



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 9, 2023
Closed Session 6:00 p.m. / Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

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

Administrative Staff: Mr. Neil Young, Associate Superintendent; Dr. Robert Sahli, Associate 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 6:00 p.m. at the Bear Creek High School, Theater, 10555 Thornton Rd, Stockton, CA 95209 and broadcast on YouTube.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Alisa Moland, Parent, spoke about a student discipline matter.
Ashley Quarles, Parent, spoke about a student discipline matter.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting reconvened at 7:21 p.m. Attendance was recorded, and President Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Student Matters

Mr. Stroh moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Non-Public School Placement (Changes) number 59.

Mr. Stroh moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Non-Public School Placement (New) number 123 and 124.

Personnel Matters

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Erin Aitken as Director of Education, Special Education, start date to be determined.

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim #621717.

Ms. Alexander motioned, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reject claim #621727.

Recognition

On behalf of the Lodi Unified Board of Education, President Nava will acknowledge the 2022-2023 Student Representatives to the Board of Education for their year of service.

Mr. Nava recognized Jaesa Del Prato, Bear Creek High School; McKenna Anderson, Lodi High School; Joseph Gardea, McNair High School; and Alyssa Lussier, Tokay High School.

Proclamation: Classified School Employee Week - May 21-27, 2023

Public Hearing

Lodi Unified School District Successor Agreement with Lodi Education Association (LEA)

President Nava declared the public hearing "Lodi Unified School District Successor Agreement with Lodi Education Association (LEA)" open.

No Board or public comments were received. The public hearing was declared closed.

Report

Measure L Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report to Keep the Public Informed of Measure L Bond Expenditures

Mr. Kahn introduced some of the Measure L Citizen's Committee members, Claudia Mennuti; Kimanh Nguyen Chau; Mary Picinich; and Teresita Walker. Mrs. Mennuti commented that the Measure L Citizen's Committee members concluded that Lodi USD is compliant with the requirements set for the by the Measure L Bond election and its bylaws. She stated they have great concern because the committee has failed to meet and provide a report since 2017 due to the lack of committee members totaling the required seven.

No Board or public comments were given.

Superintendent's Report

Associate Superintendent Young spoke about the multiple summer school programs and activities happening throughout the summer months. Dr. Sahli introduced 19 new administrators that were recently hired.

Comments from Student Representatives

Mr. Joseph Gardea, Ronald E. McNair High School and Ms. Alyssa Lussier, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Comments from the Public

Anne Swehla Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary, gave a brief report on activities at Julia Morgan Elementary School and requested fair contracts for employee groups with COLA and a raise.

Jennifer Cassel, Teacher, Tokay High School, thanked the Board for allowing RBET to present, for the teachers passing the RBET MOU at 86%, and Dr. Bal for attending a RBET meeting. She requested the Board hold a Study Session to help guide the future steps of RBET. Ms. Cassel stated RBET would like to discuss the evaluation pilot, IPD handbook, and teacher career pathways. She notified Board that a survey will go out to gather stakeholder visions for RBET.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

No public comments were received.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Porter pulled A-1, A-14 and Dr. Bal pulled A-8 and A-10.

- Item A-2 Resolution 2023-37 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the McNair High School Lighting Panel Upgrade- Project No. 8150-5830-5
- Item A-3 Resolution 2023-38 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work For The Lakewood Elementary School Modification Project No. 0921-8221
- Item A-4 Resolution 2023-39 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work For The Lakewood Elementary School Fencing Project No. 0921-8221 & 8150-5830-6
- Item A-5 Resolution 2023-40 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work For The Vinewood Elementary School Modification Project No. 0936-8236
- Item A-6 Resolution 2023-41 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Turner Senior Academy Project No. 0829-8429
- Item A-7 Resolution 2023-42 Temporary Interfund Transfers
- Item A-9 Resolution 2023-44 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Lakewood Elementary School Re-Roofing- Project No. 0921-8221 and 8150-5830-4
- Item A-11 Approval of Memorandums of Understanding Reached with Lodi Education Association: Flag Football Compensation; Stipends for Special Education Teachers; and Review Board for Excellence in Teaching Extension
- Item A-12 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA)
- Item A-13 Approval of a Tentative Agreement Reached with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association
- Item A-15 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 25, 2023

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda A – Routine Business

Item A-1 Warrant Report

Board Member Porter questioned why the Kingsley Bogard law firm doesn't submit bids.

Mr. Kahn explained there is no requirement to bid out a service for a California school district and currently Lodi USD has contracts with several different law firms.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-1 Warrant Report.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-8 Resolution 2023-43 Authorizing Certain Employees to Make Cash and Budget Transfers for Year-End Accrual

Board Member Bal requested that staff explain the changes to the budget.

Mr. Kahn explained that the item is a routine annual resolution that allows staff to make budget transfers.

Dr. Bal moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-8 Resolution 2023-43 Authorizing Certain Employees to Make Cash and Budget Transfers for Year-End Accrual.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-10 AB1200 Documents for LEA Special Education Teacher Stipend (Mr. Kahn)

Board Member Bal stated the year on the AB1200 is incorrect.

Mr. Kahn stated the year will be corrected to reflect the correct year, 2024.

Dr. Bal moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-10 AB1200 Documents for LEA Special Education Teacher Stipend, with the noted correction.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item A-14 Resolution 2023-36 Finding that Board Member Courtney Porter was Absent from the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2023 Due to Illness

Mr. Porter pulled the item to abstain from voting.

Dr. Bal moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item A-14 Resolution 2023-36 Finding that Board Member Courtney Porter was Absent from the Regular Board Meeting of April 25, 2023 Due to Illness, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-71
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-72
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-11-73
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-9-74

Dr. Bal moved, Mrs. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Approval of the Primary Administrative and Primary Mascot Logos for Clairmont Elementary School, and Primary Mascot Logo for Morada Middle School

Mr. Young presented the updated logos for Clairmont Elementary and Morada Middle for Board consideration.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Approval of the Primary Administrative and Primary Mascot Logos for Clairmont Elementary School, and Primary Mascot Logo for Morada Middle School.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-2 Resolution 2023-35 Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act of 2018 establishes the School Violence Prevention Program (SVVP) Grant

Mr. Kahn explained that the District has received this grant three times over the years and this will be the sixth time applying.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Resolution 2023-35 Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act of 2018 establishes the School Violence Prevention Program (SVVP) Grant.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-3 Credential Waiver Application and Approval

Allen Dosty, Principal, Bear Creek High School (Successor Assistant Superintendent, Personnel), presented the Credential Waiver Application for Board consideration.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Credential Waiver Application and Approval.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-4 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval

Dr. Dosty presented the Provisional Internship Permit for Board consideration.

Dr. Bal moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Dr. Dosty, presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Reports

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Update

Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent, introduced Rafael Ceja, Director of Education, who spoke about the LCAP and the prioritizations that staff recommended: 1) Increased access to school by reducing chronic absenteeism and suspension rates by focusing on home to school communication, 2) Increased funding to mitigate learning loss and improve student achievement by focusing on providing updated technology and instructional classroom supports, 3) Increase funding for interventions and Multi-Tiered Systems of Support (MTSS) by focusing on providing mental health, behavioral, and school safety supports.

Mrs. Macfarlane stated that she is in favor of focusing on the absenteeism and school safety being a priority.

Mr. Nava questioned if staff is doing enough for the absenteeism. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Porter asked what the process is when a student is absent and when it is considered chronic absenteeism. Dr. Ceja stated that an automated call goes out to parent/guardians with one absence and with three or more unexcused absences a letter is sent home for chronic absenteeism. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Porter asked who makes up District Advisory Committee (DAC) and District English Language Advisory Committee (DELAC) and what attendance is like at the meetings.

Dr. Ceja stated that one parent from each school is invited for the DAC meetings, with approximately 24 parents attending, and parent of English learners are invited to attend the DELAC meetings with approximately 10 – 30 parents.

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), commented on teacher appreciation week and school nurses' day. She commented about the upcoming LEA bargaining and that Title 1 teachers are feeling unsafe because students are acting out.

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi, Chapter #77, thanked the Board for the Classified School Employee Week Proclamation and spoke about the CSEA health care costs and requested Board to keep in mind the CSEA salary schedule does not reflect minimum wage.

Comments from the Board

Mrs. Alexander thanked the IT staff for their help tonight and recognized teacher appreciation week. She announced that she emceed the Tokay High School Cluster Concert and how special the event was.

Mr. Porter requested the McNair logo issue be revisited and for staff to investigate other legal counsel options.

Dr. Bal requested a proclamation to recognize the teachers.

Mr. Knackstedt thanked the student representative for their service throughout the year.

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Young had no further comments.

Board Member Advisory Reports

No reports were given.

Board returned to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 8:47 p.m.

Closed Session

President Nava stated no action was taken in closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board