



**MINUTES OF THE STUDY SESSION  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

March 11, 2025  
Study Session 6:00 p.m.

**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; Mr. Peter Lambert, Area 2 Director; and Dr. Rafael Ceja, Director of Education.

**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 Julia Morgan Elementary School, 3777 A G Spanos Blvd, Stockton, CA 95209 and Board Member Alexander lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Study Session**

**Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Input Received and Recommendation**

Mr. Lambert and Dr. Ceja presented information on the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

Employee groups and parent/community groups taking part included:

Chris Beach – California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77  
Michelle Armstrong – Confidential Employee Group  
Lisa Lennon-Wilkins – Lodi Education Association (LEA)  
Dean Blount – Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA)  
Christine Alberg – Lodi Unified School District Administrators Association (LUSDAA)  
Christopher Berry – Lodi Unified Supervisors Group (LUSG)  
Michaela Jensen – Mental Health Therapists  
Rajdeep Kaur – District Advisory Committee (DAC)  
Katelyn Gauna – Student Board of Education Representative

Noemi Ramirez – District English Learner Advisory Committee (DELAC) – was invited to represent the DELAC; however, was unable to attend.

Each group representative was asked to give a statement of their group's input for the 2025-26 LCAP process.

Discussion ensued.

Board gave staff direction to return to the next LCAP Study Session on May 20, 2025, with higher participation rates on the ThoughtExchange and to compile the data in a more detailed, organized report. They requested to review the survey questions before the next LCAP survey.


**Public Comments**

Anne Swehla Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board  
Vice President

  
President of the Board