



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

Board Member Absent: Ms. Sherry Alexander, Clerk

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: Mr. Joseph Gardea, McNair High School and Mr. Logan Sweetman, Tokay High School.

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 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 7:01 p.m. Attendance was recorded, and President Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Nava stated no action was taken in closed session.

Moment of Silence

President Nava held a moment of silence for Oscar Enrique Calderon Gomez, a 12th grade student at Tokay High School, who passed away on September 6, 2023.

Public Hearing

Lodi Unified School District Contract Re-Openers 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

Mr. Joseph Gardea, McNair High School and Mr. Logan Sweetman, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Young shared a California Department of Education News Release (REL#23-68) from State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Thurmond, congratulating 33 California Schools as 2023 National Blue Ribbon Schools. Mr. Young commended Middle College High School staff and administration for this achievement.

Comments from the Public

Andrew Robison, Parent, spoke about his special needs daughter, and spoke of the need for districts to conduct extensive background checks on new hires, especially special education teachers.

Kimberly Freeberg, Teacher, Lockeford, Elementary School, spoke about condensing 5 classrooms into 4 to create a 2nd grade combo class and the complications coupled with that. She commented on wanting a higher Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) than the 4.5% the district offered and receiving extra time to complete Keenan trainings.

Crystal Mendoza, Student Welfare & Attendance Advisor, spoke about making home visits and how unsafe she feels without the school resource officer's assistance. She commented that surrounding offer higher salaries for student welfare & attendance advisors.

Cesar Chavez, Student Welfare & Attendance Advisor, spoke about receiving a higher wage due to the risks and danger involved with his position.

Rebecca Pisano, Teacher, Creekside Elementary School, spoke about positive things happening at Creekside. She asked if there will be a full-time psychologist assigned to Creekside and requested the COLA be the full 8.22% instead of the 4.5% the district offered.

Maria Smith, Teacher, John Muir Elementary School, spoke about the difficulties behind accessing the \$300 classroom supply fund and the frustration with the progress reports.

Melissa Ramirez, Teacher, Lockeford School, commented on the frustration of having a para educator and then a support teacher in the classroom but only for a short period of time.

Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, spoke about giving up funding for conferences years ago during bargaining and stated it is disrespectful that the district is offering only 4.5% COLA.

Lana Gentry, Teacher, Bear Creek High School, spoke about teaching for 30 years and the frustration behind the district only offering 4.5% COLA.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

Item A-7 Resolution 2023-85 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Bear Creek High School Restrooms Modernization, Project No. 8150-5830-2

Lana Gentry, Teacher, Bear Creek High School, spoke about her excitement for the restroom modernization at Bear Creek.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Kahn pulled Item A-5 and Mr. Young pulled Item A-15.

- Item A-1 Contracts List
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-3 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)
- Item A-4 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters
- Item A-6 Resolution 2023-84 Piggyback Contract - Domino's Pizza
- Item A-7 Resolution 2023-85 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Bear Creek High School Restrooms Modernization, Project No. 8150-5830-2
- Item A-8 Resolution 2023-86 – Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Bear Creek High School Gym Lockers Replacement, Project No. 8150-5830-3
- Item A-9 Resolution 2023-87 Finding that Board Member Sherry Alexander was Absent from the Regular Board Meeting of September 19, 2023 Due to Illness
- Item A-10 Resolution 2023-81 Amendment to Resolution 2022-22 Measure U Implementation Plan
- Item A-11 Resolution 2023-89 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Lodi High Dirt Removal Project
- Item A-12 Resolution 2023-90 Notice of Completion for the Lakewood Fencing Project No. 0921-8221 & 8150-5830-6
- Item A-13 Declaration and Approval of Sale of Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment
- Item A-14 Proposed Revisions to Board Bylaws (9121, 9200, 9220, 9223, 9260, 9310, 9321, 9321.1, 9323.2, and 9324)

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

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

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

Motion Carried

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

Item A-5 Resolution 2023-83 Piggyback Contract - Spork Food Hub

Mr. Kahn explained that the itemized bid list was mistakenly not attached to the Board item and pointed out a typo within the body of the resolution. He provided hard copies of the bid list and the corrected resolution to Board and public.

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item A-5 Resolution 2023-83 Piggyback Contract - Spork Food Hub, by the following vote:

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

Motion Carried

Item A-15 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 5, 2023

Mr. Young pulled the minutes for technical corrections and will have them return on October 3, 2023.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 23/24-10-05
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-8-06
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-9-07
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-8-08

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

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

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Certification of 2022/2023 Unaudited Actuals Report

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, introduced April Juarez, Senior Director Controller, who presented the certification of 2022/2023 Unaudited Actuals Report for Board consideration. She explained that the General Fund ending balance as of June 30, 2023, was \$252,384,641 and went into more detail about the balance details.

Public Comments

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

The Student Representative Sweetman voted aye and Representative Gardea abstained.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-1 Certification of 2022/2023 Unaudited Actuals Report, by the following vote:

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

Reports

Graduation Ceremony Expenses

Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent, explained the different costs involved in the graduation ceremonies, stating the comprehensive high schools are approximately \$17,000 per event with streaming video, for typically 450 graduates per school. He stated the smaller high schools are approximately \$5,500 per event with video streaming, for fewer than 100 graduates per school. Dr. Sahli explained the total facility fees are approximately \$62,000 and the total video streaming fees are approximately \$32,000.

Discussion ensued.

The Board gave feedback to research a way to reduce costs, but still offer streaming.

Public Comments

Lana Gentry, Teacher, Bear Creek High School,

Student Representative Gardea and Sweetman spoke about their support of the live streaming and would like for it to continue.

Proposed Revisions to Board Policy, Rule, and Exhibit 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures
Superintendent Young presented the Board policy for consideration.

The Board thanked Mr. Young and staff for their hard work on the Board Policies, Rules, and Bylaw revisions.

No public comments were received.

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, thanked Board for recognizing the Lincoln Technical Academy employee, Rick Williams, at the last Board Meeting. She stated they are taking nominations for Boss of the Year and thanked staff for a productive day at bargaining and is optimistic on upcoming negotiation sessions.

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), commented on the United Auto Workers striking. She spoke about the progress report taking longer than producing an actual report card. She commented that the budget doesn't seem to be adding up and feels like there is money that can be allocated to pay teachers more. She spoke about negotiations and bargaining, stating the attorney is leading negotiations and thought it wasn't going to be that way moving forward.

Comments from the Board

Mr. Knackstedt asked about the teacher supply fund and would like staff to investigate why they are unable to access the funds.

Mr. Porter spoke about being moved by the public comments made by the student welfare & attendance advisors and would like staff to research protocols.

Mr. Nava requested the Superintendent to investigate how staff can assist the Child Welfare & Attendance Department.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments were received.

Board Member Advisory Reports

No reports were given.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.


Vice President of the Board


President of the Board