

**MINUTES OF THE ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
December 11, 2012**

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 agenda items and the Board adjourned to Closed Session.

RECONVENE The Regular meeting was reconvened at 7:12 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION Mr. Heberle reported the following action taken in Closed Session:

Student Matters Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously by the six members present to approve the placement of Non-Public School Student 2012-13 #106.

Resolution 2012-71 Termination of Classified Employee Motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded, and carried unanimously by the six members present to approve Resolution 2012-71, Termination of Classified Employee.

Resolution 2012-72 Termination of Classified Employee Motion was made by Ms. Davis, seconded, and carried unanimously by the six members present to approve Resolution 2012-72, Termination of Classified Employee.

Attendance was recorded and the President led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Future Board Member: Mr. Ron Freitas

Administrators: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Mr. Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer; Mr. Art Hand, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Planning

Student Representatives: Ms. Ella Phlai, Bear Creek High School and Ms. Noelani Dennis, substitute for McNair High School

Recorder: Ms. Valerie McFee, Administrative Secretary

RECOGNITION Mr. Joe Nava presented a plaque to President Ron Heberle on behalf of the Board of Education for his 2012 presidential service and leadership.

OATH OF OFFICE Judge Lauren Thomasson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Nava and he was officially re-seated on the Board.

OATH OF OFFICE Judge Lauren Thomasson administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Womack and he was officially re-seated on the Board.

OATH OF OFFICE Judge Seth Hoyt administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Ron Freitas, and he was officially seated on the Board.

BOARD ORGANIZATION
Election of Officers President: Mr. Neely nominated Mr. Womack. The motion was seconded. There were no other nominations. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Womack as President was unanimously aye by voice vote.

Vice-President: Mr. Neely nominated Mr. Nava. The motion was seconded. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Nava as Vice-President was unanimously aye by voice vote.

Clerk: Mr. Nava nominated Mr. Neely. The motion was seconded. The vote on the motion to elect Mr. Neely as Clerk was unanimously aye by voice vote.

RECESS There was a brief recess to allow newly elected officers to be seated.

2013 Calendar of Board Meetings Motion was made by Mr. Nava, and seconded, to approve the 2013 Calendar of Board Meetings as presented. The vote on the motion was unanimously aye. Students' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Board Sub-Committee Appointments Board Sub-committee Appointments for 2013 were as follows:
City of Stockton 2x2: Mr. Nava; Mr. Womack
City of Lodi 2x2: Mr. Heberle; Mr. Neely
City of Stockton Parks & Recreation Commission: Mr. Nava
Board Audit Review Committee: Ms. Davis; Mr. Heberle; Mr. Womack
Energy Conservation Committee: Ms. Davis; Mr. Neely; Ms. Cassel
Joe Serna Jr. Charter Advisory: Mr. Heberle
San Joaquin County School Boards: Mr. Neely
Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee: Ms. Davis;
Mr. Heberle; Mr. Freitas
Research K-8 School Model: Mr. Neely; Ms. Cassel; Mr. Heberle

NOMINATIONS Motion by Ms. Davis, and seconded to nominate Mr. Heberle and
CSBA DELEGATE Mr. Neely. The vote on the motion was unanimously aye.
ASSEMBLY

SUPERINTENDENT Dr. Washer thanked the District Office and Transportation Department
AND staff members for supporting Lodi Adopt-A-Child and helping
STAFF REPORTS provide children with gifts and clothing. Mr. Jerry Glen of Lodi Adopt-
A-Child was overwhelmed by the generosity of the employees providing
gifts for 30 children. She stated that this is just one example of the many
good things going on in the District in terms of supporting the
community. Throughout the District, schools are collecting clothing,
toys and food for those in need. We can be proud of what our students,
employees and parents are accomplishing.

Congratulations to Thida Pickard, who was selected by *Lodi News-Sentinel* as 2012 classroom hero of primary education. An award was presented to Ms. Pickard at the Lodi Community Band Christmas concert.

Lodi Middle School took first place in the MESA Quiz Bowl. Over 20 Schools competed at the event at UOP. Congratulations to the students and teacher advisors, Mrs. Bethards and Mrs. Peabody-Blevins.

Strategic Committees are continuing their work addressing strategies to meet Board goals. Staff will bring a report to the Board.

A Study Session of the Board of Education has been scheduled for January 29, 2013, tentatively set for 5:30 p.m. The topic will be student achievement. Staff will present a detailed look at school plans and strategies to improve student achievement and meeting API targets.

Staff is continuing to prepare for Common Core and Smarter Balance Assessment. Budget issues, including the weighted student formula will be discussed in detail at future meetings.

Dr. Washer acknowledged that this was the last Board meeting for Art Hand and Lois John; both are long-term employees who have served this community well and will be missed.

ACTION Ms. Davis requested the removal of Items A-7, A-8, A-9, A-10 and
ITEMS A-11. Ms. Cassel requested the removal of Item A-12. No requests
Consent from the public were made to remove any items.

Agenda A
Routine Business

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

- A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- A-2 Contact List
- A-3 Warrants

- A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- A-5 Minutes of the November 13, 2012, Regular Board Meeting
- A-6 Revised Board Policy and Rule 5116.1 Intradistrict Open Enrollment

The vote by the Board was unanimously aye to approve the Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

- ITEMS A-7 to A-11 Discussion ensued regarding these agenda items. Ms. Davis voiced concern that Items A-7 to A-11 were not approved by the District's Curriculum Council. Dr. Washer reported that all items had been approved by the Curriculum Council.
- ITEM A-12 Ms. Cassel had questions regarding Item A-12 "English 3D-Academic Language Development" Course of Study that were fielded by Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director, Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment.
- ITEM A-7 "English 9 General" Course of Study Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded. The voice vote by the Board was unanimously aye to approve Item A-7 "English 9 General" Course of Study. No student preferential vote was called.
- ITEM A-8 "English 10 General" Course of Study Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded. The vote Board was unanimously aye to approve Item A-8 "English 10 General" Course of Study. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.
- ITEM A-9 "Agricultural Government" Course of Study Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded. The vote by the Board was unanimously aye to approve A-9 "Agricultural Government" Course of Study. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.
- ITEM A-10 "Agricultural Economics" Course of Study Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded. The vote by the Board was unanimously aye to approve Item A-10 "Agricultural Economics" Course of Study. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.
- ITEM A-11 "Agricultural Chemistry" Course of Study Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded. The vote by the Board was unanimously aye to approve Item A-11 "Agricultural Chemistry" Course of Study. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.
- ITEM A-12 "English 3D-Academic Language Development" Course of Study Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded. The vote by the Board was unanimously aye to approve Item A-12 "English 3D-Academic Language Development" Course of Study. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Consent
Agenda B -
Student
Discipline Cases

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded. The vote to approve Consent Agenda B- Student Discipline Cases, was as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Davis; Heberle; Nava; Neely; Womack
Abstain: Freitas

Motion carried

- B-1 Expulsion: Student #12/13-10-22
- B-2 Expulsion: Student #12/13-8-23
- B-3 Expulsion: Student # 12/13-7-24
- B-4 Expulsion: Student # 12/13-10-25
- B-5 Expulsion: Student # 12/13-9-26
- B-6 Expulsion: Student # 12/13-9-27
- B-7 Expulsion: Student # 12/13-10-28
- B-8 Expulsion: Student # 12/13-11-29
- B-9 Expulsion: Student # 12/13-10-30
- B-10 Expulsion: Student # 12/13-9-31
- B-11 Admission: Student # 12/13-8-A2
- B-12 Admission: Student # 12/13-11-A3
- B-13 Readmission: Student # 11/12-9-56
- B-14 Readmission: Student # 11/12-8-57
- B-15 Readmission: Student # 11/12-6-69
- B-16 Readmission: Student # 11/12-8-71
- B-17 Readmission: Student # 11/12-7-72
- B-18 Readmission: Student #11/12-10-79
- B-19 Readmission: Student #11/12-10-80
- B-20 Readmission: Student #11/12-11-87
- B-21 Readmission: Student #11/12-10-89
- B-22 Readmission: Student #11/12-9-90
- B-23 Readmission: Student #11/12-9-92
- B-24 Readmission: Student #11/12-10-94
- B-25 Readmission: Student #11/12-7-96
- B-26 Readmission: Student #11/12-8-104

OTHER
ACTION ITEMS
Annual Audit

Maria Fong, Controller and Peggy Vande Vooren, CPA from Gilbert Associates, presented the audit results from the Annual Audit Report, Ending June 30, 2012. The auditor reported that the report revealed a clean opinion on financial and on compliance areas. There were no audit adjustments. The District is working with Gilbert Associates to correct a concern raised regarding student body record cash receipts documentation. A process will implemented to correct the finding.

Motion was made by Mr. Nava moved, seconded. The motion was unanimously aye to approve acceptance of the Annual Audit Report, Ending June 30, 2012. No student preferential voted was called.

No comments from the public were received.

First Interim Report

The First Interim Report was presented by the team of Maria Fong, Angel Murnan and Tim Hern. The report showed that Prop. 30 has improved the situation, but cash problems still remain. No additional dollars for the current fiscal year are forecasted. The following uncertainties remain: cash deferrals; possibility of weighted formula; continued loss of ADA; funding of Common Core (redirecting resources); and the uncertainty of the Governor's budget. Discussion developed regarding borrowing money to meet obligations, this would be discussed in greater detail in the Second Interim Report (later in 2013). Enrollment trends were discussed. Mr. Neely posed questions regarding deferred revenue and unrestricted contributions to restricted programs (i.e. Special Education and Transportation). Dr. Washer noted a Special Education reserve fund has been added to the budget, as we are mandated to provide appropriate services for students. Mr. Nava thanked staff for the report. Mr. Heberle questioned the amount of Special Education encroachment difference from last year to this year. Mr. Hern noted that the difference is due to a change in service this year.

No comments from the public were received.

Mr. Nava moved, seconded. The motion was unanimously aye to approve acceptance of the First Interim Report. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

PERSONNEL MATTERS

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, to approve the Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters as presented. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Cassel; Davis; Heberle; Nava; Neely; Womack
Abstain: Freitas Motion carried

COMMUNICATIONS
Comments from Student Reps.

Student representatives Ms. Noelani Dennis, Ronald E. McNair High School and Ms. Ella Phlai, Bear Creek High School, reported on activities at their respective schools.

Comments from The Public

Ms. Sonja Renhult, teacher, Tokay Colony gave kudos to Karen Paulsen, teacher at Julia Morgan for her work with Lodi Adopt-A-Child. Ms. Renault provided input regarding the revised Treasurers sound spelling cards and Illuminate.

Ms. Susan Heberle commented on the college-going culture. She stressed the importance for all individuals to be valued equally.

Ms. Sue Kenmotsu, teacher, Julia Morgan, extended a thank you to Ed Eldridge for all his help with problems with Illuminate.

Mr. John Chapman, teacher, Tokay High, reported on the newly formed Tokay High Parent Outreach Committee, whose goal is to let parents know how to get involved and what programs/services are available to parent and student involvement.

Comments from
Employee Group
Reps.

Mr. Jeff Johnston, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), congratulated Mr. Womack for his appointment as President and welcomed Mr. Freitas as a new Board member. He stated he will miss Lois John and thanked Art Hand for his care and diligence with school site issues. He also gave kudos to Tim Hern. Mr. Johnston went on to express the concern of the 1,300+ teachers he represents regarding concerns with Illuminate.

Comments from
Board Members

Mr. Neely stated that Lois and Art will be very missed and that the District owes both of them a debt of gratitude. He commented that Lois guided him through being the Board President. He explained the help that he received from Mr. Hand. He welcomed Mr. Freitas, congratulated Mr. Womack and thanked Mr. Heberle for the great job he did as President. Mr. Neely spoke of the recent California School Board Association seminar he had attended. He commented that he would like the Board and staff to refocus on student achievement. He voiced his disappointment regarding the problems with the grade reporting system.

Mr. Nava questioned if additional funds were needed to solve the problems with Illuminate. Dr. Washer stated the problem with Illuminate is not financial. Mr. Hand commented that Mr. Eldridge is working to eliminate any future problems with Illuminate. Mr. Nava expressed that he will miss Art and Lois. He thanked Lisa, Cathy and Catherine for inviting him to Sutherland's PLC meeting. He commented that he would like Ms. Pennington to further explore the possibility of the Sutherland/Parklane area going K-6.

Ms. Cassel welcomed Mr. Freitas and gave accolades to Mr. Heberle regarding his term as President. Bonnie commented to Lois that she was the first smiling face she saw six years ago. She expressed to Art how much she felt he has enriched the District. She enjoyed attending the Block L and Block T functions at Lodi High and Tokay High.

Ms. Davis also said goodbye and best wishes to Lois and Art. She welcomed Mr. Freitas and thanked Mr. Heberle. She stated her belief that Mr. Womack will do a good job as President.

Mr. Heberle had positive comments related to the re-dedication ceremony that he attended at Lodi High. He congratulated both Lois and Art and thanked them for their respective contributions. He also expressed his frustration with Illuminate and directed staff to solve the problem.

Mr. Freitas expressed his gratitude to the Board for having selected him. He stated the Board members are all outstanding individuals and he looks forward to working with them. He also wished Lois and Art well and thanked all who made his first Board meeting enjoyable. He recognized John Muir School community for their food drive turkey run, promoting community service and physical fitness.

Mr. Womack welcomed Mr. Freitas. He commented that he liked Lois' professionalism and kindness and he would miss Art. He stated that Mr. Heberle set a good example as President. He also attended the Block L and Block T events. He commented that Dale Young did a great job organizing the turkey trot at Lodi Middle School. He also participated in the Womble Romble to benefit the Lodi High School track. He related his enjoyment of the CSBA conference and referenced www.csba.org for more information on the presentations.

Dr. Washer thanked the Board for their words of appreciation of Lois and Art and for recognizing their efforts. She announced that Valerie McFee will be assuming Lois' responsibilities and that Tim Hern will be taking the responsibilities from Art.

REPORTS
Advancement Via
Individual
Determination
(AVID)

Ms. Lisa Kotowski, Administrative Director of Curriculum & Instruction and Cindy Mettler, AVID Coach reported on the current status of the AVID program in Lodi Unified School District. Discussion ensued.

This item will be brought back to the Board when more information is available regarding program costs.

Comments from the public.

Carole Funge, Tokay High School spoke about the usefulness of the AVID program.

Three students spoke about the AVID program and how it changed their educational outcomes.

Sonja Renhult, teacher had questions regarding the varying costs of tutors at the different schools. She also commented that AVID is an amazing help to students.

Erik Sandstrom, principal, Tokay High School explained that tutor costs can go up or down based on the make up of the tutors – college tutors cost more than peer tutors, etc. He also explained how the AVID program works at Tokay High.

Melinda Vargo, spoke as one of the first AVID teachers at Tokay High in 1992. She spoke of many benefits gained by students when taking

part in the AVID program, urging the Board to review data reflecting the program's success.

Sherry Balian, principal, Middle College High School, related that Middle College High School has been an AVID school for their entire thirteen year existence and that AVID is a huge part of their success.

Shirley McNichols, principal, Bear Creek High School, related that Bear Creek has the most sections of AVID classes. She urged the Board to retain the AVID program.

Juan Carlos Villafana, principal, Lawrence Elementary School, spoke of the benefits to elementary age students who take part in the AVID program.

Sharon Huisman, teacher, Tokay High School, spoke of the benefits of the AVID training.

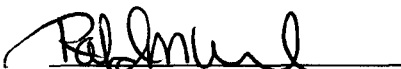
Dr. Washer commented that neither the Board nor staff is discounting the benefits of AVID; we are discussing the funding aspects of the program.

Several Board members spoke regarding the positive aspects of the program and the need for more information regarding the cost of the program.

ADJOURN

The meeting was adjourned at 10:51 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board