



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
January 15, 2013**

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**PLACE** James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi

**TIME** 5:30 p.m. Closed Session; 7:00 p.m. Regular Meeting

**CALL TO ORDER** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. There were no public comments on Closed Session items and the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

**RECONVENE** The meeting was reconvened at 7:02 p.m. Attendance was recorded and the President led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**PRESENT** Board Members: Mr. Ralph Womack, President; Mr. Joe Nava, Vice President; Mr. George Neely, Clerk; Mrs. Ruth Davis, Mr. Ron Heberle, Mrs. Bonnie Cassel and Mr. Ron Freitas

Administrators: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Mr. Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer

Recorder: Mrs. Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant

**CLOSED SESSION** Mr. Womack reported the following action taken in Closed Session:  
**Student Matters** Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the placement of Non-Public School Students 2012-13 #’s 49 and 107.

Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve California High School Exit Exam (CAHSEE) Waivers for Students 2012-13 #’s 10, 11, 12 and 13.

No further action was taken in Closed Session.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT** Pictured on the screen was a banner that hangs on the fence at Heritage School. The banner, which was donated by Gary’s Signs, is to share with the community the school’s pride in increasing their API score. Dr. Washer reported that the elementary physical education teachers took first place at the Lodi Light Parade. They also contributed a merry fitness tree to the Festival of Trees celebration at Micke Grove during the holiday season. She thanked the P.E. teachers for promoting healthy living.

Dr. Washer reminded those present of the on-going safety forum that is open to the public and alternates meeting locations between McNair High and Bear Creek High. The forum addresses safety issues within their surrounding communities. The high schools formed the committee in an attempt to be proactive regarding safety concerns in their area and includes City of Stockton leaders and the Stockton mayor.

Dr. Washer reported on another meeting this week regarding student safety. Attending the meeting were the Lodi Police Department chief and representatives, Catherine Pennington, and Dawn Vetica. The group talked about school safety issues and best practices. This is part of on-going conversations with law enforcement to make sure LUSD is implementing what law enforcement believes to be best practices. Dr. Washer related the various drills that school sites conduct on a regular basis. Staff will talk to principals about increasing lock down drills.

The Superintendent reported that representatives from Business Services attended the School Services conference, which focused on the Governor's budget proposal. Mr. Hern stepped in and explained the Governor's proposal to change the way we look at school funding – local control funding formula, which would take away the base revenue limit. Tim explained the proposed formula.

Meeting  
Suspended

Mr. Womack commented that the Regular meeting would be suspended to allow for the Capitol Facilities Meeting.

CAPITOL  
FACILITIES  
MEETING

Capitol Facilities Meeting was conducted.

Reconvened  
Regular Meeting

Regular meeting was reconvened at 7:19 p.m.

ACTION  
ITEMS  
Consent  
Agenda A -  
Routine Business

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, as presented:

- A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- A-2 Contact List
- A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report
- A-4 Donations
- A-5 Warrants
- A-6 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- A-7 Minutes of the December 11, 2012, Organizational Meeting

**Consent Agenda B  
Student  
Discipline Cases**      Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases, as follows:

- B-1    Expulsion: Student #12/13-11-32
- B-2    Expulsion: Student #12/13-8-33
- B-3    Expulsion: Student #12/13-11-34
- B-4    Expulsion: Student #12/13-10-35
- B-5    Expulsion: Student #12/13-12-36
- B-6    Expulsion: Student #12/13-11-37
- B-7    Expulsion: Student #12/13-12-38
- B-8    Expulsion: Student #12/13-8-39
- B-9    Expulsion: Student #12/13-10-40
- B-10   Expulsion: Student #12/13-11-41
- B-11   Expulsion: Student#12/13-7-42
- B-12   Suspended Expulsion: Student #12/13-10-43
- B-13   Readmission: Student#11/12-8-81
- B-14   Readmission: Student#11/12-9-85

**OTHER ACTION  
ITEM – Business  
Services  
Department**      A proposal to reorganize the Business Services Department was outlined by Dr. Washer. Brief discussion ensued. Mr. Nava asked for clarification regarding the current and proposed organizational charts.

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded and carried unanimously to approve the proposal to reorganize the Business Services Department.

**PERSONNEL  
MATTERS**      Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters, as presented.

**COMMUNICA-  
TIONS**  
Comments from  
Student Reps.      Student representatives Ms. Abbey Grundmann, Tokay High School, and Ms. Raeni Sroufe, Lodi High School, reported on activities and events at their respective schools.

Comments from  
Employee Group  
Representatives      Mr. Jeff Johnston, LEA representative congratulated Mr. Womack for being elected President of the Board and Mr. Freitas for his appointment. He invited all Board members to the CTA dinner hosted by the Delta Service Center on February 28<sup>th</sup>. He then related the need for intervention related to mold issues at Needham School. He also related frustrations regarding teacher transfers.

Comments from  
Board of Education      Mr. Heberle – thanked the public for passing Prop. 30 and expressed interest in lowering class sizes and increasing instructional days.

Mrs. Cassel – stated she is happy that AVID will continue next year. She mentioned that Governor Brown’s plan of local control will focus

on student achievement. She also acknowledged the \$32,000 in donations that were approved on the consent agenda.

Mr. Neely – expressed concern about the mold issues at Needham and asked that we look for proactive strategies to address issues before they become large, costly problems. He suggested that we seek an outside agency to help with this effort. He asked about the Migrant students' attendance area and wants to make sure that we efficiently utilize resources. He also thanked all who made donations to the District. He announced that GOT Kids will have a website soon and the foundation is ready to accept donations. He thanked the public for passing Prop. 30 and called for a strategy of rebuilding and reconstructing, not just putting back the way it was before. He mentioned that CA continues to underfund education and now is 49<sup>th</sup> in the nation in per student funding.

Mr. Nava – acknowledged the great Christmas program at Parklane. He also noted that a Bear Creek graduate is on the Stockton City Council.

Mr. Womack – talked about his visits to Julia Morgan, Bear Creek, and the AVID programs at Tokay and Lodi High. He also acknowledged the donations to the District and encouraged everyone to support GOT Kids.

**Comments from  
Superintendent**

Dr. Washer – stated that the January 29<sup>th</sup> Study Session will focus on student achievement. Teachers and principals will present so the Board can hear first hand from the folks who are doing the work.

Mr. Nava asked what is being done about the mold issues. Dr. Washer related that when mold is found, the District does air quality testing and address the issue. Most problems have to do with the age of the buildings. Mr. Hern added that 20 classrooms were addressed at various school sites over the last break. He stated that the budget to remedy mold issues has doubled over the last few years. Mr. Heberle questioned if preventative measures were in place. Mr. Hern assured the Board that measures were in place. Mr. Womack asked if there were grants to cover these costs. Mr. Hern responded that these issues are covered under deferred maintenance.

**REPORTS  
Update on  
District's  
Technology  
Issues**

Mr. Hern reported issues associated with recent technology concerns and the District's needs in terms of upgrading hardware and software. Several Board Members expressed concerns over operating systems and are interested in working on solutions. Mr. Hern indicated that proper infrastructure has not been expanded as new programs have been added.

Update on Katnich  
And Henderson  
(9<sup>th</sup> Grade)  
Enrollment With  
Recommendations  
For 2013-2014

Staff recommended that only Special Education students be placed at Katnich and the District eliminate 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Henderson. Board Members had questions about both programs. Several members of the audience spoke, including staff members, parents and students.

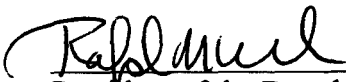
BOARD  
ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE  
REPORTS

No reports.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

  
Clerk of the Board

  
President of the Board