



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
June 1, 2021
Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Student Representatives: Emma Glanville, Bear Creek High School, and Haley Escorpiso, McNair High School, were present.

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 Educational Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA 95240 and via YouTube and GoToWebinar.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

President Freitas informed the audience that the timeframe for comments prior to Closed Session would not exceed fifteen minutes.

Desiree Wise, Negotiations Chair, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi, Chapter #77, spoke about equality for all employees regarding contract settlements and extra pay, in comparison to the Lodi Education Association (LEA), for CSEA members working the extended school year assignments.

Randy Cordoviz, President, CSEA, Lodi, Chapter #77, spoke about CSEA members receiving a fair contract and added that morale is low, as many feel overworked and underappreciated.

Cris Beach, Cafeteria Manager, Clairmont Elementary School, spoke of CSEA members being on the "front lines" from the beginning, adding they didn't have a choice. He asked that the Board treat them fairly and offer them a fair contract.

Brenda Murarik, Teacher, Sutherland Elementary School, spoke of the impacts and effects of COVID-19 on all employees and stated that CSEA employees deserve respect and a fair contract.

Sherry Kelly, Library/Media Assistant I, Curriculum & Instruction, spoke about classified employees distributing food and Chromebooks at the start of COVID-19 and asked for the recognition and compensation CSEA members deserve.

Kimberli Johnson, School Bus Driver, Transportation, asked Board to restore the morale of employees and the service of the District by offering a fair contract.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 8:05 p.m. and attendance was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Knackstedt.

Closed Session

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

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mr. Neely motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Sonja Renhult as Elementary Principal, effective 2021/2022 school year, location TBD.

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Shaunte Shorter as Elementary Principal, effective 2021/2022 school year, location TBD.

Closed Session Student Matters:

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of 2020-2021 Non-Public School New Student number 68.

Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of 2020-2021 Non-Public School New Student number 69.

Public Hearings

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

President Freitas declared the Public Hearing "Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)" open. Robert Sahli, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, presented the public an opportunity for discussion. No comments were received from the Board or the public. The hearing was declared closed.

2021-22 Budget Adoption

President Freitas declared the Public Hearing "2021-22 Budget Adoption" open. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the public an opportunity for discussion. No comments were received from the Board or the public. The hearing was declared closed.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Washer stated San Joaquin County is now in the orange tier and noted on June 15, 2021 the current tier system will be eliminated. She spoke about Millswood School's Check-in and Check-out program, which utilizes cellphone connection between students and school staff and was featured in the most recent issue of SJCOE's OUTLOOK magazine. Dr. Washer stated the City of Lodi recently sponsored an Earth Day Poster Contest where forty-nine Lodi USD students entered. She displayed a list of the contest winners and the "Best in Show" winner, submitted by Anabel Vargas, 8th grader at Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School. Dr. Washer commented on the annual publication of the newspaper, *Mokelumne Current*, which contains news articles written by Lodi Unified students. She thanked Kathy Grant, City of Lodi, Watershed Coordinator, who assists with the coordination of student writers, printing, and distribution of the publication each year. Dr. Washer thanked the teachers and students who took part in the project, the *Lodi-News Sentinel* for their assistance and to the GOT Kids Foundation for funding the project, which is now in its 8th year. She showed pictures from Ms. Johnson's class at Vinewood Elementary School. Dr. Washer finished with a reminder that Lodi USD follows California Department of

Public Health and the San Joaquin County Health Department guidelines and after June 15, 2021 the COVID-19 Industry Guidance for Schools will stay in place.

Comments from Student Representatives

Emma Glanville, Bear Creek High School, and Haley Escorpiso, McNair High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Board Recognition

On behalf of the Lodi Unified Board of Education, President Freitas will acknowledge the 2020-2021 Student Representatives to the Board of Education for their year of service

President Freitas recognized Emma Glanville, Bear Creek High School, and Haley Escorpiso, McNair High School, Student Representatives for their year of service to the Lodi Unified School District Board of Education.

The Student Representatives left the meeting.

Comments from the Public

Jessica Kempker, Technician, Assessment Research & Evaluation, spoke about the CSEA salary schedule and how many ranges are below current minimum wage. She asked Board to treat classified employees fairly and offer them a fair contract with competitive wages.

Michelle Grupe, Community Member, representing the "Let Them Breathe" group, requested that the Board lift the mask mandate for vaccinated and unvaccinated children. She spoke about the mental health crisis COVID-19 has created, especially within youth.

Lisa Wilkins, Teacher, Morada Middle School, spoke about giving CSEA members a fair contract for the additional workdays in the 2020/21 school year.

Tamathy Braden, Paraeducator-Severely Handicapped, Wagner-Holt Elementary School, asked Board to consider a fair and competitive wage and contract for classified employees.

Kimberly Freeberg, Teacher, Lockeford School, spoke about settling the 2019/20 CSEA contract.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-3 Contracts List
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)
- Item A-6 Resolution 2021-24 Rejection of Bids for the Bear Creek High School Agriculture Complex - Project No. 0886-8986
- Item A-7 Resolution 2021-28 Authorizing Certain Employees to Make Cash and Budget Transfers for Year-End Accrual
- Item A-8 Resolution 2021-29 Temporary Interfund Transfers
- Item A-9 Resolution 2021-30 Nutrition Services – Extension Contracts 2021-22 School Year
- Item A-10 Resolution 2021-31 Award of Request for Proposal for Dairy Products

- Item A-11 Approval of Construction Project Final Change Order Facility Improvement - Fire Alarm Needham Elementary School Project No. 0917-8217-7
- Item A-12 Virtual Enterprise, Business Management and Personal Finance CTE Course of Study
- Item A-13 Health Course of Study
- Item A-14 Careers in Healthcare CTE Course of Study and Textbook Adoptions
- Item A-15 3D Engineering Design with SolidWorks CTE Course of Study and Textbook Adoption
- Item A-16 Textbook Adoption for AP Environmental Science
- Item A-17 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2021
- Item A-18 Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 18, 2021

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

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 20/21-8-04

Mr. Nava 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 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for Board consideration.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

Item OAI-2 Resolution 2021-35 for the Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the Resolution 2021-35 for the Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees for Board consideration.

No Board comments were received.

Public Comments

Kyle Harvey, Labor Relations Representative, California School Employees Association

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-2 Resolution 2021-35 for the Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

Item OAI-3 Resolution 2021-36 COPS School Violence Prevention Program Grant Resolution

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the COPS School Violence Prevention Program Grant Resolution for Board consideration.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Resolution 2021-36 COPS School Violence Prevention Program Grant Resolution.

Item OAI-4 Resolution 2021-37 Board of Education of the Lodi Unified School District Prescribing the Terms and Authorizing the Issuance of the Election Series 2016 Series 2021 Bonds

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the Resolution 2021-37 Board of Education of the Lodi Unified School District Prescribing the Terms and Authorizing the Issuance of the Election Series 2016 Series 2021 Bonds for Board consideration.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 Resolution 2021-37 Board of Education of the Lodi Unified School District Prescribing the Terms and Authorizing the Issuance of the Election Series 2016 Series 2021 Bonds.

Item OAI-5 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group for Board consideration.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-5 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group.

Item OAI-6 Ratification of the Addendum to Tentative Agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the Ratification of the Addendum to Tentative Agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group for Board consideration.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Neely moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-6 Ratification of the Addendum to Tentative Agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group.

Item OAI-7 Ratification of the Addendum to Impacts & Effects Agreement with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the Ratification of the Addendum to Impacts & Effects Agreement with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association for Board consideration.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-7 Ratification of the Addendum to Impacts & Effects Agreement with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association.

Item OAI-8 Proposed Administrative Services Agreement for the Employee Assistance Program ("EAP") between United Behavioral Health ("Optum") and Lodi Unified School District

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the Proposed Administrative Services Agreement for the Employee Assistance Program ("EAP") between United Behavioral Health ("Optum") and Lodi Unified School District for Board consideration.

Mr. Porter questioned how information about the program will get out to employees.

Mr. Kahn stated he will get more information on the distribution.

No further Board comments were made.

No public comments were received.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-8 Proposed Administrative Services Agreement for the Employee Assistance Program ("EAP") between United Behavioral Health ("Optum") and Lodi Unified School District.

Personnel Matters

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

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

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Dean Blount, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), thanked the Board for ratifying the LPPA Memorandum of Understanding and announced that they had nine students apply for the LPPA Scholarship and this year LPPA will be awarding three winners.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Nava acknowledged the Middle College High School and the Lodi Adult School graduations.

Mr. Knackstedt stated the homeless camp next to Creekside was cleaned up.

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Mr. Neely asked Board to discuss the possibility of a resolution to reverse the mask mandate. He asked if graduations could accommodate more people now that the county is in the orange tier. Mr. Neely spoke about the Title 1 achievement gap.

Mr. Heberle agreed with the resolution to reverse the mask mandate and congratulated the graduating high school students.

No further Board comments were given.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were presented.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board