



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 24, 2014

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

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

Teleconference Locations:

Ms. Cassel was teleconferenced from the following location: Crater Lake National Park, Highway 62, Interpretive Ranger Station, Crater Lake, Oregon 97604.

Mr. Freitas was teleconferenced from the following location: Newport Beach Marriott Hotel & Spa, 900 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, CA 92660

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

Meeting Recorder: Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

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 at this time.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session. President Cassel was not available for the Closed Session portion of the meeting.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Vice-President Nava led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

Vice-President Nava reported on the following actions taken in Closed Session:

- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation** – Mr. Neely motioned, Ms. Davis seconded and the Board voted, as follows, to deny claim 496582:

Ayes: Davis, Freitas, Heberle, Nava, Neely, Womack

No: None

Absent: Cassel

Abstain: None

Motion carried

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer commented on the historical aspect of this being Lodi Unified School District's first adoption of a Local Control Accountability Plan.

Consent Agenda A

Board Members removed the following items from the Consent Agenda A: Mr. Neely (Item A-1); and Mr. Heberle (Item A-3).

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board voted unanimously to adopt the Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended:

- Item A-2 Resolution 2014-30 Lodi High School All-Weather Track Project – Acceptance Of Alternate #2
- Item A-4 Ratification of Representatives and Alternate Designees to California Interscholastic Federation
- Item A-5 Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School Local Control Accountability Plan 2014-15

Item A-1 Contracts List

Mr. Neely pulled the Contracts List to bring attention to the contract with the City of Lodi and complimented Mr. Nava for bringing the matter to the Board's attention. He stated the Lodi team facilitated further negotiations with the City of Lodi representatives and was able to bring the cost down by \$130,000.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-1 Contracts List.

Item A-3 Changes to the Adopted Budget

Mr. Heberle pulled this item to inquire as to a budgetary item.

Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item A-3 Changes to the Adopted Budget.

Other Action Items

2014/15 Budget Adoption

Mr. Hern offered the 2014-2015 Budget that was presented on June 17, 2014 as a Public Hearing item for further Board consideration and action.

Mr. Neely referenced the state report and pointed out that revenue increased by 6.1% and expenditures increased by 2.3%. Discussion ensued regarding the rise in employee pension costs.

Ms. Cassel thanked Dr. Washer, Mr. Hern and the many staff members who worked on the budget. She voiced her confidence in a sound budget.

Mr. Freitas echoed Ms. Cassel's comments.

Public Comments
None

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the 2014/15 Budget Adoption item.

Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Adoption

Ms. Kotowski offered the Local Control and Accountability Plan that was presented on June 17, 2014 as a Public Hearing item for further Board consideration and action.

Mr. Neely referenced the summary of proposed changes and asked for input as confirmation that all proposed changes had been included.

Dr. Washer noted that throughout the entire process, we have made changes to the document and we will continue to keep the Board informed of ongoing suggestions.

Mr. Heberle noted that the plan is a work in progress and it will be a short time before the District begins the process again for year two.

Mr. Womack thanked all who participated in the formulation of the LCAP.

Ms. Cassel commented the District has met the challenge and the opportunity that the LCAP presents. She voiced her anticipation of the new programs that will be forthcoming. She thanked Dr. Washer and Ms. Kotowski for their leadership during the process and everyone else who had a hand in the process.

Mr. Freitas also thanked those involved in the process regarding the LCAP.

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) Adoption, as presented.

Communications

Comments From The Public

No comments.

Comments From Employee Group Representatives

No comments.

Comments From Board Members

Mr. Neely commented that he had been contacted by various constituents regarding the graduation locations. He would like to begin a conversation regarding such. He asked that the principals of the Lodi high schools be present at the next Board meeting to take part in the conversation.

Mr. Heberle requested information regarding the graduation costs, ticketing issues, and any other particular information such as footwear limitations, etc., for the discussion.

Mr. Nava requested information regarding options for set-up at the Grape Bowl. He wished everyone a happy summer and hoped that they return rested and invigorated.

Ms. Cassel thanked Mr. Nava for taking over her meeting duties during her physical absence. She thanked Dr. Washer and Ms. Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, for providing the technological assistance to facilitate her attending the last two Board meetings via teleconference.

Mr. Freitas echoed Bonnie's comments regarding thanking those responsible for facilitating his being able to participate also via teleconferencing.

Comments From The Superintendent

No additional comments.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

None

Adjourn

Mr. Neely, motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board members voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board