



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

Administrative Staff: Mr. Neil Young, Superintendent; Dr. David Horton, Associate Superintendent; Mrs. Edith Holbert, Executive Director, Operations; and Mrs. April Juarez, Executive Director, Fiscal Services

Student Representatives: Ms. Margaret Machado, Tokay High School; Ms. Lexi Thor, Bear Creek High School; and Ms. Selene Wang, Middle College 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 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 7:02 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Board Member Nava led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Personnel Matters

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Tonia Arevalo as Elementary Principal, at Live Oak Elementary School, effective date, to be determined.

Placement of Non-Public School Students (New)

Dr. Bal motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of new non-public school students numbers 46, 61, 54, 67, and 80.

Conference with Legal Counsel

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim #644743.

Moment of Silence

The Board held a moment of silence for Joseph Bacigalupi, Campus Security at Lawrence Elementary School, who passed away on October 12.

Recognition

Proclamation: National School Bus Safety Week 2024

President Knackstedt presented the proclamation to Annette Galindo, Director of Transportation.

Comments from Student Representatives

Ms. Margaret Machado, Tokay High School; Ms. Lexi Thor, Bear Creek High School; and Ms. Selene Wang, Middle College High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Young spoke about the Creekside School Farm to Table Lunch and invited Board to attend.

Comments from Employee Representatives

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), stated her concern about elementary teachers being pulled out of class for SIPPS trainings.

Comments from the Public

Anne Swehla-Garcia, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary, spoke about upcoming events at Julia Morgan.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

No public comments were received.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Contracts List (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-2 Warrant Report (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-3 Changes to the Adopted Budget (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report - September 2024, FY 24/25 (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-5 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-6 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters (Mrs. Church)
- Item A-7 Donations - The attached listing itemizes donations for Lodi Unified School District from July 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024 (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-8 Elimination of Board Policies: BP 4020.1 Tobacco Free School District; BP 4031 Employment Procedures; BP 4126 Consultants (Mrs. Church)
- Item A-9 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements (Mr. Warren)
- Item A-10 Phase 2 Flooring Replacement at Multiple School Sites Project 3213-4416-7 Deductive Change Order 1 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-11 Addition of Summa Academy to the 2024-25 Non-Public Schools Master Contract (Mr. Warren)
- Item A-12 Resolution 2024-102 Notice of Completion for Lakewood Elementary School Modernization Project No. 0921-8221 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-13 Resolution 2024-111 Application for Continued Funding for State Preschool from the California Department of Education (CDE) (Mr. Young)
- Item A-14 Resolution 2024-112 Authorizing Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Phase 2 Flooring Replacement at Multiple School Sites - Project No. 3213-4416-7 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-17 Resolution 2024-115 Finding that Board Member Rommel Bal was Absent from the Regular Board Meeting of October 1, 2024 Due to Illness (Mr. Young)
- Item A-18 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 1, 2024 (Mr. Young)

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended.

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

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

Item A-15 Resolution 2024-113 Approval of Work with CalShape Grant Money 24R5VA1344

Mrs. Holbert pulled Resolution 2024-113 to note a correction, stating that the phrase “to replace all school site HVAC units” needs to be removed from the fourth paragraph, and replaced with “assess units and provide filter and thermostat replacements”.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-15 Resolution 2024-113 Approval of Work with CalShape Grant Money 24R5VA1344, as amended.

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

Item A-16 Resolution 2024-114 Approval of Work with CalShape Grant Money 24R5VA1345

Mrs. Holbert pulled Resolution 2024-114 to note a correction, stating that the phrase “to replace all school site HVAC units” needs to be removed from the fourth paragraph, and replaced with “assess units and provide filter and thermostat replacements”.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-16 Resolution 2024-114 Approval of Work with CalShape Grant Money 24R5VA1345, as amended.

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda B

No comments were received for Consent Agenda B.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Item B-1 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 24/25-7-06

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

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association: Payroll Department Restructure

Erin Church, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the Payroll Department restructuring MOU with CSEA for Board review.

Public Comments:

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association: Payroll Department Restructure.

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

(Item OAI-2) Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association: Maintenance Department Restructure

Mrs. Church presented the Maintenance Department restructuring MOU with CSEA for Board review.

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 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association: Maintenance Department Restructure.

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

Reports

Informational Review of Homeless and Foster Youth Programs in Lodi USD

Paul Warren, Administrative Director, Student Services/SELPA, introduced Ben Rechter, Program Coordinator, CWA & Foster Youth District Liaison. Mr. Rechter introduced Kelly Collins, Program Coordinator, Area 1 & Homeless District Liaison. They highlighted key programs, services, strengths, and challenges related to foster youth and homeless education in Lodi USD. Mrs. Collins introduced Andrea Tetz, Teacher on special assignment, who is providing students with individualized support, monitoring academic progress and attendance of homeless students. Ms. Tetz shared touching stories of the impact she is making in students' lives.

No public comments were received.

Mr. Nava asked how many students are classified as foster and homeless.

Discussion ensued.

Board Member Advisory Reports

No reports were shared.

Comments from Board Members


Mr. Nava requested staff to investigate why a GATE teacher is being pulled out of class for a SIPPS training.

Dr. Bal about spoke about attending a board game night at Podesta Ranch Elementary.

Mr. Stroh spoke about emails not always getting to him because of another email that is similar to his. He clarified that his email is jestroh@lodiUSD.net.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board