

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

June 6, 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. Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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 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 7:03 p.m. Attendance was recorded, and President Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silence

Lisa Bartram, a long-time Millswood science teacher, passed away on June 2. Board extended their condolences to the Bartram family, and to the students and staff at Millswood Middle School.

Closed Session

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

Personnel Matters

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of C. Betty Crocker as Director III, Nutrition Services, effective 2023/2024 school year.

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Julie Hummel as High School Principal, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined.

Dr. Bal motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Vanessa Jara as Principal Alternative Program, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined.

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of You Lor as High School Vice Principal, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined.

Mr. Knackstedt motioned, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Janee Waters as High School Vice Principal, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined.

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of David Gutierrez as Elementary School Principal, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined.

Ms. Alexander motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Veronica Whiteley as Elementary School Vice Principal, effective 2023/2024 school year, location to be determined.

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mr. Knackstedt motioned, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reconsider the Closed Session action item from the May 9, 2023 Board Meeting for claim #621717.

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reject claim #621717.

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reconsider the Closed Session action item from the May 9, 2023 Board Meeting for claim #621727.

Mr. Stroh motioned, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim #621727.

Recognition

California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77's 2023 Classified Employee of the Year

Desiree Wise, President, CSEA, Lodi Chapter #77, presented Rodrigo Contreras, Maintenance III, Maintenance & Operations Department, as the Lodi Chapter #77 Employee of the Year. President Wise explained that the award is based on sixty percent union activities and forty percent job related.

Recognition of 2022-2023 Communications Interns

Chelsea Vongehr, Public Information Officer/Grant Writer, introduced the students that were selected and served as communications interns this year: Kristen Mae Guinn, Lodi High; Mikyla Jessica Cargo, McNair High; Gurneet Kaur, Tokay High; and Jeremy Manwaring, Middle College High. Ms. Guinn, Ms. Cargo, and Mr. Manwaring shared highlights of their experience and accomplishments of the yearlong internship. Ms. Vongehr spoke of the accomplishments of Ms. Kaur, as she was not able to be present at the meeting.

Public Hearing

2023-24 Budget Adoption

President Nava declared the public hearing "2023-24 Budget Adoption" open.

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

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

President Nava declared the public hearing "Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)" open.

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

Superintendent's Report

Associate Superintendent Young thanked teachers, paraeducators, site administrators, secretaries, custodians, support staff, Nutrition Service workers, special education workers, Maintenance & Operations workers, risk management staff, and all departments and all staffs who work to create an army of amazing people who give so much. We are so proud and appreciative of your efforts. Mr. Young reported that Greg Wright, Lodi High School, Teacher, is currently cycling across the United States in an effort to raise donations of \$10,000 for Lodi High and the GOT Kids Foundation. Mr. Young reported that Mr. Wright will be on the bicycle seat for 3,000 miles and he hopes to reach Boston by early July.

Comments from the Public

No public comments were received.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, asked to speak to Item A-12 Approval of Essential Courses Textbook Adoption. She asked for clarification of the textbook being used for high school level special education students as well as adult education students. Dr. Sahli responded that some of the District's special education students are over the age of eighteen and may utilize this textbook as continuing education adults; however, the majority of use will be at the high school level.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Contracts List
- Item A-2 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)
- Item A-3 Resolution 2023-45 Self-Certifying Increase Federal Micro-Purchase Threshold
- Item A-4 Resolution 2023-46 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Millswood Portables Project No. 8150-5830-3
- Item A-5 Resolution 2023-46 Authorizing Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Lodi High Soffit Demo No. 0855-8155
- Item A-6 Resolution 2023-49 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Lawrence Elementary School Fencing Replacement – Project No. 8150-5830-1
- Item A-7 Resolution 2023-50 Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA) To determine how monies Received from EPA will be spent
- Item A-8 Resolution 2023-51 Nutrition Services' Extension Contracts for the 2023-24 School Year
- Item A-9 Ratification of Designation for CIF (California Interscholastic Federation) 2023-2024 Representatives to League
- Item A-10 2023-2024 Master Contract for Non-Public Agencies
- Item A-11 AP Physics I and II Textbook Adoption
- Item A-12 Approval of Essential Courses Textbook Adoptions
- Item A-13 AP Human Geography Textbook Adoption
- Item A-14 Integrated Math 3 Course of Study
- Item A-15 AP French Textbook Adoption
- Item A-16 Integrated Math 3+ Course of Study
- Item A-17 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 9, 2023
- Item A-18 Minutes of the Special Meeting of May 23, 2023

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-93
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-8-94
- Item B-3 Suspended Expulsion: #22/23-7-95
- Item B-4 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-96
- Item B-5 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-97
- Item B-6 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-9-98
- Item B-7 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-9-99
- Item B-8 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 22/23-7-100
- Item B-9 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-8-101
- Item B-10 Expulsion: Student #22/23-6-102
- Item B-11 Suspended Expulsion: Student #22/23-8-103
- Item B-12 Suspended Expulsion: Student #22/23-7-104
- Item B-13 Expulsion: Student #22/23-4-105
- Item B-14 Suspended Expulsion: Student #22/23-8-106
- Item B-15 Readmission: Student #21/22-10-44

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

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Proposed Decision Granting a Petition for Unit Representation by California School Employees Association (CSEA) of Classified Employees of Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School

Mr. Young explained that CSEA has requested recognition as the exclusive representative of a proposed bargaining unit of classified employees at Joe Serna Jr. Charter School and noted that approval for the petition has been granted from the Joe Serna Advisory Committee. If the Board approves the petition, then both sides can begin the process of negotiating a collective bargaining agreement.

Public Comments

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi Chapter #77

Mr. Stroh moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Proposed Decision Granting a Petition for Unit Representation by California School Employees Association (CSEA) of Classified Employees of Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School.

Item OAI-2 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Allen Dosty, Assistant Superintendent Personnel, explained that the item is needed to fill necessary positions within the District.

Public Comments

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.

Item OAI-3 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval

Dr. Dosty presented the item for Board to consider provisional permits for four certificated employees.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval.

Item OAI-4 Resolution 2023-48 for The Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees

Dr. Dosty presented the resolution for Board consideration.

No Board or public comments were received.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 Resolution 2023-48 for The Hiring of Short-term Classified Employees.

Personnel Matters

Dr. Dosty presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

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

Reports

Joe Serna Jr. Charter School Annual Update

Alejandra Estrada, Principal, Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School, presented the annual report as required in the charter, which included information on student attendance, suspension data, state and local academic data, and areas of focus for the upcoming 2023-24 school year.

Mr. Porter asked about iReady for math.

2023-24 School Plan for Student Achievement

Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent, presented the achievement plans for Title 1 schools for Board review. The plans will return for action at the next Board meeting.

Mrs. Macfarlane issued a thank you to the principals and teams for putting the reports together.

Mr. Young noted that it is good to get the plans approved earlier in the year so that sites can begin to spend funds and not have to wait until October to do so.

2023-24 School Sites and Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plans

Dr. Sahli presented the plans for Board review and potential action at the next Board meeting. Dr. Sahli explained that based on Dashboard results, certain school sites were identified for Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI), or Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI) based on overall performance or the performance of student subgroups.

Parent and Family Engagement Policies: District Level and School Level

Dr. Sahli explained the process, noting that it is required that Title 1 schools conduct outreach to all parents and family members and implement programs, activities, and procedures for the involvement of parents and family members. Title 1 schools must develop a School-Level Parent and Family Engagement Policy as outlined in the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). The policy establishes school-level expectations and objectives for meaningful parent and family involvement. The District must also develop and establish a District-level Parent and Family Engagement Policy as outlined in ESSA.

Public Comments

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

2022-23 The Arts and Music in Schools Funding (AMS) Plans – Proposition 28

Dr. Sahli presented the plans for each school that will be brought back for Board action at the June 13 Board meeting. The amount of funding available each fiscal year for the Arts and Music in Schools (AMS) program will be one percent of the K-12 portion of the Proposition 98 funding guaranteed provided in the prior fiscal year, excluding funding appropriated for the AMS program. The Budget Department worked to provide sites with the total allotments. Sites must expend at least 80% of the funds to personnel costs and 20% or remaining funds for training, supplies, curriculum, materials and partnerships. Dr. Sahli said the issue will be finding staff to fill the positions.

Local Control and Accountability Plan – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Addendum

Dr. Sahli explained that this addendum to the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) is meant to supplement the LCAP to ensure that eligible LEA's have the opportunity to meet the Local Educational Agency (LEA) Plan provisions of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA).

Board Direction of Facilities Committee

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, discussed working with the Facilities Committee. He explained that staff has suggestions for the next round of bond projects, and he estimates that direction can be obtained with three to four committee meetings.

Discussion ensued. Board consensus was to get the committee together sooner rather than later so that projects, such as Lodi Middle School can proceed as soon as possible.

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), asked, in reference to the School Plans for Student Achievement item, that school site secretaries be provided additional training to administer Title 1 budgets and many of the secretaries need additional work hours to get the budgets done. She reported that LEA participated in an awards assembly to award their annual high school scholarship. President Lennon-Wilkins stated she is looking forward to working with Dr. Dosty and getting to the bargaining table to collectively work together. She would also like to discuss filling the teacher shortage, teacher residencies, community schools for parent engagement, and attendance issues.

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi, Chapter #77, stated that CSEA has a special meeting scheduled to prepare their sunshine proposal and their group will be prepared to come to the table with the District in August. President Wise stated Chapter #77 is looking forward to receiving the District's sunshine proposal as well. She is very hopeful for a successful bargaining year ahead.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Knackstedt commented on the work that is being done over the summer months at the school sites and that many employees, including Nutrition Services and Maintenance & Operations workers, are continuing to work during this time. Mr. Kahn added that Nutrition Services' workers are preparing 1,800 meals per day to serve students during this time.

Mrs. Macfarlane reported that she and Mr. Stroh attended the recent Joe Serna Jr. Charter School Advisory Committee meeting, and it was informative to hear the annual Joe Serna report this evening from Ms. Estrada. She stated it was nice to see that many Board Members went to a variety of graduations and promotions, and

noted it is very rewarding to take part in these celebrations. She congratulated Mr. Young for getting through all the handshaking at the graduations. She commented that she was elected to serve as a California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate and will be representing the District and CSBA Region 8 at the annual CSBA conference during November/December in San Francisco.

Mr. Nava commented that he had a great time last week attending the graduation ceremonies. He added that the graduations are honorable, and he would like to see the high school ceremonies continuing to be conducted at the AG Spanos Center. He thanked those in the audience for attending the Board Meeting.

Comments from the Superintendent

Mr. Young had no further comments.

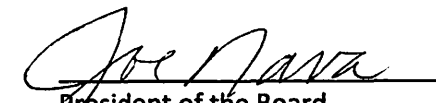
Board Member Advisory Reports

No reports were given.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board