



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

March 14, 2023

Closed Session 5:30 p.m. / Study Session 6:00 p.m.

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

Board Member Absent: Dr. Rommel Bal

Administrative Staff: Mr. Neil Young, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Mariya Wharry, Program Coordinator; and Dr. Rafael Ceja, Director of Education

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 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 public comments were received prior to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting reconvened at 6:00 p.m. Attendance was recorded, and Board President Joe Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Personnel Matters

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Joseph Ward as Elementary Principal, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined, as follows:

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

Motion carried

Mr. Porter moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Nicole Vertar as High School Principal, Ronald E. McNair High School, effective March 25, 2023, as follows:

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

Motion carried

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Jaime Kite-Polinsky as Program Coordinator, Educational Services, effective 2023/2024 school year, as follows:

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

Motion carried

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Kelly Collins as Program Coordinator, Educational Services, effective 2023/2024 school year, as follows:

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

Motion carried

Study Session

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Input and Recommendations

Dr. Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent, Dr. Mariya Wharry, Program Coordinator, and Dr. Rafael Ceja, Director of Education, presented information related to the gathering of input from employee and parent/community groups for the 2023-24 LCAP. The groups were asked to consider the three LCAP goals and were asked what they considered the most important things to focus on as the District continues work to support students. A mid-year comparison overview of testing and student attendance data was included in the presentation.

Employee groups and parent/community groups taking part included:

California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77 – Desiree Wise, President
Confidential Employee Group – Valerie McFee, Representative
Lodi Education Association – Lisa Wilkins, President
Lodi Pupil Personnel Association – Ivan Tunnell, Vice President
Lodi Unified Supervisors Group – Eric Wise, Representative
District Advisory Committee Representative – Erica Hoffman
District English Learner Advisory Committee Representative – Noelia Vidauri Avila

Each group representative was asked to give a statement of their group's input for the 2023-24 LCAP process.

No public comments were received.

Discussion ensued.

Staff will prioritize the requests and bring the information to an upcoming Board Meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board