

**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, Education Services; and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

**Student Representative:** 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 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, Area Director, Student Services/SELPA, commented on Student Discipline Case Item B-6, stating that it should be a suspended expulsion, not an expulsion.

### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

### **Reconvene Open Session**

The meeting reconvened at 7:04 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:

#### **Student Matters**

Mr. Porter motioned, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Non-Public School Placements (new) #75 and #105.

#### **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation**

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim #629229.

Dr. Bal motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim #629573.

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

Dr. Bal motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve Case: OAH 2023070422, as follows:

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

### **Moment of Silence**

President Nava held a moment of silence for Richard Ornelas Sr., Transportation Service Worker, who recently passed away.

### **Recognition**

Board Member Susan Macfarlane read a proclamation for National School Psychology Week – November 6-10, 2023, presenting it to Cheryle Rothe, Lead School Psychologist.

### **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**

Mr. Young spoke about Lodi USD no longer sponsoring the Disneyland Senior Trip moving forward. He explained that it violates Board Policy & Rule 6153 on School Sponsored Trips. He stated that Mark Dawson, Area 1 Director, and Peter Lambert, Area 2 Director, will work with principals and student government classes to help aid in the transition.

### **Comments from the Public**

William Yates, Teacher & Parent, spoke about Superintendent Young's vision of a fully staffed district. He stated there is a large number of vacant positions and feels that a fair contract for both CSEA and LEA will get the district back on track to achieving Mr. Young's vision.

Andrew Robison, Parent, spoke about the cost associated with the proposed Tokay High School baseball field additions and suggested that the money be spent on teachers and classrooms.

Alexia Jewell, Student/Senior Class President, McNair High School, spoke about the cancellation of 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions due to COVID-19 and now possibly missing the Disneyland Grad Night Trip; especially because of the low parent involvement at McNair.

Cris Beach, Cafeteria Manager, Clairmont Elementary, spoke about his frustrations with bargaining.

Lucas Goulart, Student Board Representative, Lodi High School, spoke about the cancellation of 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotions due to COVID-19 and now possibly the Disneyland Senior Trip.

Lisa McBride, Retired Teacher/Parent, spoke about conducting IEP trainings for parents. She commented on the shortages of special education teachers and paraeducators.

Alyssa York, Parent, spoke about her son who is in a kindergarten special education class. She explained struggles with her son being moved to three different schools and the issues involved with the transitions.

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

No public comments were received.

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

Mr. Kahn pulled Item A-10.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-2 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA) (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-3 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters (Dr. Dosty)
- Item A-4 Resolution 2023-97 Authorization to Advertise and Solicit Bids for the Fire Alarm Inspection's & Testing at 53 Sites, Project No. 8150-5830-4 (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-5 Resolution 2023-98 Notice of Completion for Lakewood Re-Roof Project No. 0921-8221 and 8150-5830-4 (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-6 Resolution 2023-99 Notice of Completion for Lunch Shelter Project – Heritage Elementary Project No. 0916-8216 and Morada Middle Schools Project No.0944-8244 (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-7 Resolution 2023-101 Application for Continued Funding for State Preschool from the California Department of Education (CDE) (Dr. Sahli)
- Item A-8 Resolution 2023-102 Authorizing Filing of the Notice of Completion for the Tokay High School Asphalt- Project No. 8150-5830-2 (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-9 Resolution 2023-103 Piggyback Contract - BusWest (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-11 Resolution 2023-105 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for Parklane & Victor E.S. HVAC Project (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-12 Resolution 2023-106 Addition of Fire Protection Engineering Services Consultant (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-13 Authorization to Use Sole Source Provider – Amplify Education (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-14 Authorization to Use Sole Source Provider – Emics Inc., dba Informed K12 (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-15 Tokay High School Asphalt Project 8150-5830-2 Deductive Change Order 1 (Mr. Kahn)
- Item A-16 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 (Dr. Dosty)
- Item A-17 Resolution 2023-107 Finding that Board Member Jeff Stroh was Absent from the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2023 Due to Illness (Mr. Young)
- Item A-18 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 17, 2023 (Mr. Young)
- Item A-19 Minutes of the Special Meeting of October 26, 2023 (Mr. Young)

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

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

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

**Item A-10 Resolution 2023-104 Award of Contract and Authorization to Begin Work for the Turner Sr. Academy Project No. 0829-8429**

Mr. Kahn pulled Item A-10 from Consent Agenda A.

## **Public Comments on Consent Agenda B**

No comments were received for Consent Agenda B.

## **Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases**

Mr. Young pulled Item B-6.

- Item B-1     Suspended Expulsion: Student # 23/24-10-20
- Item B-2     Expulsion: Student # 23/24-9-21
- Item B-3     Expulsion: Student # 23/24-8-22
- Item B-4     Suspended Expulsion: Student # 23/24-7-23
- Item B-5     Expulsion: Student # 23/24-11-24
- Item B-7     Expulsion: Student # 23/24-9-26
- Item B-8     Expulsion: Student # 23/24-8-27
- Item B-9     Suspended Expulsion: Student # 23/24-12-28
- Item B-10    Expulsion: Student # 23/24-10-29
- Item B-11    Expulsion: Student # 23/24-10-30
- Item B-12    Expulsion: Student # 23/24-11-31
- Item B-13    Suspended Expulsion: Student # 23/24-6-32
- Item B-14    Expulsion: Student # 23/24-5-33
- Item B-15    Expulsion: Student # 23/24-8-34

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane 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-6 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-10-25**

Mr. Young pulled Item B-6 stating it should be a suspended expulsion, not an expulsion.

Mrs. Macfarlane motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve, the amended Item B-6 Suspended Expulsion: Student # 23/24-10-25.

## **Other Action Items**

### **Item OAI-1 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: Supervisors**

Mr. Kahn presented the AB1200 for Board approval.

No Board or public comments were received.

Student Representative Mr. Sweetman preferential vote was aye, and Student Representative Mr. Gardea abstained.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: Supervisors.

### **Item OAI-2 Approval of the Tentative Agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group**

Dr. Dosty presented the tentative agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group for Board approval.

Public Comments

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

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Approval of the Tentative Agreement with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group.

**Item OAI-3 Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group**

Dr. Dosty presented the Memorandum of Understanding for designated on-call employee contract language with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group for Board approval.

Public Comments

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

The Student Representative preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group.

**Reports**

**Math Update**

Peter Lambert, Area 2 Director, presented the summary of the report and introduced Rafael Ceja, Director of Education. Dr. Ceja spoke about the key achievements, stating 23 of 37 schools achieved high growth on i-Ready Math Diagnostic. He went over some of the challenges and next steps involved with adopting new curriculum. He explained that the math curriculum offers lots of technology support, with personalized computer adaptive support for students that adjusts with students' diagnostics and uninterrupted math continuity from kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Dr. Ceja stated the district maintained stable performance with CAASPP state testing in the first year of the math adoption, which stands out in contrast to the typical decline experienced by many districts. Dr. Ceja introduced the team from Lawrence Elementary including Christine Alberg, Principal; Emmanuel Vargas, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher; and Sokheem Sy-Prom, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher. The team commented on the positive improvements at Lawrence. Melissa Yatteau, Intervention Teacher, Lawrence, read a statement explaining the improvements Jennifer Gutierrez, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, is experiencing at Lawrence. Mr. Lambert invited Tierney Genoar, Secondary Instructional Coach, to speak about the benefits of i-Ready for secondary education transition.

Student Representative Mr. Sweetman said test scores are a poor representation of student achievement, and Student Representative Mr. Gardea asked why intervention teachers are not at every school site.

Public Comments

Delores Flores, Paraeducator-Severely Handicapped, Parklane Elementary

**Proposed Revisions to Board Policies/Bylaws: Policy 0410 Nondiscrimination In District Programs and Activities; Policy 0420.4 Charter School Authorization; Policy 0500 Accountability; Policy 1100 Communication with the Public; Policy 1112 Media Relations; Policy 1113 District and School Websites; Policy 1114 District-Sponsored Social Media; Bylaw 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials; and Bylaw 9323 Meeting Conduct**

Superintendent Young pulled Board Policy 1113 District and School Websites, and stated it be brought back at a future Board meeting after further review.

Ms. Alexander questioned Bylaw 9322 on how an agenda preparation can incorporate student learning and well-being. Discussion ensued.

Student Representative Mr. Gardena asked about the last paragraph on Board Bylaw 9322. Mr. Young stated he would send an explanation via email on the paragraph in question.

#### Public Comments

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

#### **Proposed Revisions to Board Policy 6161 Equipment, Books and Materials and Board Policy 6170.1 Transitional Kindergarten**

Robert Sahli, Associate Superintendent, presented the revisions to Board Policy 6161 and 6170.1.

#### Public Comments

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association

### **Communications**

#### **Comments from Employee Group Representatives**

Desiree Wise, President, California School Employees, Lodi Chapter #77, spoke about the frustrations with bargaining, stating that CSEA members are eager for resolution.

Lisa Lennon-Wilkins, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke about bargaining and asked the Board to come sit-in on the next bargaining meeting. She spoke about teachers continuing to picket.

#### **Comments from the Board**

Mr. Porter commented on getting to know the new Board and cabinet members, stating they are good people with good intentions.

Dr. Bal thanked staff and the Superintendent for working on updating the Board policies. She commented on the outburst during public comments and felt it was very disrespectful.

Mr. Knackstedt asked for more clarification on the Disneyland Senior Grad Trip and if Mr. Robison, Parent, who spoke during public comments has been contacted. Mr. Knackstedt spoke about Creekside Elementary School hosting a trunk or treat event.

Mr. Stroh stated he liked the math presentation and would like to see more subjects presented to Board in that format.

Mrs. Macfarlane thanked Michelle Armstrong and members of JAESC's T.E.A.M. who invited she and Ms. Alexander to be judges of the T.E.A.M. sponsored Halloween costume contest. She stated she respects Neil and his staff and thanked each of them for what they do.

Ms. Alexander spoke about a disheartening TikTok that was made about the Superintendent, Board and district. She noted negotiations can get contentious but would like to see our district rise above and start focusing on the positive.

Mr. Nava spoke about community members during public comments using more common sense and less emotions.

Student Representative Joseph Gardea asked for additional clarification on specifics moving forward with Senior Grad Night. Mr. Young stated that Mark Dawson, Area 1 Director, will be getting in touch with him to help with any unanswered questions.

**Comments from the Superintendent**

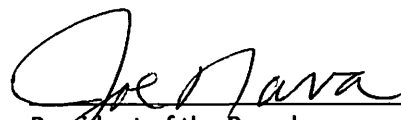
Mr. Young had no further comments.

**Board Member Advisory Reports**

No reports were given.

**Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board  
President of the Board