



Board Members Present: Dr. Rommel Bal, President; Ms. Sherry Alexander, Vice-President; Mrs. Susan Macfarlane, Clerk; Mrs. Victoria Lenderman; and Mr. Joe Nava

Board Members Absent: Mr. Jeff Stroh and Mr. Courtney Porter

Administrative Staff: Mr. Neil Young, Superintendent; Dr. David Horton, Associate Superintendent; Mrs. Erin Church, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Mrs. April Juarez, Executive Director, Fiscal Services; and Mrs. Edith Holbert, Executive Director, Operations

Student Representatives: Ms. Margaret Machado, Tokay High School; Ms. Lexi Thor, Bear Creek High School; and Ms. Selene Wang, Middle College High School

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

No comments were presented.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m. Attendance was recorded, and Student Representative Thor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Conference with Legal Counsel:

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve OAH 2024100560, as follows:

Ayes:	Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava
Noes:	none
Abstain:	none
Absent:	Stroh; Porter

Motion carried

Ms. Alexander moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve OAH 2024120273, as follows:

Ayes:	Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava
Noes:	none
Abstain:	none
Absent:	Stroh, Porter

Motion carried

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mrs. Lenderman seconded, and the Board voted to reject claim #644222, as follows:

Ayes:	Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Stroh, Porter	Motion carried

Personnel Matters:

Ms. Alexander moved, Mrs. Lenderman seconded, and the Board voted to approve Resolution 2025-21 Release/Non-Reelection of Temporary Certificated Employees, as follows:

Ayes:	Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Stroh, Porter	Motion carried

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Lenderman seconded, and the Board voted to approve Resolution 2025-22 Termination of Certificated Employee, as follows:

Ayes:	Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Stroh, Porter	Motion carried

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Margaret Machado, Tokay High School; Ms. Lexi Thor, Bear Creek High School; and Ms. Selene Wang, Middle College High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Young announced the GOT Kids Crab Feed and NorCal Science Festival is this Saturday, February 22. He welcomed Brooke Nelson, Lodi High Student/President of NorCal Science Festival Planning Committee, to speak briefly on the upcoming event.

Dr. Bal moved Comments from the Public after Superintendent’s Report, instead of at the end of the meeting.

Comments from the Public

Julia Lange & Ghislaine Garcia, Students, Joe Serna Jr. Charter School, spoke about why incoming freshman from Joe Serna should be allowed to have a pathway straight into Spanish 3 classes.

Matt Winslow, Huntington Learning Center, spoke about creating a relationship between Lodi USD and Huntington Learning Center.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

No public comments were received.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Contracts List (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-2 Purchase Order Detail Report - January 2025, FY 24/25 (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-3 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters (Mrs. Church)
- Item A-4 Warrant Report (Mrs. Juarez)

- Item A-5 Resolution 2025-19 Award Contract for Network Switches (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-6 Resolution 2025-20 Award Contract for K12HSN - Circuit Connection via SJCOE (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-7 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 4, 2025 (Mr. Young)
- Item A-8 Minutes of the Special Meeting of February 11, 2025 (Mr. Young)

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented, as follows:

Ayes:	Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Stroh, Porter	Motion carried

Public Comments on Consent Agenda B

No comments were received for Consent Agenda B.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 24/25-11-17
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 24/25-8-18
- Item B-3 Revoke Suspended Expulsion: Student # 23/24-9-16

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

Ayes:	Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Stroh, Porter	Motion carried

Public Comments on Other Action Items

Rodrigo Contreras, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77, commented on Item OAI-2 and Item OAI-4.

Cris Beach, Cafeteria Manager, Clairmont Elementary School, commented on Item OAI-2.

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, commented on Item OAI-1 and OAI-2.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: Classified School Employees Association (CSEA)

Mrs. Juarez presented the AB1200 documents for CSEA for Board review and approval.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-1 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: Classified School Employees Association (CSEA), as follows:

Ayes: Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Stroh, Porter Motion carried

Item OAI-2 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association: Re-range of Classifications

Mrs. Church presented the MOU with the re-range of classifications for CSEA for Board review and approval.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-2 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association: Re-range of Classifications, as follows:

Ayes: Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Stroh, Porter Motion carried

Item OAI-3 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election

Superintendent Young explained the ballot for the 2025 Delegate Assembly, Subregion 8-A, San Joaquin County, has two (2) candidates, Sandra Chan, Lincoln USD; and Susan Macfarlane, Lodi USD.

Mr. Nava moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board granted approval to vote for Susan Macfarlane, Lodi USD, for the 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election, as follows:

Ayes: Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Stroh, Porter Motion carried

Mr. Nava moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board granted approval to vote for Sandra Chan, Lincoln USD, for the 2025 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Election, as follows:

Ayes: Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Stroh, Porter Motion carried

Item OAI-4 College and Career Team

Dr. Horton presented the plan to establish a Lodi USD College and Career Team for Board review and approval.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-4 College and Career Team, as follows:

Ayes: Alexander, Bal, Lenderman, Macfarlane, Nava
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Stroh, Porter Motion carried

Public Comments on Reports

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), commented on the Communications Survey Results Report.

Reports

The required Comprehensive School Safety Plan (CSSP) per Education Code Sections 32280-32288 have been updated to meet compliance requirements and are submitted for Board review.

Mrs. Holbert introduced Stefan Williams, Risk Management Supervisor; Pierre Kirby, Principal, Christa McAuliffe Middle School; Julie Hummel, Principal, Bear Creek High School; Erin Lenzi, Principal, Millswood Middle School, who shared the process behind preparing the reports and were available to answer any questions.

Communications Survey Results

Superintendent Young announced that Director of Communications, Chelsea Vongehr's last day will be this Friday. He expressed his gratitude for her work ethic, competency, and wished her luck at her next venture.

Ms. Vongehr stated that in November 2024, the district sent a communications survey to parents/guardians, students, employees, and community members to solicit feedback regarding district communication efforts. She explained that the information will be used to help the district and schools strengthen and improve their communications and assist in developing the district's next long-term communication plan.

President Bal presented Chelsea with a Board recognition for her dedication, hard work, and efforts.

Board Member Advisory Reports

No reports were given.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, stated that LEA members are feeling frustrated about bargaining and invited Board to sit in on a bargaining meeting.

Rodrigo Contreras, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77, thanked Board for addressing the re-range of classifications and reminded them of the need to review Nutrition Services and Maintenance and Operations.

Comments from Board Members

Mrs. Lenderman spoke about visiting Julia Morgan Elementary School.

Mrs. Macfarlane spoke about CSBA Delegate Assembly and the importance of having representation in northern California.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.