



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 2, 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 and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer (via teleconference)

Meeting Recorder: Ms. Lynn Aebi, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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 7:05 p.m. Attendance was recorded and Ron Freitas led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

President Neely reported the following action was taken in Closed Session:

- **Placement of Non-Public School Students 2018-2019:**
Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of 2018-2019 Non-Public School Students numbers 6, 7, 60, and 63 through 70.
- **Placement of Non-Public School Renewal Students 2018-2019:**
Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve the placement of 2018-2019 Non-Public School Renewal Students numbers 1 through 5, 8 through 56, 58, 59, 61 and 62.
- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One Potential Case:**
Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve claim OAH Case No. 2018080393.

Reports

Henderson Water Discussion

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer; Mitch Stater, Director of Maintenance & Operations; Tom McCoy and Kevin Jones from Quality Service and Joel Greathouse from the State Water Resources Control Board, Division of Financial Assistance Staff, spoke regarding the issue of 1,2,3-trichloropropane (TCP) in the well water at the Henderson site. The level of TCP is above the state's levels; however, it is below the levels determined safe by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The team shared what has been done to ensure student and employee safety including providing bottled water, and portable hand washing stations. A 5,000 gallon tank with purified water is targeted to be installed by October 12. The future goal is to provide the site with a permanent solution for clean water, which will take time. Remedies to be investigated include joining a larger water distributor, such as the City of Lodi, digging a new well, or installing a point-of-use water filtration system. The District will also investigate grant funding that has the potential for \$5 million in funding to assist this situation. Mr. Greathouse complimented the District on its quick action to remedy the problem.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Washer thanked the Board for their efforts regarding the Henderson site water issue and for making it known that student and staff safety is paramount. She thanked Mr. Kahn and Mr. Slater for providing the comprehensive report regarding water issues at Henderson. Dr. Washer reported that our official student testing scores are public today on the state website. She explained that the projected statistics presented by Mr. Malandro are fairly close to what that actual state reports reflect.

Comments from the Public

Cris Beach, Kitchen Manager, Clairmont Elementary School, spoke in regards to the District offering a healthcare plan that employees can afford to purchase. He explained that many classified employees cannot afford to purchase insurance from the District and many work a second job to pay for health benefits, while others have children that qualify for Medi-Cal assistance. He asked that the Board invest in the workers, as healthy workers are productive workers.

Douglas Zuehlke, Music Teacher, Washington/Houston Schools, asked that the Board provide an explanation of the difference between independent and dependent charter schools. He spoke regarding tech charter schools.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Neely spoke regarding a recent visit to Henderson School and his observation of the school site secretary having a very positive interaction with a student. Mr. Neely spoke regarding a Stanford University report that stated the California Board of Education made goals, but does not have funding to implement these goals. He further explained their attempts to increase state funding for schools by 33 percent. The report also stated the California student/teacher ratio is quite high.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 AB 1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: LPPA
- Item A-3 Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-openers for the 2018-19 Year

- Item A-4 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 4, 2018
- Item A-5 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of September 18, 2018
- Item A-6 Addition of The Devereux Foundation to the 2018-2019 Non-Public School Master Contract
- Item A-7 Contracts List

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

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with Lodi Education Association

Dr. Washer presented the tentative agreement for Board consideration.

No comments were presented from Board of the public.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Ratification of the Tentative Agreement with Lodi Education Association.

Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval

Dr. Washer presented the permit regarding one employee for Board consideration.

No comments were presented from Board of the public.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Provisional Internship Permit and Approval.

Personnel Matters

Dr. Washer presented Personnel Matters for Board consideration.

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

Communications

Employee Group Representatives

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, commented that LEA was not included on any of the Henderson site meetings. She positively acknowledged the LEA tentative agreement and stated she looks forward to continued discussion related to preschool and the Review Board on Excellence in Teaching (RBET). She thanked Lisa Kotowski for her collaborative efforts and noted she would like to be involved in all discussions that involve the safety of members.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

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Discussion of Possible Allocations of One-Time Funds for 2018-2019

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, spoke regarding funding allocations for an anticipated \$4.5 million available. Discussion ensued. Dr. Washer will work to revise the listing of possible allocations and this item will return for further discussion.

Public Comments

Kyle Harvey, Labor Relations Representative, California School Employees Association; Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association

Proposed Board Policy Revisions Submitted by the Curriculum, & Instruction Department

Lisa Kotowski, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum and Instruction, presented Board policies for potential revision. She noted she has discussed the proposed revisions with LEA and revised the policies to stay within the intent of the law and to match the standards of the framework.

Public comments

No public comments were received.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

Ms. Cassel reported on the Board Subcommittee for Mission, Vision and Goals, noting the subcommittee has had two productive meetings. She stated all Lodi USD employees will see the draft and the subcommittee will welcome the feedback.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 p.m.


Clerk of the Board
President of the Board