heberle
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Motion Carried

Personnel Matters

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

Mr. Freitas highlighted the resignation of Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, noting that she is a huge resource to the District and to the Superintendent and an integral part of the GOT Kids Foundation.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Aatiya Edwards, Tokay High School and Ethan McLaughlin (substitute), Bear Creek High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, reported on a busy month of activities in the Lodi Chapter including ten members attending the annual CSEA conference in Las Vegas. Ms. Ladwig spoke regarding current negotiation sessions and noted the CSEA team appreciates the open dialogue. She reported that a challenge for her membership is how information from the Personnel and Payroll Department's is sent to CalPERS and asked if the District is considering sending employees to CalPERS for training.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, stated she appreciated the prior comments from Board about considering the change to have all Board meetings at the District Office so more employees can tune in to livestreaming. Ms. Orgon thanked staff for scheduling the upcoming employee health benefits fair. She announced that there will be a CalSTRS information session on September 18th at McNair High School for those interested.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Reports

Staff Will Provide a Report to the Board of Education on the Houston/Serna Relocation Including a Shade Structure Update

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the report that included information on the kitchen renovation, shade structure, switch gear installation, bathroom renovation, copier room ventilation and fencing. Discussion ensued.

Public Comment

None

Update on K-8 Classroom and Instrumental Music

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction and Cynthia Braden, Lead Music Teacher, presented a detailed report of the current status of classroom music and band. Discussion ensued regarding facilities for programs.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, LEA

Staff Will Share Information on the Proposed Application for the Inclusive Early Education and Expansion Program (IEEEP) Grant Which Will Allow LUSD to Expand Preschool Offerings and Provide an Inclusion Program for All Preschool Students

Denice Mangrum, Coordinator Special Education and Liz Zastrow, Program Specialist, presented an overview of the proposed special education/regular education preschool inclusion program. The report included funding, enrollment and logistics of the grant opportunity. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, LEA

Update on Solar Power

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented information on the current status of solar energy as it pertains to options for the District. Currently four sites in Lodi USD have solar panels. Discussion ensued.

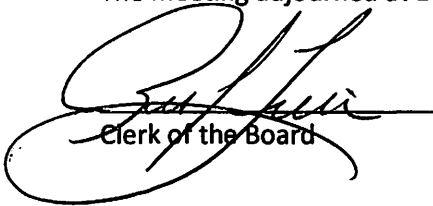
Public Comments

None

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were presented.

The meeting adjourned at 10:08 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board