

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 5, 2013**

PLACE James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi

TIME 6:00 p.m. Closed Session; 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no public comments on Closed Session items and the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

RECONVENE The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m. Attendance was recorded and the President led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT Board Members: Mr. Ralph Womack, President; Mr. Joe Nava, Vice President; Mr. George Neely, Clerk; Mrs. Ruth Davis, Mr. Ron Heberle, Mrs. Bonnie Cassel and Mr. Ron Freitas

Administrators: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Mr. Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/Chief Business Officer

Students: Ms. Crystal Nguyentan, Bear Creek High School and Ms. Ella Phlai, McNair High School

Recorder: Mrs. Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant

CLOSED SESSION Mr. Womack reported the following action taken in Closed Session:
Student Matters Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2012-13 #'s 108, 109, 110 and 111

Personnel Matters Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded, and carried unanimously
Resolution 2013-01 to approve Resolution 2013-01, Non-Reelection of a Probationary Certificated Employee.

Mr. Womack announced that the Board will return to Closed Session after the meeting is adjourned.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT Dr. Washer reported on the success Live Oak School's Math Night, which was conducted in English and Spanish and was well attended.

She reported that the Stockton and Lodi Police Departments spoke to administrators at the January Leadership Team Meeting. Administrators were given direction on active shooter scenarios. The law enforcement officials will review our policies, procedures and drills to assure that we are conducting best practices in the event of an emergency. Dr. Washer reported on LUSD's collaboration with the Lodi Chamber of Commerce's Partners In Education (PIE) Committee. The purpose of the joint committee is to help businesses become involved in the schools. The most recent collaboration is the Career Expo that is starting this week at Lodi Middle and Millswood Schools. Each week of the four-week program will focus on a different career direction, including building trades, health careers, law enforcement and automotive industries. Activities will include publication of a *Job Journal*, showcasing career information for each career, bulletin boards and live presentations from each participating group. Dr. Washer added that if all goes well, the District expects the program to expand next year. She reported that there will be a meeting with representatives from *Illuminate* later during the week. Staff is planning an in-depth review of our technology system regarding both short and long term solutions as to how we can best use our limited resources.

**ACTION
ITEMS**

Consent
Agenda A -
Routine
Business

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A – Routine Business, as follows:

- A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- A-2 Contract List

The student preferential vote was not taken.

Consent
Agenda B -
Student Matters

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B – Student Matters, as follows:

- B-1 Expulsion: Student #12/13-7-44
- B-2 Expulsion: Student #12/13-8-45
- B-3 Expulsion: Student #12/13-11-46
- B-4 Expulsion: Student #12/13-10-47
- B-5 Expulsion: Student #12/13-10-48

**OTHER ACTION
ITEMS**

Henderson CDS
Elimination of
9th Grade

Ms. Vetica followed up on the report that was delivered to the Board at the January 15, 2013, meeting regarding enrollment at Henderson CDS.

Ms. Vetica lead the discussion regarding keeping Henderson focused on 7th and 8th grade enrollment and returning the 9th grade students to their home schools for high school instruction. Discussion ensued among staff, Board Members and members of the public.

Motion by Mr. Heberle, seconded and moved to accept staff's recommendation to eliminate 9th grade at Henderson Community

Day School. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Womack

Noes: Cassel, Davis, Neely

Motion carried

The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously no.

Modify Katnich
Placement
Procedures

Mr. Bill Saunders, Administrative Director, Student Services/SELPA; Ms. Kathy Vasquez, Coordinator, Psychological Services & Student Support; and Mr. Paul Warren, Coordinator, Mental Health Services, presented the item for the Board's consideration to serve expelled Special Day Class students exclusively. Discussion ensued between staff, Board Members and members of the public.

Motion by Mr. Nava, seconded and carried unanimously that Katnich School's enrollment will be limited to expelled Special Day students. The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

PERSONNEL
MATTERS

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the Certificated and Classified personnel matters as presented.

COMMUNICA-
TIONS
Comments from
Student Reps.

Student representatives' Ms. Crystal Nguyentan, Bear Creek High School and Ms. Ella Phlai, McNair High School, reported on activities and events at their respective schools.

Comments
from Board
Members

Mr. Nava announced that he would like the 8th grade program strengthened for articulation with the comprehensive high schools. He commented on the addition of the five instructional days to the school calendar.

Mrs. Davis attended Lakewood School's Muffins for Moms function. She wanted to thank all the staff at Lakewood for making the event a great success.

Mr. Freitas thanked those in attendance at the meeting. He reflected on a recent conference he attended with area board members. He commented that although at times Board Members vote differently on issues, they all have the best interests of the students - that of all students getting the best education possible. He congratulated Mr. Hern on a successful *Lodi News-Sentinel* article and congratulated Mr. Nava on the Coach Nava Invitational at Staff High School.

Mrs. Cassel spoke of her attendance at the Martin Luther King celebration and of her visit to Live Oak School for their Math Night. She commented that she enjoyed reading Mr. Hern's *Fiscal Focus*.

Mr. Womack stated he appreciated the teachers and staff that were at the Board Meeting last week. His week's activities included attending the McNair/Bear Creek safety meeting, attending the San Joaquin School Boards meeting, the new board president training in Sacramento, representing the District at a Lodi Police Department program, visiting Independence School, Math Night and visiting the 6th grade at Wagner Holt School, where he read to the students about Air Force One. He also attended the GOT Kids Foundation meeting.

Mr. Neely announced that he was glad to hear that technology issues are being worked on. He wanted to make it clear that the state did not restore the five instructional days to school. Mr. Neely asked Mr. McKilligan to provide him with a report on the teacher transfer process.

Comments from the Superintendent Dr. Washer assured Mr. Neely that his comments have not gone unnoticed. She noted the visit to Liberty High School and was excited that they had resurrected a course entitled, English Through Film. She noted that staff is being very creative.

Comments from the Public Mrs. Susan Heberle thanked the Board for restoring school days back to the instructional calendar to benefit our students.

Ms. Catherine Campbell, Teacher, Independence School, asked the Board to look in to the number of teachers that are scheduled to be eliminated from Independence School next year.

Ms. Kristine Leach, Teacher, Independence School, asked the Board to address Independence School staff being cut by an estimated 26 percent.

Ms. Nana Roschede, a former student of Independence School, related to the Board that due to previous attendance at Independence, she can now graduate ahead of her classmates at Staff High School.

Ms. Alexandra Robinson, student at Independence School, spoke regarding her academic success at Independence School.

Ms. Joyce (no last name given), student at Independence School, spoke regarding her academic success at Independence School.

Ms. Roshiima Airie, parent, spoke of the success her son has had by attending Independence School.

Comments from Employee Group Reps. Mr. Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), thanked Board and staff for reinstating the five instruction days to the calendar and urged Board and staff to consider restoring non-instructional days also. Mr. Johnston announced that LEA has allocated funds to send 52 teachers to a

conference to enhance their teaching skills. He also acknowledged the Personnel Department for their diligence in their careful monitoring of back-fill positions, which will help during the transfer season. Mr. Johnston closed by urging Board to consider resuming routine and deferred maintenance at the school sites.

Mr. John Hunt, Representative, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), asked that the District remember LPPA when restoring days to employee groups.

REPORTS
Measure K Bond
Oversight
Committee

Mr. Gary Reiff, Chairperson for the Measure K Bond Oversight Committee, presented the annual report, covering the period of July 1, 2011, through June 30, 2011. Mr. Reiff reported that the work of the committee has come to conclusion. He stated that the District and Board should be commended on the amount of projects that were completed. Mr. Reiff thanked the committee members for their service.

Several members of the Board thanked Mr. Reiff and the work that he and the Measure K Bond Oversight Committee completed.

Aspire Public
Schools
Student
Achievement

Presenting the report were Catherine Pennington, Mary Welch from Aspire Public Schools and Gretchen Salvetti, Principal, Benjamin Holt Academy. The Annual Student Achievement report of the Aspire school system for 2011-2012 was presented.

Benjamin Holt
Academy Charter
School Renewal

The Benjamin Holt Academy charter school renewal was presented by Ms. Pennington. The charter school renewal would cover the school from 2013 to 2018. Mr. Nava stated he would like a copy of the school's latest evaluation. Ms. Pennington noted that the Aspire Charter is the gold standard of charters and what other charters aspire to be.


BOARD
ADVISORY
COMMITTEE
REPORTS

No reports were presented

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board