



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
April 5, 2011**

PLACE	James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 E. Vine Street, Lodi
TIME	Closed Session: 6:00 p.m.; Regular Meeting: 7:00 p.m.
CALL TO ORDER	The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. There were no public comments on closed session items and the Board adjourned to Closed Session
RECONVENE	The meeting was reconvened at 7:00 p.m. Attendance was recorded and the President led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
PRESENT	<p><u>Board Members:</u> Mr. George Neely, President; Ms. Bonnie Cassel, Vice-President; Mr. Joe Nava, Clerk; Mr. Michael Abdallah; Mr. Ken Davis; Ms. Ruth Davis; Mr. Ron Heberle</p> <p><u>Administrators:</u> Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; Mr. Tim Hern, Chief Business Officer; Mr. Art Hand, Assistant Superintendent, Facilities and Planning</p> <p><u>Student Representatives:</u> Ms. Anna Adams, Lodi High School and Ms. Deyanira Nava, Tokay High School</p> <p><u>Recorder:</u> Ms. Lois John, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education</p>
SPOTLIGHT	Music Programs were highlighted by a performance from the Woodbridge Elementary School Choir, a performance by the K-12 music teachers, and accompanied by an instrumental group of music teachers.
RECOGNITION	Delta Sierra Middle School students who participated in the Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement (MESA) Quiz Bowl competition were recognized for their achievements.
CLOSED SESSION	Action taken in closed session was reported as follows:
Student Matters	<p>Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the Placement of Non-Public Agency Students 2010-11 #'s 33 and 34.</p> <p>Motion was made Mr. Heberle, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve the Placement of Non-Public School Students 2010-11 #'s 130, 131, 132 and 133.</p> <p>Motion was made by Mr. Abdallah, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve California High School Exit Exam Waivers (CAHSEE) for Students 2010-11 #'s 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 and 19.</p>
Personnel Matters	Motion was made by Mr. Abdallah, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-30 Termination of a Classified Employee.

ACTION ITEM
Resolution 2011-35
K12 Virtual Schools

Mr. Hand presented the resolution to establish a virtual academy for Grades K-8 with the K12 Virtual Schools vendor. The academy would provide students with an alternative education plan to take courses online. Mr. Andrew Ehrenfeld, K12 Virtual Schools and Dr. Carol Owens, Principal, Independence School were present to answer questions. Following discussion, Ms. Cassel requested a report at a future Board meeting in order to understand alternative programs currently in place for Grades 9-12.

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-35 Authorizing the Execution and Delivery of the K12 Virtual School Program Curriculum and Materials Agreement and Order Forms. The student representatives' preferential vote was unanimously aye.

REPORTS
Proposal to Consolidate
Lockeford/
Attendance Area

Due to a conflict of interest, Ms. Cassel recused herself from discussion on the proposal to consolidate Lockeford/Clements Attendance Area Students

Ms. Catherine Pennington reported information on staff's recommendation to consolidate all Lockeford/Clements attendance area students at Lockeford School beginning in the 2011-12 school year. The construction of a dedicated kindergarten area at Lockeford School will take place this spring and summer. A community forum was held on Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Lockeford School to share this proposal with parents and community members, to provide information on the transition, and answer questions. Following brief discussion, it was the consensus of the Board for staff to move forward with consolidating Lockeford/Clements attendance area students at Lockeford School beginning in the 2011-12 school year. The recommendation will be returned to the Board on April 19, 2011, for formal action by the Board.

Recommendation from SBAC to Close Clements Elementary School

Dr. Washer presented the recommendation from the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC) to close Clements Elementary School with students being housed at Lockeford School, at a savings of \$74,736.00. Dr. Washer explained that staff is in support of the recommendation. Following discussion, the consensus of the Board was to close Clements Elementary School. The item will be returned to the Board for formal action.

Recommendation from SBAC to Close Tokay Colony Elementary School

Dr. Washer explained the recommendation of the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC) to close Tokay Colony School at an estimated savings of \$74,975. She reported that staff does not recommend closing this school due to location and lack of nearby alternative housing for students.

Recommendation from SBAC to Close Elkhorn School

Dr. Washer reported on the recommendation of the Superintendent's Budget Advisory Committee (SBAC) to close Elkhorn School at a cost savings of \$135,000. Dr. Washer stated that staff does not support the closing of this school.

Following discussion, the Board unanimously agreed to not close Tokay Colony Elementary School and Elkhorn School.

School Improvement

Ms. Catherine Pennington, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, presented information on the School Improvement Grant (SIG) Cohort 2, for

Grant – Cohort 2	Lawrence and Sutherland Elementary Schools. The grant provides funding to enable schools to make adequate yearly progress and to exit program improvement status. Mr. Carlos Villafana, Principal, Lawrence School, and Mr. Harold Brown, Principal, Sutherland School, and Ms. Dawn Vetica, Principal, Academic Interventions and Supplemental Instruction, participated in the report, highlighting the academic progress made at each school. Discussion was held regarding the appropriate next steps. It was agreed by the Board that staff not apply for the Cohort 2 funding, and the schools continue on with their student progress.
RECESS	The Board recessed from 9:25 p.m. to 9:35 p.m.
COMMUNICA- TIONS Student Reps.	Student Representatives Ms. Anna Adams, Lodi High School and Ms. Deyanira Nava, Tokay High School, reported on activities and events at their respective schools.
ACTION ITEMS Consent Agenda A - Routine Business	<p>Mr. Heberle requested the removal of Item A-2 Contract List and Item A-7 California Partnership Academy Planning Grant Application. Mr. Neely removed Item A-12 Resolution 2011-32 HVAC Replacement at Delta Sierra Middle School. Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve amended Consent Agenda A as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Changes to the Adopted Budget 3) Donations 4) Minutes of the March 1, 2011, Regular Board Meeting 5) Minutes of the March 8, 2011, Special Board Meeting 6) Minutes of the March 8, 2011, Study Session 8) Credential Waiver Application and Approval 9) Rescission of Uniform Program at Needham Elementary School 10) Construction Project Change Orders 11) Resolution 2011-31 Cafeteria Remodels at Various Sites – certification of Guaranteed Project Cost and Authorization to Begin Work 13) Resolution 2011-33 Authorization to Publish a “Request for Proposals” for the Lodi High School Renovation Project 14) Resolution 2011-34 Authorizing the Filing of the Notice of Completion (NOC) for the Lawrence Elementary School Parking Lot Improvement Project
Contract List	In response to a question by Mr. Heberle, Mr. Hand explained that the contract with Sungard Public Sector provides for the improvement of the District’s student tracking system. Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Item A-1 Contracts.
CA Partnership Academy Planning Grant Application	In response to a question by Mr. Heberle, Dr. Douglas explained that the grant provides funds for up to 30 students but there is no limit to the number of students who can enroll. Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Item A-7 California Partnership Academy Planning Grant Application.
Resolution 2011-32 HVAC Replacement - Delta Sierra	Mr. Neely proposed delaying the replacement of the HVAC system at Delta Sierra Middle School for an additional year in order to save the District \$591,220. Mr. Hand cautioned that delaying the replacement could effectively close the doors of the school should the current system fail. He reported that an emergency situation exists with the potential for problems with dry rot and mold. Discussion was held and possible solutions explored.

Motion was then made by Mr. Nava, and seconded, to approve Resolution 2011-32 HVAC Replacement at Delta Sierra Middle School – Certification of Guaranteed Project Cost and Authorization to Begin Work. The vote on the motion was as follows:

Ayes: Abdallah, K. Davis, Heberle, Nava
Noes: Cassel, R. Davis, Neely

Motion carried

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 presented:

- B-1 Expulsion: Student #10/11/8-59
- B-2 Expulsion: Student #10/11-6-60
- B-3 Expulsion: Student #10/11-8-61
- B-4 Expulsion: Student #10/11-11-62
- B-5 Expulsion: Student #10/11-6-63
- B-6 Expulsion: Student #10/11-7-64
- B-7 Expulsion: Student #10/11-8-65
- B-8 Expulsion: Student #10/11-7-66
- B-9 Readmission: Student #09/10-6-43
- B-10 Readmission: Student #09/10-8-56
- B-11 Readmission: Student #09/10-10-57

OTHER
ACTION ITEM
Amendment to
Resolution
2011-14

Mr. McKilligan reported that the amendment revises the title of Instructional Coach – Assessment, Research and Evaluation to read: Data Resource Specialist. Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously to approve Resolution 2011-14 Reduction in Certificated Staff Due to Elimination of Particular Kinds of Service.

PERSONNEL
MATTERS

Motion was made by Mr. Nava, seconded, and carried unanimously by a roll call vote to approve the Personnel Matters as presented.

COMMUNICA-
TIONS
Comments
from the
Public

The following individuals addressed the Board in support of retaining the District’s Instructional Coaches:

- Ms. Jenny Stevahn
- Ms. Karen Stacy
- Ms. Cassy Sotelo
- Ms. Janine Jacinto
- Ms. Nicole Dickinson

Mr. Lyndon Blodgett, Counselor, Lodi High School, announced a program to recognize academic success for all students to earn a Block “L” for academic excellence.

Ms. Candelari Ortiz, parent, spoke about the problems parents are having with transporting their children to and from school and asked for a van to be provided to transport their children. In support of Ms. Ortiz were Ms. Bertha Orozco, Ms. Maria Rodriguez, Ms. Marta Garcia, Ms. Ana Estrada, and Ms. Kity Menendez.

Ms. Barbara Parkinson, principal’s secretary, and Ms. Denise Tracy, teacher, Mosher Elementary School, expressed concern with the possibility of Mosher and Davis Schools sharing a principal.

Mr. Brad Friesen, teacher, Lodi High School, expressed concern with the proposed revision to Policy 6142.7 PE Activity, which would allow for PE credit to be given for athletics. He presented several issues that could arise.

Comments
from Employee
Group Reps.

Ms. Sue Kenmotsu, Vice President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), spoke on the state of emergency in education and asked everyone to contact the policy makers. She referenced an upcoming opportunity for everyone to join forces and fight for students.

Ms. Joni Kort, President, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association, addressed the Board in support of instructional coaches and the role they place in IEP achievement.

Comments
from Board
Members

Mr. Davis stated he has met with instructional coaches and referred to their valuable service they provide to teachers. He spoke in support of retaining their positions.

Mr. Abdallah reported on his visits to various schools. He thanked Mr. Hand for his assistance with an issue relating to the use of the field at Bear Creek.

Mr. Nava commented on the proposed revisions to Policy 6142.7 regarding PE credits, stating that there must be some logistics involved. He reported on attending a Monitoring and Accountability session at Sutherland School where he met a new teacher who had been encouraged by an instructional coach.

Ms. Cassel thanked Ms. Kotowski and the instructional coaches for organizing and presenting the SIPS training. She announced the winning achievements of students at the County Science Olympiad competition.

Mr. Heberle recognized the achievement of students who excelled in the Science Olympiad. He reported on the excellence of the Every 15 Minutes program at Bear Creek High School.

Ms. Davis commented on her pleasure in coaching two teams in the Science Olympiad. She complimented the lead teachers and parents.

Mr. Neely announced an upcoming meeting with Rosetta Stone representatives about bringing language programs to the entire District. He announced the upcoming Town Hall meeting for the public to provide input on budget reduction issues. He reported that on May 7, 2011, the Board will meet in a Study Session to define the reductions and give specific direction to staff on reducing the budget.

Comments
from the
Superintendent

Dr. Washer announced the formation of a steering committee to develop a cohesive plan to address the issue of bullying. She reported on activities by Partners in Education with the Lodi Chamber of Commerce.

REPORTS
Update on
Possible Reduction
of Revenue

Mr. Hern reported that due to recent events at the state, the District could experience a loss of revenue up to \$27 million. He stated that with the June election the District was looking at a loss of \$19 per ADA, but without the June election, the loss could be as much as \$349 per ADA. He noted that to go beyond \$349, would require suspension of Prop 98. If that should happen, the reductions could be between \$600-\$1,000 per ADA.

Revisions to
Board Policies
and Rules

Dr. Washer proposed revisions to Board Policies and Rules. With regards to Policy 6142.7 Physical Education Activity, she reported that staff has been working with high school principals and students on logistics for this policy change. Referencing Policy 5125.2, Withholding Grades, Diploma or Transcripts, she responded to Ms. Cassel that this policy revision would prevent students from participating in graduation ceremonies if books were not returned and fines paid. The Policies will be returned to the Board on April 19, 2011, for adoption.

Advertising at
School Sites and
on Website

Mr. Hand reported that staff has been investigating the concept of creating advertising opportunities at school sites and websites for outside private organizations. He highlighted possible opportunities and issues for the Board's consideration. The Board was in agreement for staff to move forward with developing a policy on this proposal.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board