



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
November 17, 2015
Closed Session 6:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Board Member Absent: Mr. Ron Freitas, Clerk

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

Student Representatives: Mr. Roman Romero, Ronald E. McNair High School and Ms. Chez Demoulin (filling in for Mr. Dominic Hummel), Lodi High School

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

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 received prior to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:07 p.m. 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 Student:**

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted to approve the placement of 2015-16 Non-Public School Student #88, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack
Noes: None
Absent: Freitas
Abstain: None

Motion carried

Change to Agenda

Report

Update on the Issue of Changing the High School Daily Schedule to Start Later in the Morning and End Later in the Afternoon

Mr. Neely inquired as to moving the Report Item Update on the Issue of Changing the High School Daily Schedule to Start Later in the Morning and End Later in the Afternoon to the next meeting.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted to approve moving the Report Item Update on the Issue of Changing the High School Daily Schedule to Start Later in the Morning and End Later in the Afternoon to the next meeting, as follows:

Ayes:	Cassel, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack	
Noes:	None	
Absent:	Freitas	
Abstain:	None	Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Recognition

Middle College High School received recognition as being selected as a National Blue Ribbon School for 2015.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported on the success of the Career Connection's Film Camp Premiere the prior evening. She noted that 30 Needham West students brought in 300 participants for the film screening of the student-made production. Dr. Washer thanked the Lodi Stadium 12 Cinemas and Christina Cornejo of the Lodi-News Sentinel for her coverage of the event. She thanked our community partners who collaborated with limousine service, tuxedo rentals and gowns to make it a true red carpet event for the students. Dr. Washer shared that Live Oak Elementary School is graduating twenty parents this week from their *Jump Into English* Program. Upon completion of the literacy program, parent graduates receive a certificate of completion and an electronic device. Dr. Washer congratulated Chantelle Sloan, Teacher, Washington Elementary School, for being selected a recipient of a San Joaquin A+ award for her work in the field of literacy.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

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

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Warrants
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Resolution 2015-48 Amendment to CaPROMISE Grant Awarded December 1, 2013; Increase of \$117,973 for 2015-2016
- Item A-6 Minutes of the Regular Meeting, November 3, 2015
- Item A-7 Resolution 2015-47 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Bear Creek High School Synthetic Turf Field and Track Re-surfacing Project

Ayes: Cassel, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack
Noes: None
Absent: Freitas
Abstain: None Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #15/16-12-17
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-18
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-19
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-20
- Item B-5 Expulsion: Student #15/16-10-21
- Item B-6 Expulsion: Student #15/16-11-22

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

Ayes: Cassel, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack
Noes: None
Absent: Freitas
Abstain: None Motion carried

Other Action Items

Charter School Petition for Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy 2

Elodia Lampkin, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, presented the item for Board consideration. Lane Weiss, Superintendent, Aspire Charter Schools, and Jeff Palmquist, Principal, Benjamin Holt Academy, reviewed the mission and goals of the Aspire Charter schools. Discussion ensued regarding adding another school to complement the current Benjamin Holt Academy and to split the population to keep the small-school model. The plan would be to open in August, 2016.

No comments were received from the public.

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted to approve Charter School Petition for Aspire Benjamin Holt College Preparatory Academy 2, as follows:

Ayes: Cassel, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack
Noes: None
Absent: Freitas
Abstain: None Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Proposed Revisions to Enrollment Preferences for all Aspire Charter Schools

Elodia Lampkin, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, presented the item for Board consideration. Mr. Lane Weiss, Superintendent, Aspire Charter Schools, explained that the lottery for

school admittance is conducted electronically. Aspire is trying to access Senate Bill 740 funds to tie to the local demographics of the community to build a school that has the character of the community.

Ms. Cassel asked if Aspire was meeting their goal regarding low income student. Mr. Weiss noted a rate of 55% free and reduced is needed to gain SB 740 funds, and they are making progress towards that goal. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA); Lisa Wilkins, Vice President, Lodi Education Association (LEA); Susan Heberle, Community Member

Mr. Neely motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board members voted to approve Proposed Revisions to Enrollment Preferences for all Aspire Charter Schools, as follows:

Ayes:	Cassel, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack	
Noes:	Heberle	
Absent:	Freitas	
Abstain:	None	Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Annual Audit Report Ending June 30, 2015

Maria Fong, Controller, and Jamie Matthews, Senior Manager, Gilbert Associates, Inc., presented the executive summary. Mr. Neely asked Mr. Hern to comment on how the pension liability effects the District. Mr. Hern noted that the pension liability may affect the District on our standard bond ratings. He also noted that Districts and employees will all be paying more over the next five years. Mr. Neely voiced concern regarding a reduction in Average Daily Attendance without a corresponding decrease in expenses.

No public comments were received.

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members voted to approve Annual Audit Report Ending June 30, 2015, as follows:

Ayes:	Cassel, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Talken, Womack	
Noes:	None	
Absent:	Freitas	
Abstain:	None	Motion carried

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Personnel Matters

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the item for Board consideration.

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

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

Noes: None

Absent: Freitas

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Chez Demoulin, (filling in for Dominic Hummel), Lodi High School and Roman Romero, Ronald E. McNair High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

Comments from the Public

Pat Patrick, President, Lodi Chamber of Commerce, noted he will speak under the Report section of the agenda.

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), extended an invitation to Board Members to attend the annual School Boards Dinner, hosted by California Teachers Association. Mr. Johnston spoke regarding the substitute teacher shortage, noting that trainings are valuable and important to our District so it is important to have substitute coverage so teachers can attend vital trainings.

John Hunt, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), extended appreciation from Lodi Pupil Personnel Association that a member of the Board attended the recent counselors' conference.

Comments from Board Members

Ms. Cassel stated she attended the Counselors' Conference and noted that Lodi Unified had more counselors in attendance than any other District in the county. She noted she will be sharing the information gathered at that conference with her colleagues. She attended the Film Camp Premiere on Monday evening, noting the students and the excitement of the evening. She complimented Liz Zastrow, Program Specialist, for her leadership and the staff at Needham West. She complimented Cathy Washer on the wonderful cupcakes provided for the event and to her husband, Brent Washer, for constructing the cupcake display. Ms. Cassel thanked Dawn Vetica for attending the event.

Mr. Womack attended the Audit Committee meeting, met with the Hmong Committee and attended the Film Camp Premiere. Mr. Womack provided information for students to attend Math Smart Tutoring in Stockton, which is free for sixth through twelfth graders.

Mr. Neely spoke regarding student testing scores, as a carryover from the November 3rd Board Meeting. He voiced concern about what the scores indicate, noting specific schools with low growth and a school with declining scores. Mr. Neely feels there is a systemic problem with the scores. He requested constant communication regarding corrective measures.

Mr. Nava, in reference to Mr. Neely's statements, cited the need to do research of the parent involvement/support at the lower performing schools. He cited the program at Live Oak Elementary School, as example of a way to garner parental support. Mr. Nava referenced the many exciting things that are happening in the District and congratulated students that have signed letters of intent to participate in sports and receive scholarships to various schools.

Reports

Facility Master Plan Process Update

Steve Newsom, Associate Project Director, LPA Architects, reviewed what the committee has completed thus far and previewed what is scheduled for the upcoming months.

Mr. Nava inquired as to when the funding will be looked at. Mr. Newsom noted there will be a prioritization process within the committee who will, in turn, bring a recommendation to the Board, who would then have the final prioritization.

Ms. Cassel asked about under and/or over utilization of school sites based on enrollment figures. Mr. Newsom noted the Facility Master Plan will show if a school is expected to go over capacity or fall below capacity for an extended period of time. The master plan document can be edited in the future after the original is complete, as it is a living document.

No comments were received from the public.

Projects for the Consideration of Funding Through the Entitlements for the 2015-16 One-time Funds for Outstanding Mandate Claims (\$14,162,187)

Dr. Washer presented a list of ideas for one-time funding as a starting point for Board discussion and consideration for possible action at the December Board Meeting. Several Board Members requested the topic be discussed at a Study Session. Dr. Talken noted he needed more information to make a decision, including more information on Instructional Technology dollars and additional information as to where the greatest needs exist. Mr. Hern explained that the list includes items that the District doesn't see any money for in the next three years. Mr. Heberle noted he is looking at the money going more in the lines of instruction to students.

Public Comments

Susan Heberle, Community Member; Erik Sandstrom, Principal, Tokay High School; Lisa Wilkins, Vice President, Lodi Education Association (LEA)

Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) and Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Report

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, and Charalee Cunningham, Science Specialist, presented the report.

Mr. Neely voiced his opinion that STEM needs to be replaced by STEAM, which would incorporate art. Mr. Heberle inquired as to the pathways. Ms. Cunningham explained the pathways and how they build upon each other. Mr. Heberle spoke regarding a Science Standard Committee, K-12 and suggested looking into duplicating the STEM program currently being offered at Delta Sierra. Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

Pat Patrick, President, Lodi Chamber of Commerce; Lisa Wilkins, Vice President, Lodi Education Association (LEA); Susan Heberle, Community Member


Board Advisory Committee Reports

None

Future Agenda Items

None

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board