



**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 26, 2021  
Closed Session 5:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 6:00 p.m.**

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**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 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 5:30 p.m. via YouTube and GoToWebinar.

**Public Comment on Closed Session Items**

Christine Soto, Teacher, Joe Serna Jr. Charter School  
Carole Funge, Teacher, Tokay High School  
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association  
Amanda Linn, Teacher, Millswood Middle School

**Adjourn to Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

**Reconvene Open Session**

The meeting was reconvened at 6:16 p.m. and attendance was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice President Macfarlane.

**Closed Session**

President Freitas reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

**Action Item**

**Consideration/Approval of Motion to direct District Superintendent or designee to take such action as is reasonably necessary to participate in the Safe Schools for All Program proposed by Governor Newsom, and to authorize all actions taken in connection therewith**

Superintendent Washer presented the action item, discussion ensued.

**Public Comments**

Maria Smith, Teacher, John Muir Elementary School  
Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association  
Karen Jackson, Teacher, Lois E. Borchardt Elementary School  
Jamie Anaforian, Teacher, Tokay High School  
Debra Cannon, Teacher, Sutherland Elementary School

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Action Item Consideration/Approval of Motion to direct District Superintendent or designee to take such action as is

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reasonably necessary to participate in the Safe Schools for All Program proposed by Governor Newsom, and to authorize all actions taken in connection therewith.

## **Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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Clerk of the Board

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President of the Board