



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 3, 2015
Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

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

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

Student Representatives: Ms. Anna Knezovich, Bear Creek High School and Mr. Colin Beckler (filling in for Ms. Julia Coon), Tokay High School

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

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.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No comments were received prior to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Nava announced that the meeting is being teleconferenced with Mr. George Neely, taking part from Austin, Texas and Ms. Bonnie Cassel attending via teleconference from Wawona, CA. Attendance was recorded and President Nava led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Students:**
Mr. Freitas motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of 2015-16 Non-Public School Students #86 and 87.

Recognition

Ron Stock, President, California Retired Teachers Association (CalRTA), Division 20, San Joaquin County, presented a symbolic check in the amount of \$608,032.56 to the Board of Education and community. Mr. Stock explained that the amount represents the many hours that retired teachers have donated in the last year by volunteering in our classrooms. CalRTA, Division 20, also awards scholarships to students and mini-grants to teachers.

Spotlight

The Lodi High Speech and Debate Team was recognized for earning significant recognition by the National Speech and Debate Association, placing them in the top 10% of schools nationwide and earning membership in the association's prestigious 100 Club. Team Advisor, Cathryn Geyer, introduced the team members that were present and the audience was treated to a few examples of the student's expertise in the field of speech and debate. Advisor Geyer thanked Lodi Unified's GOT Kids Foundation for funding a grant that aided their attendance at the debate event. She invited those interested to contact her if they would like to take part in judging on March 11 and 12, 2016.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer noted it was nice to see the efforts of the GOT Kids Foundation in action, as was referenced to during the Spotlight section of the agenda (by aiding the Lodi High School Speech and Debate Club with funds to attend a competition). Dr. Washer reported on the Partner's In Education (PIE) Committee and the new program entitled Mommas and Papas. The program matches school sites with volunteers who read to students, help with homework or expose the students to a particular skill, craft, etc. The program provides another adult to take interest in the students. So far, twenty volunteers haven been trained and are working in elementary classrooms. Dr. Washer reported that GOT Kids will present their first crab feed on January 16th. Tickets are available at the Superintendent's Office or online. Dr. Washer thanked the Board Members for their participation in the Study Session on October 27, which outlined the high schools' three-year plans. She noted the District's continued work with the Lodi Industrial Group may compliment what was presented at the Study Session.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Womack motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented:

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Intent to Conduct Annual Organizational Meeting as Required by Education Code 35143, announcement of the Board's intent to conduct its Annual Organizational Meeting on December 8, 2015
- Item A-4 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 20, 2015
- Item A-5 Minutes of the Special Meeting, October 27, 2015
- Item A-6 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-7 2015-16 SES Master Contract of California Approved Supplemental Educational Services (SES) Providers

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #15/16-12-15
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #15/16-11-16

Mr. Womack motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

Other Action Items

Provisional Internship Permit and Approval

Mr. McKilligan presented the item for Board consideration. Mr. Heberle asked for additional information and Mr. McKilligan noted that both positions are for Special Education.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Provisional Internship Permit and Approval.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Reclassification of One Construction Project Specialist to Lead Construction Project Specialist

Mr. McKilligan presented the item for Board consideration. Mr. Heberle asked if this action would create another position to backfill. Mr. Hern stated that no position will be backfilled.

Mr. Womack motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to approve Reclassification of One Construction Project Specialist to Lead Construction Project Specialist.

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Mr. McKilligan presented the item for Board consideration. Mr. Neely commented that Grover Davis is leaving to go to a charter school to work in a program for kids of poverty. Mr. Neely stated Mr. Davis is an incredible role model for students and will be greatly missed.

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

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Anna Knezovich, Bear Creek High School and Colin Beckler (filling in for Julia Coon), Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

Susan Heberle, Community Member, stated she is glad to see that Career Technical Education (CTE) and college prep classes are returning to the high school program. She urged the Board to be proactive in good times and there should not be discrimination against any student.

Damien Gonzales, Parent, Davis Elementary School, related situations regarding his interactions with Damon Auchard, Principal, Davis Elementary School and Desiree Wise, Administrative Secretary, Elementary Education. He stated he has made several attempts to speak with Assistant Superintendent, Elodia Ortega-Lampkin and looks forward to confirming a meeting time to resolve issues.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

None

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Heberle thanked the Student Representatives for their reports, which helps Board Members feel connected to the schools. Mr. Heberle related that the Bear Creek girl's water polo team made it to the first round of sections playoffs for the first time in their history. He also noted that Student Representative, Anna Knezovich, played a wonderful game today in girls water polo along with the entire team. He said he is happy that the Board and District staff realize the importance of Career Technical Education and are rectifying and rebuilding the program that was reduced by prior District administration. He noted these types of opportunities lead to employability. The Board wants students to grow and become contributors to society. He noted that parents and the community are behind CTE and STEM-type courses offered as early as possible.

Mr. Womack attended the Employee Service Awards reception and the Bear Creek High School homecoming. Mr. Womack will be participating in the 11th Annual Run & Walk Against Hunger on Thanksgiving morning. He invited those interested to participate with their family to support the San Joaquin County Emergency Food Bank.

Mr. Neely noted he would like to volunteer his time helping out at the Run & Walk Against Hunger on Thanksgiving morning.

Ms. Cassel did not have a comment; however, she issued a greeting from Yosemite where she reported it was very cold and snowing.

Mr. Nava attended the Employee Service Awards reception and noted it was well attended and the recipients were appreciative of the recognition. Mr. Nava mentioned Justin Alexander, Student, Bear Creek High School, and his success at cross country for Bear Creek High School and with the San Joaquin Athletic Association (SJAA).

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments.

Report

2014-15 California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP)

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction; Randy Malandro, Coordinator, Assessment, Research & Evaluation; Debra Ladwig, Assessment Research & Evaluation Analyst; and Avie Atwal, Assessment Research & Evaluation Technician, presented the report.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress (CAASPP) was described as a test that is unique to every individual student and the final scoring is not based on how many right answers, but is based on the rigor of the questions. As this is the first year of the test, data from the state and San Joaquin County are used for comparison.

Mr. Neely asked Dr. Washer for her opinion. Dr. Washer stated she had anticipated low score; however, the District is not content with the present scores. She noted that you will see a drop in score when format and content is changed. She said with the next testing cycle, the District will monitor our internal process. Teachers will be encouraged to use the three interim assessments as avenues to help students

become more familiar with the process. Students need instruction to meet content standards and practice to become familiar with the testing format. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Cassel noted that the testing was an enormous change and the District should utilize the baseline data to build upon. Student Representatives Anna Knezovich and Colin Beckler both agreed that the new testing/computer format was confusing and challenging. Dr. Washer said in the future the testing will be more familiar with performance tasks and assessment that will be similar to Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC). Mr. Neely said he agreed with the comments and understood the perspective; his issue being the same schools score low for seven or more years and this issue has not been addressed.

Public Comments

Susan Heberle, Community Member; John Hunt, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA); and Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA)

Board Advisory Committee Reports

None

Future Agenda Items

None

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board