



MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

January 10, 2023
Special Meeting 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Member Absent: Mr. Gary Knackstedt, Vice President

Administrative Staff: Mr. Neil Young, Associate Superintendent

Meeting Recorder: Mrs. Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Call to Order

President Nava called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA, and broadcast on YouTube.

Roll Call/Pledge of Allegiance

Attendance was recorded and the Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

Other Action Items

Board to Determine Process to Fill Board Vacancy Area 6: Provisional Appointment or Special Election

Neil Young, Associate Superintendent, stated that due to the resignation of Board Member, Ron Freitas, a process to fill the vacancy in Area 6 by election or provisional appointment is needed.

Board Members commented they would be in favor of the provisional appointment process, as they agreed that the estimated expenditures to conduct a special election would be better utilized for other District expenses.

Public Comments

Lisa Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Porter motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and Board voted to proceed with the provisional appointment process to fill the Board vacancy in Area 6, as follows:

Ayes: Alexander, Macfarlane; Nava; Porter; and Stroh

Noes: None

Absent: Knackstedt

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Should the Board approve the Provisional Appointment process, the Board will approve a timeline such as described in the attachment

As the Board approved to proceed with a provisional appointment, Associate Superintendent Young reviewed the steps and proposed timeline necessary to begin the process:

- Advertisements will be placed in *The Record* and *Lodi News-Sentinel* as soon as possible and posted to the District website and social media platforms. The display ads in the

newspapers will run every weekend leading up to the deadline for candidate submissions.

- The deadline is February 8, 2023 at Noon to submit a letter of interest and resume.
- A Board-appointed ad hoc committee would review submissions to determine that candidates have met qualifications and make an appointment at a Special Board Meeting on February 23.
- As per California Ed. Code and Board Bylaw, the public would be noticed of the appointee via newspapers, social media platforms, and posted in at least three public places within the District. The public would have 30 days to present a petition to the San Joaquin County Superintendent of Schools calling for a special election.
- If no successful petition is submitted, the appointee would take the oath of office and begin service at the Regular Board Meeting of March 28.

Public Comments
None

Mr. Porter motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and Board voted to approve the timeline for the provisional appointment process, as follows:

Ayes: Alexander, Macfarlane; Nava; Porter; and Stroh
Noes: None
Absent: Knackstedt
Abstain: None

Motion Carried

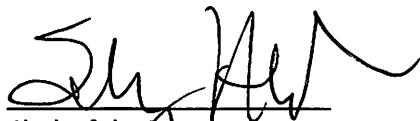
Board Subcommittee Appointment

Should the Board approve the Provisional Appointment process, the Board President will appoint an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to ensure that applicants are eligible for Board membership and to announce the names of the eligible candidates

President Nava appointed Board Member, Susan Macfarlane and Board Clerk, Sherry Alexander, as the Ad Hoc Subcommittee. Both Mrs. Macfarlane and Ms. Alexander agreed to the subcommittee appointment.

Adjourn

The Special Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board