



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 21, 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; Ms. Bonnie Cassel (*via teleconference*); Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Gary Knackstedt; and Mr. Nava

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

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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

No comments prior to Closes Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:10 p.m. Attendance was recorded. President Heberle announced that Board Member Bonnie Cassel was teleconferencing from Pacific Grove, CA. He led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Student** – Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student 2016-17 #90.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Mr. Freitas motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Yvette Shields as an Elementary School Principal, effective date to be determined.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Jennifer Huiras as an Elementary School Principal, effective date to be determined.

Spotlight

Sheena Gribaudo, Relationship Advisor, and Russ Hagen, Chief Executive Officer, Premier Community Credit Union, presented a donation in the amount of \$2,000 to be used towards classroom music needs.

Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer reported that Toni Dahlen, Teacher, Lincoln Technical Academy, was the recipient of the Barnes and Nobel "My Favorite Teacher" contest. Dr. Washer announced that the Joey Travolta Student Film Camp was up and running, teaching students all aspects of film production with an emphasis on STEM, while also weaving in the theme of random acts of kindness. She invited the Board to stop by Lincoln Tech to see the film camp in action. Dr. Washer reported that last weekend's NorCal Science and Technology Festival was highly attended by students of all ages and their families. She congratulated Tokay High School and their STEAM committee for facilitating the event. The audience viewed a video showcasing a rocket launch created by the Lodi Middle School Robotics Club. She congratulated Steve Box, Teacher, and the Lodi Middle Robotics Club for a job well done on this video.

Comments From The Public

Sarah DeFonzo, Teacher, Manlio Silva Elementary School, spoke of the high demands placed on teachers and asked that the Board consider giving the teachers a fair contract that will keep Lodi Unified from losing good, talented teachers.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

No items were removed from Consent Agenda A by either Board Members or members of the public.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-3 Contracts List
- Item A-4 Resolution 2017-28 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Prop 39 Yr 1 Building Management System DDC – Project No. 6230-6550
- Item A-5 Minutes of the Regular Board of Education Meeting of March 7, 2017

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Freitas seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented.

Other Action Items

Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee Appointment

Dr. Washer reminded Board that the priority list will come back next month and the public and Board will have the opportunity to comment as we move forward.

Public Comments

None

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded that the first seven (of the eight listed) candidates be appointed.

Mr. Nava commented that Mr. Sun had stated that all eight candidates would be good committee members.

The vote for Measure U Citizens' Oversight Committee members was, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Heberle; Knackstedt; Neely; Talken

Noes: Freitas, Nava

Absent: None

Abstain: None

Motion Carried

Measure L Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report to Keep the Public Informed of Measure L Bond Expenditures

Warren Sun, Senior Director of Operations, introduced Jeff Seybold, Measure L Committee Member, who presented the Measure L Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report. During the report it was noted that the committee is to be comprised of seven members of which there are currently only six members, with three other members that want to rotate off of the committee. Board Members thanked the committee for the report and for their work on the Measure L Bond Oversight Committee.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted unanimously to accept the Measure L Bond Oversight Committee Annual Report to Keep the Public Informed of Measure L Bond Expenditures.

Measure U Quick Start Projects 2017

Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer, stated the District will begin the process of selling bonds for Measure U in April. He explained that many of the projects will take many years to accomplish and this Quick Start Project list is an avenue to get things started. The proposed list was presented for Board consideration.

Discussion ensued regarding the replacement of the track at Tokay High School and track access for the public.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Measure U Quick Start Projects 2017 list, as presented.

Personnel Matters

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Comments

Comments from Employee Groups

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, spoke on the ability to move money to categories that would serve to recruit and retain teachers. She asked that the Board approve a contractual agreement between the District and Lodi Education Association that will serve to retain teachers for the length of their careers.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Neely met with Anne Baird, District Director to Assemblymember, Susan Talamantes Eggman. Mr. Neely and Ms. Baird are collaborating on a plan to address substitute teacher issues. Mr. Neely will also seek assistance from the area press and he plans to meet with representatives from the California School Boards Association. He noted the District's Legislative Advocacy Committee is working on this issue as well.

Mr. Heberle attended the Science Olympiad conducted at Ronald McNair High School on March 18th and noted what fun it is to watch the younger students complete their experiments. Mr. Heberle also attended the NorCal Science and Technology Festival, noting that the event was such a success there were no parking places left when he arrived!

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Report

Report on the California Dashboard and State Priorities

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum & Instruction, presented an overview of the California Dashboard. She explained that the Dashboard reflects performance targets or work that needs to be completed. Discussion ensued. Dr. Washer noted that this informational tool will be used as all statistical information is used for schools plans and the LCAP, and in a similar manner as other state assessments.

Public Comments

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No committee reports were received.


Future Agenda Items

Mr. Neely asked Dr. Washer to provide a more detailed report on State Accountability for schools and Mr. Heberle is interested in continued updates related to Measure U projects.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board