



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

June 18, 2013

Closed Session 5:30 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Board Members: Mr. Ralph Womack, President; Mr. Joe Nava, Vice-President; Mr. George Neely, Clerk; Mr. Ron Freitas; and Mr. Ron Heberle

Board Members Absent: Ms. Cassel and Ms. Davis

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 5:30 p.m. at the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:05 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Womack led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Non-Public School Student Placement** – Motion was made by Mr. Heberle, seconded by Mr. Neely and carried unanimously by the five members present to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student 2012-13 #121.
- **CAHSEE Waivers** - Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Heberle and carried unanimously by the five members present to approve California High School Exit Exam Waivers for students 2012-13 #'s 38, 39, 40, 41 and 42.
- **Closed Session Personnel Matters:**
Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Heberle and carried unanimously by the five members present to approve the appointment of Matthew Ray, Elementary Principal, Parklane Elementary School.

Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Heberle and carried unanimously by the five members present to approve the appointment of Shela Seaton, Elementary Principal, John Muir Elementary School.

Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Heberle and carried unanimously by the five members present to approve the appointment of Damon Auchard, Elementary Vice Principal, location to be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Heberle and carried unanimously by the five members present to approve the appointment of Martha Garcia, Elementary Vice Principal, location to be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Heberle and carried unanimously by the five members present to approve the appointment of Patricia White, Elementary Vice Principal/ELA Coach, location to be determined.

Motion was made by Mr. Neely, seconded by Mr. Heberle and carried unanimously by the five members present to approve the appointment of Michael Rogers, Middle School Vice Principal Lodi Middle/Millswood Middle Schools.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer reported that the summer HUGS (Help Us Grow Successfully) Program is being conducted at twelve Lodi Unified schools with strong participation and great success.

Public Hearings

2013/14 Budget Adoption

Mr. Womack declared open the Public Hearing: 2013/14 Budget Adoption. Mr. Hern presented the item. There were no comments and the hearing was declared closed.

Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2013-14 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA)

Mr. Womack declared open the Public Hearing: Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2013-14 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA). Mr. Hern presented the item. Debra Ladwig, California School Employees Association, Lodi Chapter #77, Representative, spoke regarding the resolution, citing information and giving examples that monies received can be used for many programs within Lodi Unified School District and are not limited to teachers' salaries. There were no other comments and the hearing was declared closed.

Consent Agenda A

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

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrants
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 Contracts List
- Item A-5 Move to School-wide Programs for Victor, Houston K-8, McNair, Henderson, and Katnich

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented:

Expulsion: Student #12/13-5-91
Admission: Student #12/13-10-A5
Readmission: Student #12/13-10-06
Readmission: Student #12/13-10-07
Readmission: Student #12/13-12-13
Readmission: Student #12/13-9-15
Readmission: Student #12/13-8-39
Readmission: Student #11/12-10-58
Readmission: Student #11/12-9-64
Readmission: Student #11/12-8-106
Readmission: Student #10/11-7-70

Other Action Items

Resolution 2013-30 Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2013-14 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA)

Mr. Hern presented the item for Board consideration. He explained that monies received from Proposition 30 are currently being used to allow the District to not make further budget cuts. It can be used for classroom education, not for administration. The District believes the resource is being appropriately spent.

Mr. Neely asked Mr. Hern to respond to the comment that was received regarding this item during the public hearing portion of the meeting. Mr. Hern responded, at this point in time, he does not see this as using additional funds. Mr. Neely asked if Mr. Hern expected the amount to remain at \$28 million. Mr. Hern stated the amount can go higher in future years. Mr. Neely further questioned if the monies could be used for translators and para educators. Angel Murnan, Director of Budgets, responded that monies could be used for para educators, not translators, as the money has to be spent in the classroom.

Mr. Heberle asked if this could expand, this budget year. Mr. Hern said yes, within the parameters.

Public Comments

Debra Ladwig, California School Employees Association, Lodi Chapter #77, Representative, stated the information she had presented during the public hearing section was obtained from the California Department of Education's website. She stated, that according the information, EPA funds could be used for other things such as plant maintenance, parent participation, etc.

Mr. Hern stated he would look into it further, but still believes it to be directly classroom related.

Mr. Neely asked if the item could be tabled until the next meeting. Dr. Washer stated it is more a funding issue, not an additional services issue. Mr. Hern added the District can change as long as we stay within the parameters of the Prop. 30 funds. It is an accounting issue at this point, it is not extra dollars. It currently backfills the revenue limit and the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) in the next fiscal year.

Jeff Johnston, Lodi Education Association, President, stated it is his understanding that the money can be deposited into the Fund 1, General Fund and be channeled through the gamut of instructional services the District provides, including instructional salaries.

Mr. Nava, motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board members present voted unanimously to approve Resolution 2013-30 Spending Determination with Respect to Fiscal Year 2013-14 Monies Received from the Education Protection Account (EPA).

2013/14 Budget Adoption

Mr. Hern and Ms. Murnan explained how the District will change how schools are funded under statute, beginning July 1st.

Mr. Neely commented he would like to see plans start coming into place about the direction we would like to see the District go. He asked that these ideas be covered at the next Board meeting.

Mr. Heberle explained the process of submitting a three-year budget to the county on the current statute. When the statute changes, the District can make changes. He commented that he is in favor of getting the budget process started, adding that it is time to rebuild for our students.

Mr. Nava wanted to reaffirm that the District doesn't know how much money we will be getting.

Mr. Freitas thanked the presenters. It is an awakening as to how precious resources are and how carefully we need to manage them.

Mr. Neely stated he would like us to start working immediately on the direction we are going to move. He would like to see other support staff reinstated, along with teachers. He added the Board is cognizant of the sacrifices employees have made.

Mr. Womack stated he thinks the conservative approach is what the tax payers would like us to do. He thanked staff for the presentation.

Public Comments

Jeff Johnston, Susan Heberle, Marvel Bristow, Sue Kenmotsu, Sonja Renhult

Mr. Nava, motioned, Mr. Neely seconded and the Board members present voted unanimously to approve the 2013/14 Budget Adoption.

Report

Update on the Strategic Plan

Dr. Washer presented the current Strategic Plan document for Board discussion and consideration. She explained how the current document was updated and how it could begin implementation in 2013-14. Discussion ensued.

Mr. Womack stated we need to narrow it down, attach the budget and choose priorities to align with the budget. He believes that K-3 is the building block for everything, so that is where the focus needs to be.

Mr. Neely thanked Dr. Washer for doing a great job on the plan.

Public Comments
Susan Heberle

Personnel Matters

Neil Young, Director, Personnel, presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

Mr. Neely voiced his concern regarding the number of new teachers being hired that are being assigned to combination classes. He would like the District to look at the new teachers coming in and how we are helping them transition into our District. As next year starts, he is requesting the number of combination classes and the number that are staffed by new teachers.

Mr. Nava, motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded and the Board members present voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Communications

Comments from the Public

Sonja Renhult, Teacher, Tokay Colony School, voiced her appreciation for Mr. Neely's comments regarding combination classes.

Comments from Employee Groups - None


Comments from Board Members

Mr. Neely stated that combination classes are something he would like to try to eliminate.

Mr. Womack thanked staff.

Comments from the Superintendent – None

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board