



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING

OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION

October 16, 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. Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel; and Mr. Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer

Student Representatives: Substitute Student Representatives Mr. Taylor Pittman, Bear Creek High School, and Ms. Shelbi Loherer, Lodi High School

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

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 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 7:03 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Neely led in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

- **Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation – One Potential Case:**

Dr. Talken motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded and the Board voted to approve claim OAH Case No. 2018080728 as follows:

Ayes:	Cassel; Heberle; Knackstedt; Nava; Neely; and Talken
Noes:	Freitas
Absent:	None
Abstain:	None

Motion Carried

- **Conference with Labor Negotiators:**

President Neely read the following statement: "We have heard your concerns and we understand the issue. We met with the Superintendent and unanimously gave new

direction to staff to come up with a plan to try to alleviate the concerns of your members.”

Moment of Silence

A moment of silence was conducted in honor of Julia Jarrett, teacher, Parklane Elementary School, who recently passed away. Mr. Neely spoke about her life and read comments from her colleagues. On behalf of the District and Board, condolences were extended to her family.

Spotlight

Instructional Leadership Corps (ILC)

Instructors Rachel Flanigan, Lori Celiz, and Kristi Arredondo gave an overview of the Instructional Leadership Corps (ILC). A YouTube website link will be posted to the Lodi USD website for additional information. It was explained that the ILC is about teacher collaboration, for teachers, by teachers and at no charge.

Public Hearing

President Neely declared the Public Hearing “Lodi Pupil Personnel Association (LPPA) Re-opens for the 2018-2019 Year” open. No comments were received from the public or Board. The hearing was declared closed.

Superintendent’s Report

Dr. Washer reported that September was Attendance Awareness Month hosted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. LUSD had 7,376 students with perfect attendance, representing over 61% of the student population for those schools. This percentage put Lodi USD second in the county for perfect attendance. Dr. Washer recognized Henderson Middle School/Independence School Principal, Dominee Muller-Kimball. Dr. Muller-Kimball has been selected to receive the Action on Behalf of Children (ABC) Award in the child advocate category from the Family Resource & Referral Center.

Comments from the Public

Ruth Victorino, School Bus Driver, explained to the Board the dedication of the District’s bus drivers and asked for support for an increase to the current allotment for health care benefits.

Jeanine Bazaldua, School Bus Driver, spoke regarding the need for assistance with the high cost of health care benefits for classified employees.

Tom Roehrich, Head Custodian, Live Oak Elementary School, spoke of the accolades of working for Lodi Unified School District and asked that the Board and District invest in their employees by increasing their health benefit cap.

Comments from Board Members

Ms. Cassel noted that an e-mail was sent this afternoon reflecting the work done by the Board Subcommittee for Mission, Vision and Goals. She commented that the subcommittee would appreciate comments and feedback before the document is finalized.

Mr. Nava commented that for the Tokay High School girls' golf team beat the Lodi High School girls' golf team for the first time since the sport was sanctioned.

Mr. Neely requested that the 2018 test results be put on the agenda as a report item and spoke regarding statistics of the English learner testing. Mr. Neely asked for an update on the local control and accountability information gathering process.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-2 Warrant Report
- Item A-3 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-4 Contracts List
- Item A-5 Donations
- Item A-6 AB 1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: LEA
- Item A-7 Approval of a Job Description for Mental Health Clinical Supervisor
- Item A-8 Approval of Proposed Board Policy Changes Submitted by the Curriculum & Instruction Department
- Item A-9 Quarterly Report Pursuant to the Williams and Valenzuela Settlements
- Item A-10 Resolution 2018-62 Application for Continued Funding for State Preschool From the California Department of Education
- Item A-11 Addition of RX HealthCare Services to the 2018-2019 Non-Public Agency Master Contract
- Item A-12 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of October 2, 2018

The Student preferential vote was unanimously aye.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as presented.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student #18/19-9-01
- Item B-2 Expulsion: Student #18/19-11-02
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student #18/19-10-03
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student #18/19-9-04

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Talken seconded and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented.

Personnel Matters

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

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

Communications

Student Representatives

Substitute Student Representatives Taylor Pittman, Bear Creek High School, and Shelbi Loherer, Lodi High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Employee Group Representatives

Debra Ladwig, President, California School Employees Association, Lodi, Chapter #77, thanked the Board for listening to the CSEA members and making them feel heard and appreciated. Ms. Ladwig explained that when a long-term classified substitute is hired on as a full-time employee, the employee is placed on step A of the salary schedule; Ms. Ladwig proposed placing the employee further along on the salary steps. She stated that scenarios such as this chip away at their (employees) feeling of good will from the District. Ms. Ladwig stated she and the members are looking forward to the next negotiation session scheduled for Friday.

Michelle Orgon, President, Lodi Education Association, thanked the Board, staff, Mental Health Services staff, Scott McGregor and Paul Warren for helping staff and students deal with the loss of teacher, Julia Jarrett, from Parklane Elementary School. She thanked staff and Board for the recognition of Ms. Garrett during the moment of silence. Ms. Orgon thanked Board and staff for the recognition of the Instructional Leadership Corps. members. She stated she is looking forward to the future Board report on testing. She thanked Maintenance & Operations for replacing carpet at Lakewood Elementary School and offered some suggestions for District/staff communication during break times. She asked for transparency in the area of school site plan development and with all aspects of District business.

Comments from the Superintendent

Dr. Washer had no further comments.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

No reports were forthcoming.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.


Clerk of the Board


President of the Board