



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

Board Member Absent: Mrs. Susan Macfarlane

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: Ms. Jaesa Del Prato, Bear Creek High School and Mr. 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

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 7:12 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:

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mr. Porter moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted to approve claim # 609725, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

Spotlight

The Board commended Rick Williams, Campus Security, Lincoln Technical Academy/Lodi Adult School, for his quick thinking and action to alert a neighbor near the school site of a fire at their residence.

Public Hearing

Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-Opens with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) for the 2023-24 Year

President Nava declared the public hearing "Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-Openers with Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) for the 2023-24 Year" open.

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

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 shared a video on a day-in-the-life of a Kindergartener as part of an outreach effort for Transitional Kindergarten enrollment. He announced the school sites who received Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) Platinum Recognition awards and congratulated the staff and administration for their efforts. Mr. Young showed a video created to highlight attendance awareness month, stating more videos will be released throughout the month.

Comments from the Public

Andrew Robison, Parent, spoke about increasing special education teachers pay and compared Lodi USD salaries to other surrounding districts.

Maggie Ellis, Teacher, Curriculum & Instruction, spoke about the current student intervention plan at Delta Sierra.

Debbie Stewart, Parent, spoke about monitoring Chrome books at home. She stated that students are accessing inappropriate content and feels that the devices should be left at school.

Maria Smith, Teacher, John Muir Elementary School, commented on cost-of-living adjustment, contract negotiations, and the rise in health care cost.

Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, spoke about the different student reading and math fluency levels in her classroom.

Lori Celiz, Teacher, Ansel Adams Elementary School, stated she is representing the Review Board for Excellence in Teaching (RBET) and spoke about a mini conference on October 13 at the JAESC geared for early career educators.

Anne Swehla Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, spoke about having a teacher (not a substitute) in every classroom and offering higher wages to recruit and retain new teachers.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

Item A-2 Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, noted that Personnel Matters is now on Consent Agenda and received clarification that it will be presented under Consent moving forward.

Item A-3 Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-openers for the 2023-24 Year

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, asked why the LPPA Re-openers was presented as action before the Public Hearing.

Mr. Young stated that moving forward all re-openers will come as a public hearing and then as action.

Item A-4 Resolution 2023-71 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the JAESC Mental Health Department Remodel Project No. 4300-840-1

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, stated she has noticed a lot of investments in the District Office but not a lot of investments into teachers.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Porter pulled Item A-4.

- Item A-1 Contracts List
- Item A-2 Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters
- Item A-3 Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-openers for the 2023-24 Year
- Item A-5 Resolution 2023-72 Approval of Architect Agreement for Westwood Playground Replacement & Lunch Shelter
- Item A-6 Resolution 2023-73 Piggyback Contract - Merrimac Petroleum
- Item A-7 Resolution 2023-74 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Universal Pre-Kindergarten Head Start Play Structure Project at Ansel Adams Elementary School
- Item A-8 Resolution 2023-75 Appointment of Architect for the future Samuel L. Gantner Elementary School in Lodi
- Item A-9 Resolution 2023-78 "Gann" Appropriations Limit for 2022/2023 and 2023/2024
- Item A-10 Resolution 2023-80 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Morada Middle and Plaza Robles Fire Alarm Projects No. 0895-8095 and 8096-8096
- Item A-11 Resolution 2023-81 Amendment to Resolution 2022-22 Measure U Implementation Plan
- Item A-12 Resolution 2023-82 Request for Proposal of Qualified Heating Ventilation Air Conditioning (HVAC) Unit Installation Contractors
- Item A-13 Proposed Revisions to Board Bylaws (9000, 9005, 9010, 9011, 9012, 9100, 9122, 9123, 9130, 9140, 9222, 9224, 9230, 9240, 9110)
- Item A-14 Authorization to Use Sole Source Provider – Curriculum Associates
- Item A-15 Authorization to Use Sole Source Provider – Harris School Solutions
- Item A-16 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 22, 2023

Superintendent Young stated that Item A-13 has technical revisions such as capitalization and punctuation corrections that will be addressed before posting the updated Bylaws.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Dr. Bal moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

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

Item A-4 Resolution 2023-71 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the JAESC Mental Health Department Remodel Project No. 4300-840-1

Board Member Porter questioned why the remodel was necessary.

Mr. Kahn stated that the Mental Health Department requires a remodel to bring it up to code. Discussion ensued.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Dr. Bal moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item A-4 Resolution 2023-71 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the JAESC Mental Health Department Remodel Project No. 4300-840-1, by the following vote:

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

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 22/23-10-117
- Item B-2 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 22/23-9-118
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-8-03
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-12-04

Mr. Porter moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented, by the following vote:

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

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Resolution 2023-70 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials

Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent, presented Resolution 2023-70 to certify the sufficiency of instructional materials at Lodi Unified Schools.

No public or Board comments were received.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Stroh moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-1 Resolution 2023-70 Sufficiency of Instructional Materials, by the following vote:

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

Item OAI-2 Approval of 2022-2023 Development Fee Report (Montieth)

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented the annual report and explained some of the highlights contained therein.

Dr. Bal asked why it needs to come as action if the item is a report.

Mr. Kahn replied stating it is a requirement to have a Board vote.

No public comments were received.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-2 Approval of 2022-2023 Development Fee Report (Montieth), by the following vote:

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

Item OAI-3 Accounting Department Reorganization Proposal

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, introduced April Juarez, Senior Director Controller, who presented the proposed accounting restructure for Board consideration.

No public or Board comments were received.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-3 Accounting Department Reorganization Proposal, by the following vote:

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

Reports

New Bond Measure

Mr. Kahn stated that on August 18, 2023, the Board Facility Master Plan Committee received a presentation from the Board's investment advisor, who was joined by the Board's bond counsel. He commented that the investment advisor outlined a potential scenario whereby the Board could approach voters at the November 2024 election with a new bond measure. Mr. Kahn explained that the measure would fill the taxing capacity of the expiring Measure K program in such a manner that better than \$200,000,000 in bonds could be issued without increasing the level of taxation above that currently assessed against Measure K. He explained that the new bond will help the district to fund capital improvement projects as outlined in the final Long Range Facilities Development Plan.

The Board gave feedback to move forward with the new bond measure.

Public Comments

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association
Anne Swehla Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School

Proposed Revisions to Board Bylaws (9121, 9200, 9220, 9260, 9310, 9321, 9321.1, 9323.2)

Mr. Young clarified that Board Bylaw number 9223 and 9324 were left off the subject line but stated all attachments were accounted for in the body of the item.

Dr. Bal asked for clarification on BB 9200, on the Board member volunteering at school sites and questioned whether some of the bylaws should be policies. Superintendent Young provided clarification.

No public comments were received.

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Trang Morris, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), thanked Board for the support and commitment of addressing the needs of LPPA.

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), announced that LEA just closed escrow on a new office location located off South Mills Ave. She spoke about teachers being asked to provide a progress report for K-6 students and was concerned amount the amount of time related to creating the progress reports.

Comments from the Board

Ms. Alexander spoke about celebrating Labor Day and thanked Lori Celiz for coming to speak about RBET.

Mr. Stroh spoke about attending the "Fun Run" in Stockton with Isaiah Stowers, Teacher, Delta Sierra Middle School, and how many volunteers and effort that went into the well-run event.

Mr. Knackstedt spoke about the rise in health care costs and commented on attending the College and Career Night at Tokay High School.

Dr. Bal voiced her support on the remodel for the Mental Health Department and the importance of having mental health easily accessible to all students and staff.

Mr. Porter spoke about refereeing for different water polo tournaments and provided a moment of comic relief by telling a story about seeing a reserved parking spot for Mr. Nava at the Bear Creek High School football game.

Mr. Nava spoke about the importance of school attendance.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments were received.

Board Member Advisory Reports

No reports were given.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:05 p.m.


Vice President of the Board


President of the Board