



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 6, 2017

Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Ron Heberle, President; Mr. George Neely, Vice-President; Dr. Daryl Talken, Clerk (*via teleconference*); Ms. Bonnie Cassel; Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Gary Knackstedt; and Mr. Joe Nava

Administrative Staff: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO; and Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Board

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m. at the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

A parent and her child addressed the Board prior to Closed Session regarding a Closed Session student discipline matter. Bob Whitaker and Danielle O'Toole, Wrestling Coaches at Tokay High School, also spoke on this student's behalf.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:17 p.m. President Heberle announced that Dr. Talken was taking part in the meeting via teleconference from Palm Desert, CA. Attendance was recorded and President Heberle led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Heberle reported on the following action taken in Closed Session:

- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the appointment of Julie Hummel as High School Assistant Principal, Bear Creek High School, effective date to be determined.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Mr. Freitas motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the transfer/appointment of Nicole Vertar as High School Assistant Principal, Ronald E. McNair High School, effective date to be determined.

Recognition

California School Employees Association, Lodi #77's CSEA Employee of the Year for 2017

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, presented Elizabeth Hausauer as the recipient of the chapter's 2017 Employee of the Year award. Ms. Ladwig read portions of letters of nomination the chapter received for Ms. Hausauer. Ms. Hausauer presented details of her tenure with the District over the last 17 years working at Lodi High School.

Public Hearings

Local Control and Accountability Plan

President Heberle declared the Public Hearing "Local Control and Accountability Plan" open. Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, was available to answer questions. No comments were forthcoming from the Board or members of the public. The Public Hearing was declared closed.

2017/18 Budget Adoption

President Heberle declared the Public Hearing "2017/18 Budget Adoption" open. Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO and Angel Murnan, Director of Budgets, presented a report. Some of the highlights of the report were: enrollment trends; increases due to STRS/PERS funding; special education enrollment increases; and labor settlement assumptions.

Mr. Knackstedt asked why the numbers of special education students are increasing. Dr. Washer answered that more students are being identified as needing services. Mr. Heberle commented that at the May Revise meeting it was noted that some budget categories did receive increases; however, other budget categories were reduced at the same time. No comments were forthcoming from the public. The Public Hearing was declared closed.

Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2017/18 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA)

President Heberle declared the Public Hearing "Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2017/18 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA)" open. No comments were forthcoming from the Board or members of the public. The Public Hearing was declared closed.

Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer displayed photographs of the recent Kindergarten celebration at Clairmont Elementary School, which featured Stockton Mayor, Michael Tubbs, who himself attended Clairmont School. Also from Clairmont was a photo of McNair High School graduating seniors visiting the 6th grade students attired in their caps and gowns. This was to get the 6th graders excited about their future, going to high school, staying in school and trying to do their best. A photo was displayed showing the parents of the Parenting Partners class at Oakwood Elementary School displaying their achievement certificates for completing the requirements of the program. Dr. Washer highlighted the recent Joey Travolta Inclusion Film event at Hutchins Street Square. She detailed the work of the special education and general education students working together for two weeks at the film camp to write, produce, film, build sets, edit, etc. The next camp will start June 19th and the theme will be "kindness." The movie will feature random acts of kindness. Mr. Travolta has written a song to accompany the movie/concept and he will take the random acts of kindness theme nationwide. Dr. Washer announced to Board that if they

attended high school graduations, they took part in the shaking of 1,822 graduates' hands! She invited Ms. Kotowski to share some news.

Ms. Kotowski announced that Lodi Unified is the recipient of a competitive grant in the amount of \$1.6 million to be paid over three years. The grant award is from California's Learning Communities for School Success Program.

Dr. Washer acknowledged Bill Toledo, retiring Coordinator of the District's Child Welfare & Attendance Department by wishing him well in his retirement and thanking him for his service to the students of Lodi Unified School District. She then asked Ralph Womack to present a report for Project Navigate Constructive Change, a mentorship program for at-risk youths in our area. Mr. Womack described the program and then issued a call to action to recruit responsible adults to become mentors for the program. Mr. Womack then presented an update on Lodi USD students attending the Discovery ChalleNGe Academy.

Tami Dillion, Principal, Liberty High School, shared that five former Liberty High students successfully completed the six-month Discovery ChalleNGe Academy program. The five students shared their respective grade point averages prior to and after completing the program and their plans for the future. Board Members congratulated the students on their achievement.

Chief Matthew Reece, Discovery ChalleNGe Academy, stated the academy is a partnership of the California National Guard and San Joaquin County Office of Education for youth between the ages of 16 and 18 who have dropped out of high school, are at risk of dropping out, or are credit deficient. The academy is located at the Sharpe Army Depot in Lathrop. In addition to providing an environment that promotes leadership, cooperation and academic skills, the cadets also engage in community service. Chief Reece invited Board Members to attend the Discovery ChalleNGe Academy's upcoming graduation scheduled on June 17.

Comments From The Public

James Campero, Parent/Community Member, spoke regarding intradistrict transfers. He asked for Board consideration that intradistrict agreements be approved for the entire duration of elementary school attendance and asked for additional feedback to discuss the issue at a later date.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Heberle asked to remove Consent Agenda A Item A-6. No items were removed by the public.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 AB 1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: LPPA
- Item A-5 Agriculture Career Technical Education Incentive Grants
- Item A-7 CP Statistics Course of Study Textbook Adoption
- Item A-8 Careers in Education Course of Study
- Item A-9 Animal Science Course of Study and Textbook Adoption

Item A-10 Administration of Justice/Criminal Investigations Course of Study and Textbook Adoption

Item A-11 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 16, 2017

Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended.

Item A-6: AP Calculus AB and BC Course of Study and Textbook Adoption

Mr. Heberle inquired as to the changes to the calculus course of study. Abby Bates, Instructional Coach, responded that the committee revised and updated the course of study to reflect minor changes of the Advanced Placement Examination. The change was to ensure the course is properly preparing students for the changes to the AP exam.

Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve AP Calculus AB and BC Course of Study and Textbook Adoption.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Mr. Nava asked to remove Item B-12 from Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- (Item B-1) Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-66
- (Item B-2) Expulsion: Student #16/17-11-67
- (Item B-3) Expulsion: Student #16/17-6-68
- (Item B-4) Expulsion: Student #16/17-10-69
- (Item B-5) Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-70
- (Item B-6) Expulsion: Student #16/17-7-71
- (Item B-7) Expulsion: Student #16/17-10-72
- (Item B-8) Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-73
- (Item B-9) Suspended Expulsion: Student #16/17-7-74
- (Item B-10) Expulsion: Student #16/17-7-75
- (Item B-11) Expulsion: Student #16/17-6-76
- (Item B-13) Expulsion: Student #16/17-8-78
- (Item B-14) Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-79
- (Item B-15) Readmission: Student #16/17-9-05

Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases, as amended.

Item B-12 Expulsion: Student #16/17-11-77

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted, by voice vote, to move to a one semester expulsion and modification for Student #16/17-11-77, as follows:

- Ayes: Cassel; Freitas; Heberle; Knackstedt, Nava and Talken
- Noes: Neely
- Absent: None
- Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Other Action Items

Resolution 2017-45 Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA)

Mr. Hern clarified that funds from the Education Protection Act must be expended fully to classroom education.

Public Comments
None

Mr. Freitas motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Resolution 2017-45 Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA).

Personnel Matters

Mike McKilligan presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Comments

Comments From Employee Group Representatives

John Hunt, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), spoke regarding the earlier presentation by the students completing the Discovery Challenge Academy program, noting that high school counselors strive to find the right kids that would be successful in that program. Mr. Hunt reported that LPPA members are trying to make themselves more visible; thusly, members will be available during the summer and during different activities throughout the year. Mr. Hunt reported LPPA elections were recently conducted and noted representation will remain the same for next year. He stated that LPPA recently awarded two scholarships to nurses. He thanked the Board for their involvement in District activities and for their continued commitment.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), reported that although it is summer, teachers are working on curriculum, extended year, individualized educational programs (IEPs) and at various summer jobs. Ms. Orgon reported that many high schools have a room shortage problem. Teachers are having to share multiple rooms during the day; moving to two or three rooms daily to teach next year. Ms. Orgon reported positive feedback to a newly established professional growth process, with the exception of a few "bugs" to the system that they hope to work out during the summer months. She stated she looks forward to continued collaboration with the Board via one-on-one discussions. She commented that the District's intradistrict attendance agreement and a report on special education might be two topics for future Board agendas.

Comments From Board Members

Mr. Nava acknowledged Gloria Allen, Community Outreach Consultant, in the audience. Mr. Nava announced that he attended five high school graduations and had positive comments regarding the ceremonies. Mr. Nava stated that it would be difficult and distracting if a high school teacher had to change classrooms several times during the day and said he would like to have this changed.

Mr. Knackstedt attended the Spring Band and Choir Concert at Manlio Silva Elementary School under the direction of Kathy Evans, Choir Director. He enjoyed the event and was impressed by the exemplary behavior of the elementary students. Mr. Knackstedt noted that Fran Vera, niece of Manlio Silva, who was the founder of the Stockton Symphony, was also present at the concert. Mr. Knackstedt attended the Joey Travolta Inclusion Films premier and attended five graduations.

Ms. Cassel went to eleven graduation/promotion ceremonies. She said all eleven events were flawless and impressive. Ms. Cassel also attended the Joey Travolta Inclusion Films premier event at Hutchins Street Square.

Mr. Neely attended five graduations. He noted the District may want to look at expanding the program at Independence School in the coming years. He commented he agrees with Mr. Nava that having teachers change multiple rooms during the day does not work. He addressed the issue of intradistrict transfer requests and noted they seemed to have increased this year and asked for a report in the near future. Mr. Neely addressed concerns regarding informational meetings for the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and asked for a review of how information gathering meetings are structured and advertised; He asked for a plan for such early next year. Mr. Neely would like to pursue an experimental digital academy (where all curriculum is delivered digitally) perhaps for the 2018-19 school year. He suggested a high school or middle school (Christa McAuliffe).

Mr. Heberle attended six graduations. He also expressed concern regarding teachers moving classrooms during the day, noting it can be more difficult with some subjects over other subjects. He asked for additional information related to the issue surrounding the denial of intradistrict agreements. He stated he agrees with Mr. Neely in regards to how information is gathered for the LCAP; noting the California School Boards Association (CSBA) has recommendations for best practices.

Comment From The Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments

Reports

LUSD Preschool Programs Update

The report updating the mainstreaming and inclusion activities of the School Readiness and Preschool Service program was presented by Elodia Ortega-Lampkin, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education; Florence Costamagna, Director, Preschool Services and Jonathan Martin, Administrative Director, Special Services/SELPA. Preschool is accessed in Lodi USD by qualifying for one of the following programs: Head Start; State Preschool; or special education. Ms. Costamagna reported that 13 sites house State Preschool and/or Head Start programs for three to five year olds. Mr. Martin reported that there are 24 preschool special education programs operating in the District. These programs are designed to serve students who have a disability and require specialized instruction. Full inclusion and mainstreaming were discussed. Students must go through the Individualized Education Plan (IEP) process to determine if full inclusion is the best option, as mainstreaming might be a better placement for the student. Discussion ensued. Areas to address and next steps were also discussed.

Public Comments

Denise Reich, Community Member/Retired Teacher; Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association; Jon Paunon, SDC Infant and Preschool Teacher

High School Course Credits and BCHS General Course Offerings

The report was presented by Dawn Vetica, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education; Hillary Harrell, Principal, Bear Creek High School and Erik Sandstrom, Principal, Tokay High School.

Mr. Sandstrom presented a history of partial credits and noted the District discontinued the use of partial credits in 2003. Students currently receive five credits after successful completion of a semester course. Transfer students are placed into similar classes to avoid being credit deficient. Educational rights of foster youths and migrant education students were discussed.

The second part of the report covered general course offerings, using Bear Creek High School as an example of general education courses offered to students. Mr. Heberle and Mr. Neely expressed concern relative to students falling into an "all college course" model. Mr. Neely noted the District has data on individual students that can be utilized to steer them to their best placement. Mr. Freitas cited the increase to the District's graduation rate should be taken into account relative to this discussion. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

John Hunt, President, LPPA; Abby Bates, Instructional Coach

California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly Report

Mr. Neely asked that the report be tabled until the next Board meeting.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No committee reports were received.


Future Agenda Items

No items were received under this category.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:52 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board