



**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. Erin Church, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Mrs. Edith Holbert, Executive Director, Operations; and Mrs. April Juarez, Executive Director, Fiscal Services

**Student Representatives:** Ms. Katelyn Gauna, Lodi High School, and Mr. Raphael Aseron, Ronald McNair High School

### **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 7:00 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Student Representative Aseron led the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Closed Session**

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

#### **Personnel Matters**

Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Rebecca Esparza as Director III of Transportation, effective date to be determined.

#### **Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation**

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to accept case OAH #2024090132.

### **Recognitions**

President Knackstedt read a proclamation for National School Psychology Week – November 11-15, 2024, presenting it to Cheryle Rothe, Lead School Psychologist; Phoua Vang, School Psychologist; and Marie Caffesse, Program Coordinator.

### **Public Hearing**

The public hearing "Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-opens for the 2024-25 Year" was declared open.

No Board or public comments were received.

The public hearing was declared closed.

### **Comments from Student Representatives**

Mr. Raphael Aseron, Ronald McNair High School, and Ms. Katelyn Gauna, Lodi High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

### **Superintendent's Report**

No report was shared.

### **Comments from Employee Representatives**

Rodrigo Contreras, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77, thanked Board for the recent pleasant negotiations and is looking forward to continued progress.

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), mentioned possible issue with a proposed survey that could be considered as bargaining away from the table. She questioned why money is being spent on installing school site portables.

Dr. Bal asked about the portable situation Mrs. Wilkins referenced.

Discussion ensued.

### **Comments from the Public**

Victor Ward, Community Member, spoke about Proposition 28 and Media Arts.

Bill Yates, Parent & Teacher, Sutherland Elementary School, shared that two students moved up to mild/moderate at Sutherland and commented on issues with the hiring process for paraeducators.

### **Public Comments on Consent Agenda A**

No public comments were received for Consent Agenda A.

### **Consent Agenda A, Routine Business**

- Item A-1 Contracts List (Mrs. Juarez)
- Item A-2 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-3 Declaration and Approval of Sale of Obsolete and/or Surplus Equipment (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-4 The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires Board of Education approval to assign certificated personnel according to EC 44256 (b), EC 44258.2, EC 44263, and T5 80020.4 (Mrs. Church)
- Item A-5 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters (Mrs. Church)
- Item A-6 Annual Renewal of Services: Super Co-Op, A California USDA Foods Cooperative for School Year 2025-2026 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-7 Lodi Middle School HVAC Replacement Project 3213-4416 Deductive Change Order 1 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-8 Intent to Conduct Annual Organizational Meeting as Required by Education Code 35143 (Mr. Young)
- Item A-9 Resolution 2024-116 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Larson Elementary School Re-Roof Project No. 0825-8425-205-1 (Mrs. Holbert)

- Item A-10 Resolution 2024-117 Authorizing Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Bear Creek High School Restrooms Modernization - Project No. 8150-5830-2 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-11 Resolution 2024-118 Authorizing Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Lodi Middle School HVAC Replacement - Project No. 3213-4416 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-12 Resolution 2024-120 Ratification of Bidding for the Mosher Elementary School Portable Classroom and Play Yard Project No. 6128-4316-250-14 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-13 Resolution 2024-121 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Warehouse Refrigerator/Freezer Emergency Generator Project No. 5310-0000-970-23 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-14 Resolution 2024-122 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Warehouse IT Office Addition Project No. 0825-8425-895-22 (Mrs. Holbert)
- Item A-15 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 15, 2024 (Mr. Young)
- Item A-16 Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 29, 2024 (Mr. Young)

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

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 Expulsion: Student # 24/25-8-07

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

### **Other Action Items**

#### **Item OAI-1 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Mrs. Juarez presented the AB1200 document for CSEA for Board approval.

Public Comments:

Rodrigo Contreras, President, California School Employees Association (CSEA), Lodi Chapter #77

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: California School Employees Association (CSEA).

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

#### **Item OAI-2 Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Mrs. Church presented the tentative agreement with CSEA for Board approval.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with California School Employees Association (CSEA).

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

**Item OAI-3 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association: Bus Attendant Work Year**

Mrs. Church presented the MOU with CSEA for Board approval.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Ratification of the Memorandum of Understanding with California School Employees Association: Bus Attendant Work Year.

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

**Item OAI-4 Resolution 2024-123 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Mosher Elementary School Portable Classroom & Play Yard Project No. 6128-4316-250-14**

Mrs. Holbert presented resolution 2024-123 for Board approval.

Public Comments:

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 Resolution 2024-123 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Mosher Elementary School Portable Classroom & Play Yard Project No. 6128-4316-250-14.

Student Representatives voted unanimously aye.

**Reports**

**Proposition 28 Annual Report for Joe Serna Charter School**

Superintendent Young explained that the California Department of Education requested that Joe Serna Charter School be brought separately from the report previously presented on July 16, 2024.

Public Comments:

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

**Proposed Action to Build the College Career Indicator**

Mr. Young requested that the Proposed Action to Build the College Career Indicator Report item be presented before the Revision to Board Rule 6142. President Knackstedt agreed and rearranged the order of reports.

Dr. Horton spoke about the rationale behind revising Board Rule 6142 to staff two councils; TK-8<sup>th</sup> grade and 7<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

Ms. Alexander questioned how the grades are split and voiced concern about 7<sup>th</sup> grade falling under both councils. She suggested having release days for teachers participating on the council.

Discussion ensued.

Dr. Horton explained the two different choices to staff a potential college career department. Choice A, an administrator on special assignment and a counselor on special assignment. Choice B, a teacher on special assignment and a counselor on special assignment.

Ms. Alexander requested to be given a potential option C with administrators, teachers, counselors, and students.

Mr. Porter and Mrs. Macfarlane stated they are in favor of Choice A.

Dr. Horton spoke about drafting new language for Board Policy 6146.1 High School Graduation Requirements/Standards of Proficiency, adjusting the requirement of total units to 220 while also adding language for Ethnic Studies and Financial Literacy, two new graduation requirements.

The student representatives shared that it is very difficult to accommodate all class desires, especially if you are taking electives such as choir or theater.

**Public Comments:**

Anne Swehla Garcia, read a statement from Michelle Orgon

Bill Yates, Parent & Teacher, Sutherland Elementary School

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, LEA

**Revision to Board Rule 6142 Curriculum Council**

Dr. Horton presented the revision to Board Rule 6142 for Board review.

**Expanded Learning Opportunities: Program Plan Review & Update**

Dr. Horton introduced Jose Maciel, Principal, Intervention & Supplemental Programs. Mr. Maciel presented an overview of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Program (ELO-P), explaining the program provides ongoing funding for before & after-school, intersession, and summer programs, focusing on meeting the academic, social-emotional, and physical needs of students. Mr. Maciel stated that the ELO-Program plan outlines new commitments to providing a safe & supportive environment including the addition of dedicated portable classrooms (funded by the program grant) to help address following needs: space for growth, consistent learning environment, safety and supervision, and staff office space.

Mr. Nava asked about how many elementary students attend afterschool programs.

Mr. Maciel stated that approximately 2300-2500 elementary students attend.

Discussion ensued.

**Public Comments:**

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, LEA

**Board Member Advisory Reports**

No reports were shared.

**Comments from Board Members**

Ms. Alexander shouted out to Lodi Middle School for taking nine eighth graders to Dinner with a Scientist at the San Joaquin County Office.

Mr. Stroh spoke about visiting Needham West and Washington Elementary School sites.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
President of the Board