



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

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. Katelyn Guana, Lodi High School; Mr. Raphael Aseron, McNair 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 7:08 p.m. Attendance was recorded, and President Bal led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Student Matters:

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve placement of non-public school students (new) numbers 14, 52, and 60.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve placement of non-public school student (changes) number 126.

Conference with Legal Counsel:

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted to approve claim #650693, as follows:

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

Motion carried

Personnel Matters:

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Charalee Cunningham as Elementary Principal, location to be determined, effective 2025/2026 school year.

Mr. Stroh moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Erin Lenzi as Special Education Program Coordinator, effective 2025/2026 school year.

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Katelyn Guana, Lodi High School; Mr. Raphael Aseron, McNair High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Young spoke about visiting Lawrence Elementary School to read to a 3rd grade class for Read Across America. He announced that the Board Study Session on March 11 will be at Julia Morgan Elementary School.

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 Changes to the Adopted Budget (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-3 Changes to the Adopted Budget - Other Funds (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-4 Audit Finding Corrective Action 2023-2024 (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-5 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters (Mrs. Church)
- Item A-6 Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 Courses of Study (Dr. Horton)
- Item A-7 Resolution 2025-23 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Sutherland Hardcourt Asphalt Replacement Project No. 8150-5830-300-37 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-8 Resolution 2025-28 Award of Contract for School Wide Area Network (WAN) Circuit Connections - Group 1 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-9 Resolution 2025-29 Finding that Board Member Courtney Porter was Absent from the Regular Board Meeting of February 18, 2025, Due to Illness (Mr. Young)
- Item A-10 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of February 18, 2025 (Mr. Young)

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

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

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 # 24/25-11-19
- Item B-2 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 24/25-5-20
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student # 24/25-7-21

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

Public Comments on Other Action Items

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

Other Action Items

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

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

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

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

Item OAI-2 Second Interim Financial Report

Mrs. Juarez presented the Second Interim Financial Report for Board review and approval.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-2 Second Interim Financial Report.

Item OAI-3 Approval of 2023-2024 Development Fee Report - Monteith

Mrs. Holbert presented the 2023-2024 Development Fee Report – Monteith for Board review and approval.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve the 2023-2024 Development Fee Report – Monteith.

Public Comments on Reports

Cris Beach, Cafeteria Manager, Clairmont Elementary School, commented on the Nutrition Services Proposal.

Robyn Turner, Cafeteria Assistant, Nutrition Services, commented on the Nutrition Services Proposal.

Rodrigo Contreras, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77, commented on the Nutrition Services Proposal.

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), commented on the Proposed Revisions to Board Policies and Rules.

Reports

Proposed Revisions to Board Policies and Rules: BP and Rule 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment; BP 4111 4211 4311 Recruitment and Selection; BP 4115 Evaluation/Supervision

Mrs. Church pulled the report.

Proposed Revisions to Board Policies and Rules: BP 6164.4 Identification and Evaluations of Individuals for Special Education, BR 6164.4 Identification and Evaluations of Individuals for Special Education, BP 6164.5 Student Success Teams, BR 6164.5 Student Success Teams

Mr. Warren presented the proposed revisions to the Board policies and rules for Boards review.

Mrs. Lenderman spoke about Rule 6164.4, stating she would like a faster response time and requested data on the district's past response times.

Nutrition Services Proposal

Mrs. Holbert introduced Dr. Betty Crocker, Director III, who presented the goals of the Nutrition Services restructuring. She briefly went over the proposed new positions, fiscal impacts, and the operational impacts.

Board thanked Dr. Crocker for a job well done and Mr. Young confirmed that Board would like the item to return for action at the next meeting.

Board Member Advisory Reports

Mrs. Macfarlane and Mr. Stroh spoke about the recent Joe Serna Jr. Charter School Advisory Committee meeting, stating the discussion was about the Spanish 1 and Spanish 2 courses of study.

Mr. Stroh and Mr. Porter spoke about the City of Lodi 2x2 Committee meeting, stating the discussions were on park fees and usage; expansion of the city; electric buses; niche sports centers; and about Lodi becoming a Blue Zone Project.

Comments from the Public

Bill Yates, Teacher, Sutherland Elementary School, spoke about the enrollment process for Extended School Year.

Stayci Loya-Barnhart, Typist Clerk, Lodi High School, spoke about the job responsibilities of the athletic typist clerks and requested they be reclassified as athletic administrative secretaries.

Patricia Ramos, Teacher, Heritage Elementary School, stated that teachers should receive a higher cost of living adjustment.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, stated that LEA members are feeling frustrated about the slow pace of bargaining. She stated that LEA leadership members are visiting sites to get feedback, and teachers are reporting health and safety issues, stating there is a lack of custodial care and head lice breakouts.

Rodrigo Contreras, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77, spoke about the cleanliness of school sites because of the lack of custodians. He requested outdated CSEA job descriptions be reviewed and updated.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Nava congratulated the women's Tokay High School wrestling team for winning the championships and requested a report on custodian shortage.

Mrs. Lenderman requested a special education report showing vacancies.

Mrs. Macfarlane thanked Mrs. Church for the work she does in negotiations and then stated that COLA is 1.07%.

Ms. Alexander spoke about attending the NorCal Science Festival and reading at Leroy Nichols Elementary School for Read Across America.

Mr. Stroh spoke about reading at Leroy Nichols Elementary School and visiting Clairmont Elementary School. He spoke about the crossing guards doing a great job at Washington Elementary School.

President Bal requested staff to review outdated job descriptions and spoke about Manlio Silva Elementary School being impacted with over 800 students enrolled.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.



Clerk of the Board
Vice President



President of the Board