

# MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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May 21, 2024
Closed Session 5:30 p.m. / Special Meeting 5:45 p.m.

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

Board Member Absent: Mr. Jeff Stroh

**Administrative Staff:** Mr. Neil Young, 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 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 comments were received prior to the Board adjourning to Closed Session.

# **Adjourn to Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

## **Reconvene Open Session**

The meeting reconvened at 5:58 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Knackstedt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### **Closed Session**

President Knackstedt reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

# **Other Action Items**

Item OAI-1 Resolution 2024-52 Approval to Apply for a School Violence Prevention Program Grant Mr. Young explained that this is the approval to apply and if awarded, Lodi USD will be required to support a 25% match of the total project cost.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-1 Resolution 2024-52 Approval to Apply for a School Violence Prevention Program Grant as follows:

Ayes:

Alexander, Bal, Knackstedt, Nava, Macfarlane, and Porter

Noes:

none

Abstain:

none

Absent:

Stroh

**Motion Carried** 

#### Item OAI-2 AB1200 Lodi Unified School District Mental Health Therapists

Mr. Kahn presented the AB1200 for Board consideration.

#### **Public Comments**

Belinda Yeats, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77

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Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA)

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-2 AB1200 Lodi Unified School District Mental Health Therapists, as follows:

Ayes: Alexander, Bal, Knackstedt, Nava, Macfarlane, and Porter

Noes: none Abstain: none

Absent: Stroh Motion Carried

# Item OAI-3 Improvement to the Lodi Unified School District Mental Health Therapist Salary Schedule to Reflect Salary Improvement in Alignment with the District's Proposal to other Employee Groups for the 2023/2024 School Year

Mr. Young presented improvements to the Mental Health Therapists salary schedule for Board consideration.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-3 Improvement to the Lodi Unified School District Mental Health Therapist Salary Schedule to Reflect Salary Improvement in Alignment with the District's Proposal to other Employee Groups for the 2023/2024 School Year, as follows:

Ayes:

Alexander, Bal, Knackstedt, Nava, Macfarlane, and Porter

Noes: none Abstain: none

Absent: Stroh Motion Carried

# **Item OAI-4 Approval of Salary Schedule for Classified Substitutes**

Mr. Young presented the salary schedule (effective May 22, 2024) for classified substitutes for Board consideration.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-4 Approval of Salary Schedule for Classified Substitutes, as follows:

Ayes:

Alexander, Bal, Knackstedt, Nava, Macfarlane, and Porter

Noes: none Abstain: none

Absent: Stroh Motion Carried

# Item OAI-5 Approval of Amendment to the Chief Business Officer's Employment Contract to Reflect the 5% and Total Compensation Improvement in Alignment with the District's Proposal to other Employee Groups

Mr. Young presented the proposed amendment for Board consideration.

#### **Public Comments**

Belinda Yeats, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77 Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA)

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-5 Approval of Amendment to the Chief Business Officer's Employment Contract to Reflect the 5% and Total Compensation Improvement in Alignment with the District's Proposal to other Employee Groups, as follows:

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Ayes:

Alexander, Bal, Knackstedt, Nava, Macfarlane, and Porter

Noes:

none

Abstain:

none Stroh

Absent:

**Motion Carried** 

# Item OAI-6 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters

Mr. Young presented certificated and classified personnel matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-6 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters, as follows:

Ayes:

Alexander, Bal, Knackstedt, Nava, Macfarlane, and Porter

Noes:

none

Abstain: Absent:

none

Stroh

**Motion Carried** 

# Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board