



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 17, 2023

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

Board Members Present: Mr. Joe Nava, President; Mr. Gary Knackstedt, Vice-President; Ms. Sherry Alexander, Clerk; Mrs. Susan Macfarlane; Mr. Courtney Porter; and Mr. Jeff Stroh

Administrative Staff: Mr. Neil Young, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent; and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

Meeting Recorder: Mrs. Michelle Armstrong, 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, and broadcast on YouTube.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Bobbie Ables-Smith, Lead Negotiator, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), handed out a compensation analysis study and commented on upcoming LPPA negotiations.

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 Board Member Susan Macfarlane led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Personnel Matters

Mr. Knackstedt motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Erin Church as Director of Personnel, effective date to be determined.

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mr. Porter motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim #614395.

Moment of Silence

Daniel Romero, teacher, and coach at Bear Creek High School, passed away on December 29. Board extended their condolences to the Romero family, and to the students and staff at Bear Creek High School.

Superintendent's Report

Associate Superintendent Young reported on the recent storms, which created many issues including, power outages, flooding, tree damage, and school closures. He commented on Joe Serna and Houston schools closing due to extreme flooding, and noted he hopes that those students will be back in their classrooms by the end of the week. Mr. Young spoke about the start of the teacher transfer process and thanked Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, and everyone involved who gave input on elementary staffing. He announced the GOT Kids Crab Feed will be conducted on February 25 at the Chardonnay Hall located on the Lodi Grape Festival

Grounds. Mr. Young related that information for applicants to apply for the Area 6 Board vacancy has been sent out to the community via newspaper advertisements, social media, and other means.

Board President Comments

President Nava spoke about his desire to run efficient and productive meetings that end before 9:30 p.m. He requested that agenda item questions should try to be addressed with Superintendent's Cabinet members prior to the meeting. Mr. Nava spoke about safety in schools being a priority and noted he feels that school sites are doing a good job keeping students safe. He spoke about the superintendent's intent to reduce elementary combo classes. President Nava commented that he would like to eliminate the 120 percent teaching contracts for secondary education and suggested recruiting from out of state for new teachers. He spoke about continuing mental health awareness. He commented on the Local Control Funding Formula meetings and would like to make sure parents, families, and Board members are involved in the process. Mr. Nava spoke about Mr. Young transitioning into the superintendent position at the start of the 2023/2024 school year and how nicely Dr. Washer is helping with the transition.

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Jaesa Del Prato, Bear Creek High School and Ms. McKenna Anderson, Lodi High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Comments from the Public

Susan Heberle, Community Member, recognized Martin Luther King, Jr. Day and thanked the Board for how they handled District business during and after the pandemic.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-3 Warrant Report
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-6 Donations
- Item A-7 Approval of Construction Project Revised Final Change Order-2 Facility Improvement - Needham Elementary School Inc. 1 Site Work Change Order Project No. 0917-8217-4
- Item A-8 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-9 Resolution 2023-01 Authorization to Advertise for and Solicit Bids for District-wide Cable Replacement
- Item A-10 Resolution 2023-02 Juneteenth Holiday 2023-24 and 2024-25 School Years
- Item A-12 Resolution 2023-05 Approval of Rainforth Grau Architects for Lunch Shelters at 10 Various School Sites
- Item A-13 Resolution 2023-06 Authorizing Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Paving Project at Delta Sierra Middle and Bear Creek High Schools Project No. (0941-8241 and 0949-8249)
- Item A-14 Resolution 2023-07 Authorizing Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Paving Project at John Muir and Larson Elementary Schools Project No. 0918-8218 and 0922-8222
- Item A-15 Resolution 2023-08 Authorizing Filing of the Revised Notice of Completion for the Site Work Project at Needham Elementary School Project No. 0917-8217-4
- Item A-18 Resolution 2023-12 Award of Contract and Authorization to begin Work for the Tokay High Asphalt Project No. 8150-5830-2

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

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

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

Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget

Board Member Alexander questioned the amount and reason for the realignment of the Bear Creek High School AG science classrooms budget.

Mr. Kahn explained the process of changes to the adopted budget.

Mr. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-2 Contracts List

Board Member Porter questioned the agreement with Architechnica for the development of plans for the third-floor remodel at the District Office.

Mr. Kahn stated the third floor has code violations that will need to be corrected for the Special Education department to be relocated.

Mr. Porter moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item A-2 Contracts, minus Item 13 Agreement with Architechnica, by the following vote:

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| Ayes: | Porter; Alexander; Stroh | |
| Noes: | Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava | |
| Absent: | None | |
| Abstain: | None | Motion failed |

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item A-2 Contracts Lists, by the following vote:

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| Ayes: | Alexander; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Stroh | |
| Noes: | Porter | |
| Absent: | None | |
| Abstain: | None | Motion carried |

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-11 Resolution 2023-04 Approval of Architect Scoping Proposal for District Server Relocation

Ms. Alexander questioned the proposal for the District server relocation, stating it seemed to be a lot of money.

Mr. Kahn stated that the architect scoping proposal is the beginning steps to understand what needs to be done for the server room relocation.

Public Comments

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-11 Resolution 2023-04 Approval of Architect Scoping Proposal for District Server Relocation.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-16 Resolution 2023-09 Authorization to Publish a Request for Qualifications for HVAC Proposals

Board Member Alexander requested that the actual school site locations receiving new HVAC systems be listed on the resolution.

Mr. Kahn explained that approval of the resolution will allow the District to seek proposals to have HVAC systems installed and those proposals will detail school site locations.

No further Board or public comments.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-16 Resolution 2023-09 Authorization to Publish a Request for Qualifications for HVAC Proposals.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-17 Resolution 2023-10 – Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Authorization of Emergency Repairs - Lodi High School Soffit

Board Member Alexander asked how much soffit is anticipated to be removed and why it isn't included in the resolution.

Mr. Kahn stated approximately thirty thousand square feet of soffit will be removed. He explained that the resolution will allow the District to get proposals for the job.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-17 Resolution 2023-10 – Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Authorization of Emergency Repairs - Lodi High School Soffit.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-19 Resolution 2023-13 Approval of Rainforth Grau Architects for Portable Installation and Lunch Shelter at Victor Elementary

Mr. Kahn pulled Item A-19 to have it return to a future agenda.

Item A-20 Emergency Medical Response CTE (LTA) Course of Study

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, stated she is concerned that the District can't find qualified teachers for the new course of study subjects listed on the agenda. Her comment was intended for Item A-20 through A-26.

Dr. Sahli stated the District currently has all the teachers needed to cover the courses.

Mr. Porter clarified that the curriculum council has reviewed and approved all the courses with peer review and teacher input.

Dr. Sahli confirmed, stating the meeting was conducted on December 15, 2022.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-20 Emergency Medical Response CTE (LTA) Course of Study.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-21 Cybersecurity CTE Course of Study

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled the item for the same reasons specified for Item A-20.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-21 Cybersecurity CTE Course of Study.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-22 Video Game Design CTE Course of Study

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled the item for the same reasons specified for Item A-20.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-22 Video Game Design CTE Course of Study.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-23 AP Computer Science Principles CTE Course of Study

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled the item for the same reasons specified for Item A-20.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-23 AP Computer Science Principles CTE Course of Study.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-24 Application of CAD/CAM CTE Course of Study

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled the item for the same reasons specified for Item A-20.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-24 Application of CAD/CAM CTE Course of Study.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-25 Designated ELD Courses of Study

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled the item for the same reasons specified for Item A-20.

Mr. Knackstedt stated that he is excited to see these courses and is an advocate for hands-on learning.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-25 Designated ELD Courses of Study.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-26 AP Spanish Textbook Adoption

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled the item for the same reasons specified for Item A-20.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-26 AP Spanish Textbook Adoption.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-27 Approval of Salary Schedule for Classified Substitutes

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled the item and later commented that she had done so in error.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-27 Approval of Salary Schedule for Classified Substitutes.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-28 Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of December 13, 2022

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, pulled the item and later commented that she had done so in error.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-28 Minutes of the Organizational Meeting of December 13, 2022.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-52

Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-10-53

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Resolution 2023-03 for The Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees

Mr. McKilligan presented Resolution 2023-03 for the hiring of short-term classified employees for Board consideration.

Public Comments

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Resolution 2023-03 for The Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-2 Increase Certificated Substitute Pay Rates

Mr. McKilligan presented the proposed increase to certificated substitute pay rates for Board consideration.

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Public Comments

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Increase Certificated Substitute Pay Rates.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-3 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group

Mr. McKilligan presented the ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group for Board consideration.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-4 Resolution 2023-11 Leveraging Innovation by Growing and Honoring Teachers (LIGHT) Awards Grant Opportunity

Mr. Young pulled to have the item return to a future agenda.

Personnel Matters

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

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters.

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke about the recent weather and how much rain California has received. She feels that the District is going to continue to have weather days that effect school schedules and would like the District to look at building "snow days" into the instructional calendar. Ms. Wilkins spoke about President Nava's intentions of ending meetings no later than 9:30 p.m. and stated she felt like it was disrespectful to the public.

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, welcomed the new Board members to their first official meeting.

Comments from the Board

Mrs. Macfarlane acknowledged the significant number of retiring teachers and thanked them for their years of service.

Ms. Alexander acknowledged the San Joaquin County High School Honors Concert. She thanked Dr. Sahli, staff, and Curriculum Council, for putting together the new course studies.

Mr. Porter requested Board review and spotlight student achievements more, as well as addressing the student achievement gap, and truancy issues. He thanked Mr. Young for his approach on dealing with the recent flooding concerns. Mr. Porter would like the District to offer social and emotional support for teachers and administrators.

Mr. Stroh thanked District staff for making him feel welcome and spoke about his recent school site visits.

Mr. Knackstedt spoke about keeping our schools safe and reflecting on the 34th anniversary of the Cleveland Elementary School shootings in Stockton.

Mr. Nava commented on ending Board meetings at 9:30 p.m. and that it is not a Brown Act violation. He thanked Dr. Sahli for his work on course study plans and thanked Mr. Kahn and M&O for taking care of the weather-related issues. Mr. Nava would like to initiate 2x2 meetings with San Joaquin County, City of Stockton, and City of Lodi.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Board Member Advisory Reports

No reports were presented.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board