



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
March 23, 2021
Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Special 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, 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 6:01 p.m. via YouTube and GoToWebinar.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:17 p.m. and attendance was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member, Ron Heberle.

Closed Session

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

Report Item

Update on In-Person Instruction and County/State Updates Related to COVID-19 for Board Discussion and Consideration

Superintendent Washer presented an update on in-person instruction and county/state updates related to COVID-19.

Mr. Neely asked what the time frame would be on the “phased in” approach and requested it be as short as possible.

Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Becky Harper, Parent

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Tom Moccia, Parent

Kyle Harvey, Labor Relations Representative, California School Employees Association

Belinda Yeats, Vice President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77

Denise Hall, Teacher, Oakwood Elementary School

Lisa Wilkins, Teacher, Morada Middle School

Brittney Stafford, Parent

Lana Gentry, Teacher, Bear Creek High School

Andrea Moccia, Parent

Jeremy Delatorre, Parent (public comment read by Dr. Washer)

Morgan Cedarholm, Parent (public comment read by Dr. Washer)

Action Item

Lodi Unified School District Pandemic Safety Plan, Operations Document and Supporting Documents

Dr. Washer presented the Lodi Unified School District Pandemic Safety Plan, Operations Document and Supporting Documents for Board consideration.

Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Mark Kirsten, Community Member

Anne Rogers, Parent

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Lodi Unified School District Pandemic Safety Plan, Operations Document, Supporting Documents and to continue current District direction for starting in-person instruction on March 29, 2021 and to move forward with necessary steps to implement, as soon as possible, as permitted by public health and/or legal decisions, grades 7 – 12 and adult education for full in-person instruction for all students and full in-person instruction for all grades as soon as legally possible.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board