



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 4, 2016

Closed Session 6:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: Mr. Ron Freitas, President; Mr. Ron Heberle, Vice-President; Mr. Ralph Womack, Clerk; Ms. Bonnie Cassel; Mr. George Neely; and Dr. Daryl Talken

Board Member Absent: Mr. Joe Nava

Administrative Staff: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent and Mr. Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO

Student Representatives: No students were present due to Fall Break.

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No comments were presented prior to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:04 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Board Member Cassel led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Students** – Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students #2016-17 #s 76 and 77 by the following vote:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Neely, Talken, Womack

No: None

Absent: Nava

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Comments From Board President

President Freitas stated that the last Board of Education meeting ended unfavorably. He apologized to Mr. Heberle for not allowing Mr. Heberle to ask a question. Mr. Heberle accepted his apology and noted his appreciation for such.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer issued a reminder that October 22nd is Casino Night to benefit the GOT Kids Foundation. Tickets are available for \$30.00 and it will be an enjoyable event to benefit our students. Dr. Washer announced that California Jump\$tart trained 80 teachers over the last two days. The Jump\$tart training is focused on personal finance with tools for teachers to promote financial literacy in their classrooms. She thanked Lisa Kotowski for assistance and she thanked the CA Jump\$tart facilitators for providing the training free of charge. Dr. Washer noted she received positive feedback from workshop attendees.

Comments From The Public

Martha Snider, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School, announced that on the morning of October, 22nd, Lodi Unified School District will host a Discovery Education event at Christa McAuliffe Middle School. She thanked the staff of the Superintendent's Office for their assistance in securing the location for the event. She indicated that an e-mail to announce and promote the event would be forthcoming.

Lindsey Ortegell, Teacher, Lois Borchardt Elementary School, commented that she has heard great feedback from her fellow teachers in regards to the CA Jump\$tart financial literacy workshop. She noted she was far down on the waiting list to attend and hopes that the District will consider repeating the workshop in the future.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Womack asked to remove Item A-2 and Item A-3 and Mr. Heberle asked to remove Item A-4 from the Consent Agenda A, Routine Business. No items were removed by the public.

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-5 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, September 20, 2016
- Item A-6 Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) Re-openers for the 2016-17 Year
- Item A-7 Lodi Unified School District Successor Agreement Openers with Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) for the 2016-17 Year

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Neely, Talken, Womack
No: None
Absent: Nava
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Item A-2 Donations

Mr. Womack pulled this item to acknowledge the generosity of the donors included on the list and to note that the list does not recognize the hundreds of hours that are also donated to the District, all of which are greatly appreciated.

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-2 Donations, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Neely, Talken, Womack
No: None
Absent: Nava
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Item A-3 Contracts List

Mr. Womack pulled the Contracts List to speak to the agreement with the City of Lodi for School Resource Officers. He questioned if the duties of the SROs lean away from enforcement to a support focus. He asked for more information regarding the second contract item, Amplify Education, Inc. Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, explained that Amplify Education, Inc. provides the means for electronic assessments for K-2 students, above the normal assessments and includes the licensing for DIBELS.

Mr. Neely inquired as to the School Resource Officers, as many districts don't pay police to be on their campuses. He noted that the City of Lodi police officers are within the city limits and are here to serve the residents of Lodi, thus this should be part of their job. He feels the \$300,000 could be used for other things. For those reasons he would not support the Contracts List agenda item.

Mr. Womack motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-3 Contracts List as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Talken, Womack
No: Neely
Absent: Nava
Abstain: None
Motion carried

Item A-4 The California Commission on Teaching Credentialing Requires Board of Education Approval to Assign Certificated Personnel According to ED 44258.2, EC 44256 (b), and EC 44263

Mr. Heberle asked if the purpose of this item was for reclassifying substitute teachers. Dr. Washer said these teachers are not new teachers or interns; they are experienced teachers in a new assignment that they do not have a credential to teach.

Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board members voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Item A-4 The California Commission on Teaching Credentialing Requires Board of Education Approval to Assign Certificated Personnel According to ED 44258.2, EC 44256 (b), and EC 44263 as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Neely, Talken, Womack
No: None
Absent: Nava
Abstain: None
Motion carried

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #16/17-9-08
- Item B-2 Readmission: Student #15/16-8-45

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Neely, Talken, Womack
No: None
Absent: Nava
Abstain: None
Motion carried

Personnel Matters

Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO, presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Womack, motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted to approve Personnel Matters, as presented, as follows.

Ayes: Cassel, Freitas, Heberle, Neely, Talken, Womack

No: None

Absent: Nava

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

No comments were received from employee group representatives.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Heberle asked if the 80 teachers that participated in the CA Jump\$tart financial literacy workshop were going to be trainers? Dr. Washer said they were not going to be trainers. The workshop was presented to teachers for their personal knowledge and to gain confidence to teach financial literacy in their classrooms.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Report

College Readiness Block Grant: Recommendation to Contract with Naviance

Dr. Washer and Mr. Hern reported that counseling staff and administration are recommending that the District contract with Naviance and they are hoping that the program can begin benefitting students this year. They explained that Naviance is a tool for counselors, students, parents and teachers. It provides goal setting, college planning, career surveys, sample college prep tests, scholarship resources and ways for students to develop long-term pathways to career options. The program can be used by students and parents at home and provides lessons for teachers and counselors geared towards students planning for their future. The cost is \$14.20 per student, per year. The District's 9-12 population would be approximately \$660,000 over the life of the contract. A proposal for the remainder of the grant dollars would be forthcoming. Discussion ensued. Mr. Hern noted there is a back-out clause in the contract, so if grant dollars were to dry up, the District would not be held to finish the term of the contract.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:31 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board