



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, Superintendent; Dr. Allen Dosty, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Dr. Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent; and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

Student Representatives: Jaesa Del Prato, Bear Creek High School and Lucas Goulart, Lodi High School.

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 James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA, and broadcast on YouTube.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

Paul Warren, Administrative Director, Student Services/SELPA, commented that Student Matters Item B-1 should be listed as a suspended expulsion, not expulsion.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting reconvened at 7:07 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:

Personnel Matters

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Erin Guthrie as Principal, Alternative Program, at Turner Academy, effective date to be determined.

Dr. Bal moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Deanna Sakata-Silva as High School Assistant Principal, location to be determined, effective date to be determined.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Timothy Hurles as Adult Ed/CTE Vice Principal at Lincoln Technical Academy, effective date to be determined.

Dr. Bal moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Hue Phan as Elementary Vice Principal, location to be determined, effective date to be determined.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Joseph Patty as Director III, Maintenance & Operations, effective date to be determined.

Ms. Alexander moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Jesse Turner as Director I, Purchasing, effective date to be determined.

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reject claim #624410.

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reject claim #624849.

Recognition

Greg Wright - Ride Across America Fundraiser

Mr. Nava presented Greg Wright with a board certificate of recognition recognizing his accomplishment of biking from Lodi to the East Coast, benefiting Giving Opportunities to Kids (GOT Kids) and Lodi High School Athletic Department. Mr. Wright presented Megan Eddy, Executive Director, GOT Kids Foundation, and Sera Baysinger, Vice Principal, Lodi High School, both with a check in the amount of \$5842.01.

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Jaesa Del Prato, Bear Creek High School and Mr. Lucas Goulart, Lodi High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Young recognized staff members who were involved in updating the Board Room. He spoke about the successful start of the new school year and thanked all department staff for the smooth transition. Mr. Young announced that teachers have been allocated \$300 each for classroom needs and to reach out to site principals with any questions on how to access these funds. He stated a recent meeting with school librarians went well, with positive collaboration on how to update Board Rule 1312.2. He thanked staff who have been attending the Lodi USD recruitment booth at the Lodi Farmers Market, stating he has received positive feedback from staff and community.

Comments from the Public

Erin Smith, Teacher, John Muir Elementary School, shared what John Muir staff is doing to promote positive experiences, opportunities, and growth for students and staff.

Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, spoke about the smooth transition into the new school year. She talked about having 25 students in her class, with the possibility of receiving more and hopes that they will arrive sooner than later to help with the transition.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

Item A-7 Resolution 2023-63 Award on Contract District Classroom Buildings HVAC Units Project.

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, asked if a schedule can be shared with parents and staff showing when HVAC units will be replaced at different sites.

Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, asked if the district is preordering units to help shorten the backlog on available units.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Item A-1 Contracts List

- Item A-2 Purchase Order Detail Report – Fiscal Year 2022/2023
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report – Fiscal Year 2023/2024
- Item A-4 Warrant Report
- Item A-5 Donations
- Item A-6 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)
- Item A-7 Resolution 2023-63 Award on Contract District Classroom Buildings HVAC Units Project
- Item A-8 Resolution 2023-65 Pacific Gas and Electric (PG&E) On Bill Finance (OBF)
- Item A-9 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-10 Agriculture Career Technical Education Incentive Grant for Lodi, Tokay and Bear Creek High Schools
- Item A-11 Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with California School Employees Association (CSEA) for the 2023-26 Successor Agreement
- Item A-12 Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-openers with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) for 2023-24
- Item A-13 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of July 11, 2023

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

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Paul Warren, Administrative Director, Student Services/SELPA, pulled Item B-1.

- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-8-113
- Item B-3 Admission: Student # 23/24-7-A2
- Item B-4 Readmission: Student # 21/22-7-57

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as amended.

Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-10-112

Paul Warren, pulled Item B-1 to make the correction from expulsion to suspended expulsion.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item B-1 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 22/23-10-112.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Approval of the Primary Administrative Logo, Primary Mascot Logo, and Block Letter "L" for Lodi High School, Primary and Secondary Logos for Ellerth Larson Elementary, Primary Logos for Millswood Middle School, Clyde W. Needham Elementary, Julia Morgan Elementary, Podesta Ranch Elementary, and Wagner-Holt Elementary

Mr. Young presented the new logos for Board consideration.

Mr. Knackstedt voiced his dislike of the proposed Lodi High School logos and was concerned that the community, staff, and students, were not involved in the selection process.

Chelsea Vongehr, Public Information Officer/Grant Writer, clarified the process that each school site takes part in while selecting a new logo. Discussion ensued.

Due to the administrative changes at Julia Morgan Elementary School during the logo selection process, Board made a motion to move forward with all logos except the Julia Morgan. Board requested staff to restart the process and have it return at a later meeting. The majority of Board felt that the process was followed correctly for Lodi High School.

Public Comments

Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-1 Approval of the Primary Administrative Logo, Primary Mascot Logo, and Block Letter "L" for Lodi High School, Primary and Secondary Logos for Ellerth Larson Elementary, Primary Logos for Millswood Middle School, Clyde W. Needham Elementary, Julia Morgan Elementary, Podesta Ranch Elementary, and Wagner-Holt Elementary by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval

Allen Dosty, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the provisional internship permit for Board consideration.

No public or Board comments were received.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to unanimously approve Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Allen Dosty, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

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

Reports

Proposed Personnel Department Reorganization

Allen Dosty, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, spoke about a plan to reorganize the Personnel Department to help address the increasing duties of the department and to improve overall customer service.

Public Comments

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

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, spoke about her experience attending the CSEA Annual Conference in Reno and stated the process has begun on selecting dates for bargaining.

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke about the successful start of the school year and about selecting a date to start bargaining. She thanked Cabinet for giving prompt responses to recent inquires.

Comments from the Board

Board thanked Michelle Armstrong, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education, for heading up the updates to the Board Room.

Mrs. Alexander thanked Transportation Department staff for getting students to school safely.

Mrs. Macfarlane thanked custodial staff for having sites clean and ready to go for the first week of school.

Mr. Knackstedt and Mrs. Macfarlane spoke about attending the Superintendent Welcome Event hosted by San Joaquin A+, the Lodi Chamber of Commerce, and multiple other community groups, at the Elkhorn Country Club welcoming Mr. Young as Superintendent.

Mr. Stroh spoke about the district having a great start to the school year and attending Congressman Josh Harder's new office opening event.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments were received.

Board Member Advisory Reports

President Nava inquired as to the status of meetings for the various Board committees.

Board returned to Closed Session

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

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting reconvened at 9:11 p.m.

Closed Session

President Nava stated no action was taken in closed session.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board