



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

September 4, 2018

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

Board Members Present: Mr. George Neely, President; Mr. Gary Knackstedt, Vice President; Mr. Joe Nava, Clerk; Ms. Bonnie Cassel; Mr. Ron Freitas; Mr. Ron Heberle; and Dr. Daryl Talken

Administrative Staff: Dr. Cathy Washer, Superintendent; Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer; and Mr. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

Student Representative: Mr. Jafari Binder, Bear Creek High School

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Valerie McFee, Executive Assistant to the Board

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:04 p.m. at the James Areida Education Support Center, 1305 East Vine Street, Lodi, CA

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No public comments were received prior to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting was reconvened at 7:08 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Student Representative, Jafari Binder, led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Neely reported that no action was taken in Closed Session.

Mr. Neely announced that on September 11th at 6:00 p.m., a Special Meeting will be conducted to hear an update from the Review Board for Excellence in Teaching. He added the Board Subcommittee for Goals will also meet at evening at 5:00 p.m. Both meetings will be conducted at Lincoln Technical Academy. Mr. Neely then announced that Board is invited to attend a City of Lodi Town Hall Meeting on September 25th at 6:00 p.m. at Carnegie Forum in Lodi.

Superintendent and Staff Member Reports

Dr. Washer announced that the GOT Kids fundraiser, Dancin' on Dynamite, will be held this weekend. The event will feature a live band, country line dancing and a live auction, all to benefit Lodi Unified classrooms and students. Dr. Washer read an anonymous letter from a student citing appreciation for the work of the Nutrition Services staff at the student's school site.

Comments from the Public

Jessalee Goehring, Parent, Lockeford School, voiced concern regarding the need for security cameras, upgrades to grounds (potholes), the need to address the congestion of the parking drop-off and pick-up situation, along with landscaping needs at Lockeford School.

Amy Blagg, Parent, Lockeford School, voiced concerns regarding the parking situation at Lockeford School, which she states has been an ongoing problem for a number of years, with parents parking in neighboring vineyards. She also voiced concerns with the general upkeep of the school campus and lack of sidewalks and crosswalks for students.

Tonya Goehring, Parent, Lockeford School, reported that parents spend 30 to 40 minutes in the pick up line after school, with parents parking in no-parking zones or in the vineyard. She also voiced concern about lack of sidewalks and crosswalks for students.

Heather Artiaga, Parent, Lockeford School, commented that she has reported parking problems to both the District and to San Joaquin County officials, with no resolution. She asked for Board to assist in looking into the parking and drainage concerns at Lockeford School.

Jayne Bender, Parent, Lockeford School, spoke regarding the lack of parking at Lockeford School. She asked that Lockeford School be included in the District's plan to install hydration stations at school sites.

Board Member Cassel commented that a plan is in the works to address 90% of the concerns voiced during this comment period.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Resolution 2018-55 Authorizing Certain Employees to Sign Orders Drawn on School District Funds
- Item A-4 Approval of Resolution 2018-57 Request for Proposal Bear Creek High School Jive Wiring Infrastructure Project
- Item A-5 Approval of Resolution 2018-58 Request for Qualifications – Design Build Services
- Item A-6 Declaration of Obsolete Textbooks
- Item A-7 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 21, 2018

Mr. Binder's preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, as presented.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Ratification of the Mediator's Proposed Agreement with California School Employees Association for Impacts and Effects of AB 670

Mr. McKilligan presented the approved agreement that has been ratified by the California School Employees Association.

No comments or questions were received from the Board or public.

Mr. Binder's preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Ratification of the Mediator's Proposed Agreement with California School Employees Association for Impacts and Effects of AB 670.

Item OAI-2 Resolution 2018-56 Authorization to File a Career Technical Education Facilities Grant Application

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, and Julie Jansen, Principal, Lincoln Technical Academy/Lodi Adult School, presented the item that would permit District staff to complete and file the grant application.

Ms. Cassel asked what would be included in the grant application. Ms. Jansen explained that the grant is for 50/50 matching funds and plans would be for an agriculture department, two classrooms, an animal shelter, greenhouse and a poultry shelter for Bear Creek High School. Discussion ensued.

No comments or questions were received from the public.

Mr. Binder's preferential vote was aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Resolution 2018-56 Authorization to File a Career Technical Education Facilities Grant Application.

Item OAI-3 Approval of Superintendent's Contract for One-Year Extension

President Neely presented a one-year renewal to the contract of the superintendent.

No comments or questions were received from the Board or public.

Mr. Binder's preferential vote was aye.

Dr. Talken moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Approval of Superintendent's Contract for One-Year Extension.

Item OAI-4 Chief Business Officer Contract (Corrected regarding sick leave allocation)

Superintendent Washer presented the technical correction to the amount of sick leave received by the chief business officer in an effort to keep the amount in line with Board Policy.

No comments or questions were received from the Board or public.

Mr. Binder's preferential vote was aye.

Dr. Talken moved, Mr. Nava seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 Chief Business Officer Contract (Corrected regarding sick leave allocation).

Personnel Matters

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

No comments or questions were received from the Board or public.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Personnel Matters, as presented.

Communications

Comments from Student Representatives

Jafari Binder, Bear Creek High School, presented a report regarding the current happenings at his school site.

Employee Group Representatives

Kyle Harvey, Labor Relations Representative, California School Employees Association (CSEA), voiced concerns and stated that employees will be filing a Williams Complaint regarding the lack of fresh water for students and staff members housed at the Henderson School campus, including Child Welfare and Attendance and Mental Health Services. He also related that a previous water leak in the office at Victor Elementary School has evolved into mold exposure and related allergies for office staff. He would like to discuss mitigation, including air duct cleaning. Mr. Harvey detailed an incident at Victor Elementary School involving a local farmer spraying pesticides that drifted over the school while students were on campus. He asked that a letter go out to area farmers regarding the rules/laws governing spraying pesticides near school sites.

Liz Englebrick, Public Relations Officer, Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA), reported that LPPA continues to make their presence known at events, such as the recent LUSD College & Career Night, so the community is aware who the members of LPPA are and what services they provide for the District. She announced that LPPA has a new website that is up and running. Ms. Englebrick announced that LPPA is awarding four \$1,000 scholarships to students entering into any of the five professional fields that LPPA represents.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association (LEA), shared that new LEA representatives are in place at the school sites and are furthering communication between LEA members, staff members and school site administration. She shared that she is looking forward to the ILC teachers beginning their professional development activities. She stated she is hopeful a memorandum of understanding could be reached with the District regarding teachers' professional development towards attaining national board certification. Ms. Orgon voiced concerns from teachers regarding fingerprinting and field trip/transportation availability.

Comments From Board Members

Mr. Freitas thanked staff members who organized College & Career Night, and noted it was a successful and well attended District event. Mr. Freitas also commented how well he likes the new District newsletter. He reminded those present that GOT Kids is presenting Dancin' on Dynamite and tickets are available for \$35.00.

Mr. Heberle attended the College & Career Night and commented that he observed both parents and students engaged in what was offered at the event. He reminded everyone to thank the people behind the scenes that contribute to the success of such an event, such as the custodians setting up the many tables and chairs for the event. He spoke of current concerns regarding transportation for athletic events and field trips. He mentioned he would inquire with Lodi firefighters, whose driver's license classification may enable them to drive a school bus.

Mr. Knackstedt commented that he enjoyed the venue of the 2018 College & Career night, as there was ample parking and air conditioning. He appreciated the presence of the FBI and local police agencies as potential career paths for students.

Ms. Cassel indicated that she is looking forward to taking part in the process of the Board Subcommittee for Goals.

Mr. Nava spoke on the importance for teachers and students to learn cardio pulmonary resuscitation (CPR). He announced that the San Joaquin County Office of Emergency Services will conduct CPR classes at various area locations in September. Mr. Nava visited Houston School to view future renovation areas. Mr. Nava reported that he and Mr. Freitas visited Mosher Elementary School and noted there are a few problems that will soon be resolved.

Mr. Neely spoke regarding a recent meeting he had with a representative from a potential charter school. He commented he was impressed with what the charter had to offer to parents and students and hoped that Lodi Unified could model some of the offerings.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Reports

Discovery Streaming Plus

Martha Snider, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School, and Robin Grossman, Teacher, Woodbridge Middle School, presented the report.

Ms. Snider announced that for the next 60 days, Discovery Education will provide a free subscription to all Lodi USD schools (currently three schools subscribe). A survey will be completed at the end of the 60-day trial. Discussion ensued and the audience was able to view the program live via the Internet.

Ms. Grossman explained how she uses Discovery Education in her combination regular education/special education, 5/6 classroom. She invited Board to visit her classroom to see the engagement of the students with each other and the teacher, no matter what level they are at.

Public Comments

No comments were received.

2018-2019 One-Time Money Allocation and Possible Expenditures

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, presented a listing of one-time money possible expenditures. Dr. Washer noted there are more needs than funds available and there will be a need to prioritize.

Mr. Heberle called notice to the upcoming Next Generation Science Standards for elementary, which will entail project-based learning with the potential need for funds to provide potentially expensive equipment and computer hardware.

Ms. Cassel inquired as to funding sources for the Houston School/Joe Serna School project.

The 2018-2019 One-Time Money Allocation and Possible Expenditures listing will return again as a report item for further discussion.

Public Comments

Debra Ladwig, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77; Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No committee reports were received.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:18 p.m.



Clerk of the Board



President of the Board