



## MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION

August 19, 2014

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

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

**Teleconference Location:** Starbucks, 1900 SE McLoughlin Blvd., Oregon City, Oregon, 97045

**Administrative Staff:** Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO and Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

**Meeting Recorder:** Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

### 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 at this time.

### 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 President Cassel led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Cassel introduced 2014-15 student representatives to the Board: Mr. Jay Halva, Bear Creek High School and Mr. Carlos Casillas, Ronald McNair High School. Ms. Cassel asked that they each share a bit about themselves and the representatives each shared how they became involved in student government. Lodi High Student Representative, Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski, was also in attendance to take part in the Spotlight segment of the agenda.

### Closed Session

President Cassel reported on the following actions taken in Closed Session:

- **Non-Public School Student Placement** – Ms. Womack motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board voted 7-0 to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2014-71, 72, 73, and 74.

### SPOTLIGHT

Ms. Vetica introduced Sherry Balian, Principal, Middle College High School. Ms. Balian commented on the first Student Film Festival, which was a joint collaboration of Mr. Ryan Ozminkowski, student, Lodi

High School and Mr. Jae Yu, student, Middle College High School, overseen by Ms. Michele Dueltgen, instructor at Middle College High School. The two students developed, coordinated and facilitated the first ever District-wide film festival. Student-made film entries were accepted from many District school sites; those making the final cut were shown at the film festival at Tillie Lewis Theater at Delta College.

### **Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Tim Hern, Associate Superintendent/CBO presented an enrollment report. Current enrollment, as of August 15, is 28,652, which is 539 students above the beginning of school last year.

### **Consent Agenda A**

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board voted unanimously, by voice vote, to adopt the Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented:

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 Warrants
- Item A-5 Minutes of the August 5, 2014 Regular Meeting
- Item A-6 Resolution 2014-32 Addition to the District's Approved Architect's List
- Item A-7 Agriculture Career Technical Education Incentive Grant

The student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

### **Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases**

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #14/15-12-01
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #14/15-8-02

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Womack seconded and the Board members voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve the Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

### **Personnel Matters**

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

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board members voted unanimously, by voice vote, to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

### **Communications**

#### **Comments From Student Representatives**

Mr. Jay Halva of Bear Creek High School and Mr. Carlos Casillas of Ronald McNair High School, presented reports from their respective high schools.

#### **Comments From The Public**

Ms. Christine Casillas, Counselor, Lodi High School, presented information regarding a newly formed, monthly counselor coffee club that started August 13<sup>th</sup> at Lodi High and runs through May 13, 2015. The Counselor Coffee Club is an open forum for parents and anyone interested. Topics include college

information, school concerns, questions, etc. The CCC operates monthly on Common Planning days from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Lodi High Career Center.

Mr. Dave Hurley, Teacher, Sutherland, updated the Board regarding a concern of Sutherland attendance area students having difficulties with transportation to attend Henderson Community Day School. Mr. Hurley presented this information to the Board on August 5, and stated the concern has not changed.

Mr. Bill Hughes, 2253 Katzakian, Lodi, presented issues and concerns pertaining to an outside group utilizing the Larson School site for adult soccer league on Sundays. Mr. Hughes explained that the school is used for youth soccer during the week with no problems or concerns. On Sundays, an adult soccer league is creating a nuisance for neighbors, including increased noise levels, potentially hazardous behaviors, etc. He presented a petition signed by 23 area residents and asked the Board to investigate the concerns presented.

President Cassel thanked Mr. Hughes for presenting the petition and bringing his concerns to the Board. She explained that due to Brown Act limitations, the Board cannot respond as the topic is not on the agenda.

Mr. Steven McCoullough, resident of Larson School attendance area, spoke of concerns with the adult soccer league that utilizes the Larson School property on Sundays. He commented that the players and spectators disrupt the quality of life of the residents in the neighborhood by the loud music, noise, hazardous driving, undesirable public behaviors, etc. He said residents understand that noise levels are elevated when living next to a school; however, what is taking place on Sundays is excessive.

#### **Comments From Employee Group Representatives**

None

#### **Comments From Board Members**

Mr. Freitas thanked the two speakers who brought the information forward about the weekend activities at Larson School. He stated Lodi Unified needs to be a good neighbor and we cannot have our neighborhoods being terrorized. Using District fields is a privilege; thusly, the Board will look into the concerns voiced.

Mr. Neely asked that the Larson School concern be addressed on the agenda at the next meeting. He also asked staff to provide a report regarding use of District facilities by outside organizations. He stated the Board would investigate the concerns brought forward. Mr. Neely referred to the comment made by Mr. Hurley and asked staff to place the item on the next agenda for Board discussion. Mr. Neely welcomed the student representatives and urged them to speak to agenda items that affect them. Mr. Neely extended kudos to administration for providing the Admin. Training class, of which he is taking part. He stated he attended Michael David Winery's Reggae & Rhone event. Michael David Winery donated \$42,000 of the proceeds from the event to Lodi Unified's GOT Kids Foundation. The GOT Kids silent auction brought in an additional \$6,000.

Mr. Nava thanked Mr. Hughes and Mr. McCoullough for bringing the information to the Board.

Mr. Heberle thanked the student representatives for the beginning of their year of service. He thanked the two gentlemen who raised the concerns regarding weekend activities at Larson School. He asked staff to provide an agenda report on the current status of the Next Generation Science Standards.

Mr. Womack attended the back-to-school events at Oakwood and John Muir Elementary Schools. He visited Lodi High School and reported that the progress on the track is looking good. He attended the Reggae & Rhone event at Michael David Winery (hosted by the Michael David Family Foundation). Mr. Womack gave a shout out to Mrs. Lynn Aebi, a member of the Board of GOT Kids, who served as the event Chairperson for the Reggae & Rhone event. Mr. Womack stated that under her direction, a great deal of money was earned for the GOT Kids Foundation. He welcomed the new student representatives and thanked them for their service. On Monday, he attended the Office of Civil Rights presentation, along with Ms. Cassel and Mr. Nava, and noted the presentation brings up the dialogue of how we are performing as a District.

Ms. Cassel attended the Office of Civil Rights seminar presented to the Districts leadership team. She noted that Civil Rights were established in 1964 and we need to be proactive on what was presented at the seminar. We need to ensure true equality for all of our students.

## **REPORT**

### **Board Policy Revisions**

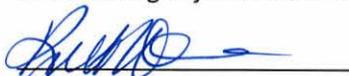
Mr. Hern presented Board policy revisions for Board consideration. He noted that Board will have time to review and the revisions will be presented as an action item on the next agenda. He made himself available for questions.

No questions were received from the Board, students or public.

### **Board Advisory Committee Reports**

Mr. Neely reported on the Lodi 2x2 meeting. In attendance were: JoAnn Mounce, Mayor; Bob Johnson, City Council Member; George Neely, LUSD Board Member; Ron Heberle, LUSD Board Member; Eric Sandstrom, Principal of Tokay High; Bob Lofsted, Principal of Lodi High and others. Mr. Neely reported that the representatives from the City of Lodi expressed why they felt it was not a good idea to bring the graduations back to the Grape Bowl at this time; including the change in the configuration of the seating (losing 1,000 seats in the process), bottle necks in crowd control and turf limitations. The city officials stated they have two additional renovation phases before the project is completed. The city has agreed to include representatives for Lodi Unified in planning process. The principals attending agreed that the current status of the Grape Bowl is a great venue for sporting events, but not currently adequate for graduations. This year all graduations will be conducted at the University of the Pacific. Mr. Neely suggested a joint venture of the City of Lodi and Lodi Unified or a private group raising money for improvements. Mr. Heberle added that there was a definite "can do" attitude by both sides and that communication lines are definitely open.

The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
President of the Board