



Board Members Present: Mr. Gary Knackstedt, President; Dr. Rommel Bal, Vice-President; Ms. Sherry Alexander, Clerk; Mrs. Susan Macfarlane; Mr. Joe Nava; Mr. Courtney Porter; and Mr. Jeff Stroh

Administrative Staff: Mr. Neil Young, Superintendent; and Dr. Allen Dosty, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel

Meeting Recorder: Mrs. Valerie McFee, 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, and broadcast on YouTube.

Public Comment on Closed Session Items

No comments were received prior to the Board adjourning to Closed Session.

Adjourn to Closed Session

The Board adjourned to Closed Session.

Reconvene Open Session

The meeting reconvened at 7:07 p.m. Attendance was recorded and President Knackstedt led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Closed Session

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

Personnel Matters

Mr. Nava motioned, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Vikeshni Diyal as Director III Budgets, effective 2024-25 school year.

Mrs. Alexander motioned, Mr. Stroh seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of David Vujovich as Principal Alternative Program, location to be determined, effective 2024-25 school year.

Mr. Stroh motioned, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve the appointment of Brianna Carroll as Elementary Principal, location to be determined, effective 2024-25 school year.

Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

Mr. Porter motioned, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to reject Claim #639188.

President Knackstedt made the following announcements:

- The Regular Board Meeting scheduled for June 25, 2024 has been cancelled.
- A Special Board Meeting is planned for June 25, 2024 as a Closed Session meeting for the purpose of the Superintendent's evaluation.

- The Regular Board Meeting scheduled for August 20, 2024 at Bear Creek High School will be moved to the JAESC.

Public Hearing

California School Employees Association (CSEA) Re-opens for the 2024-25 Year

President Knackstedt declared the public hearing "California School Employees Association (CSEA) Re-opens for the 2024-25 Year" open. No Board or public comments were received. The public hearing was declared closed.

Comments from Employee Representatives

Anne Swehla Garcia, Lodi Education Association, spoke of the LEA contract settlement and thanked Board members who read their messages and brought the compromise to fruition. She spoke of the book review committee and the procedures for parent involvement, as well as issues specific to special education teachers and staffing.

Comments from the Public

President Knackstedt noted there was a large number of speaker cards and if a potential speaker is unable to make a comment this evening to please email the Board with their concerns.

Kelly Hansston, Teacher, Julia Morgan Elementary School, spoke regarding students' use of cell phones while at school.

Jennifer Cassel, Community Member, spoke regarding the district's book review committee and asked that the committee be disbanded.

Andrea Songey, Parent, spoke regarding the book review committee, selection of committee members, and the timing (date) of the committee meeting. Ms. Songey voiced displeasure with the time of day the superintendent coffee talks were conducted.

Lisa McBride, Community Member, spoke regarding the book review committee and issues pertaining to equity for students.

Emily Lynn, Student, Tokay High School, reported on the Tokay High band's undefeated season. She explained the need for replacement band instruments and funds for the performing arts. Ms. Lynn asked about assistance from Prop. 28 funds and stated band boosters would like a response to the emails sent to school site administration regarding equipment needs.

Amber Lynn, Parent, spoke regarding the book review committee, adding that some of the books under review by the committee are on the recommendation list from the California Department of Education.

Time ended for comments from the public and a request for additional time from an audience member was denied.

Board took a five-minute recess.

Public Comments on Consent Agenda A

No comments were received.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

- Item A-1 Warrant Report (Mr. Young)
- Item A-2 2024-25 School Plan for Student Achievement (SPSA) (Mr. Young)
- Item A-3 2024-25 School Site and Comprehensive Support & Improvement (CSI) and Additional Targeted Support and Improvement (ATSI) Plans (Mr. Young)
- Item A-4 2024-25 Parent and Family Engagement Policies: District Level and School Level (Mr. Young)
- Item A-5 Approval of Certificated and Classified Personnel Matters (Dr. Dosty)
- Item A-6 Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (Mr. Dawson)
- Item A-7 RGA Mosher Portable Building and Lunch Shelter Proposal (Mr. Young)
- Item A-8 Resolution 2024-67 Authorizing Certain Employees to Sign Orders Drawn on School District Funds (Mr. Young)
- Item A-9 Resolution 2024-69 Piggyback Contract – Class Leasing Relocatable (Mr. Young)
- Item A-10 Resolution 2024-70 Authorization to Amend the Contract Agreement for the Westwood Elementary Playground Replacement & Shade Structure Project No. 6128-4316 (Mr. Young)
- Item A-11 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of June 4, 2024 (Mr. Young)

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

Public Comments on Consent Agenda B

The following individuals spoke on behalf of Student #23/24-10-89: Bobby Bivens; Shirley Washington; and L'oreal Carter-Dennis.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

- Item B-1 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-7-88
- Item B-3 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-10-90
- Item B-4 Expulsion: Student # 23/24-10-91

Both Mr. Nava and Mr. Porter explained that they were uncomfortable voting on Item B-2, Student #23/24-10-89, as additional information had been introduced. They asked that the case be tabled to the next meeting.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as amended.

Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda B – Student Matters

Superintendent Young stated that Mark Dawson, Area Director, will work with the principal to obtain additional information related the matter.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to table Consent Agenda B, Student Matter #23/24-10-89 to the next Board meeting.

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Approval of Primary Logos for Joe Serna Jr. Charter School, Dorothy Mahin, and Christa McAuliffe Middle School

Superintendent Young commented that Pierre Kirby, Principal, Christa McAuliffe and Alejandra Estrada, Principal, Joe Serna, Jr. Charter School, were in the audience, should Board have any questions related to the updated logos for those two school sites.

No comments were received.

Mrs. Macfarlane moved, Ms. Alexander seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-1 Approval of Primary Logos for Joe Serna Jr. Charter School, Dorothy Mahin, and Christa McAuliffe Middle School.

Item OAI-2 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)

Superintendent Young noted that the Local Control Accountability Plan has come before the Board multiple times and is now presented for final approval.

No comments were received.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-2 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).

Item OAI-3 Local Control and Accountability Plan – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Addendum

Superintendent Young presented the Every Student Succeeds Act addendum for Board approval.

No comments were received.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-3 Local Control and Accountability Plan – Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Addendum.

Item OAI-4 2024-25 Budget Adoption

Superintendent Young offered the district's 2024-25 budget for consideration of the Board.

No comments were received.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-4 2024-25 Budget Adoption.

Item OAI-5 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: Confidential Group

Allen Dosty, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, presented the AB 1200 documents pertaining to the Confidential Group for Board consideration.

No comments were received.

Mr. Porter moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-5 AB1200 Documents for Lodi Unified School District Employee Group: Confidential Group.

Item OAI-6 Improvement to the Lodi Unified School District Confidential Salary Schedule to Reflect Salary Improvement in Alignment with the District's Proposal to Other Employee Groups for the 2023-2024 School Year

Dr. Dosty presented the salary increase for the Confidential Unit to the Board for consideration.

No comments were received.

Mr. Porter moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-6 Improvement to the Lodi Unified School District Confidential Salary Schedule to Reflect Salary Improvement in Alignment with the District’s Proposal to Other Employee Groups for the 2023-2024 School Year.

Item OAI-7 Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) Re-opens for the 2024-25 Year

Dr. Dosty presented the 2024-25 re-opens for the Supervisorial Group to Board for consideration.

No comments were received.

Dr. Bal moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-7 Lodi Unified Supervisorial Group (LUSG) Re-opens for the 2024-25 Year.

Item OAI-8 Credential Waiver Application and Approval

Dr. Dosty proposed approval of credential waivers for eight certificated employees.

No comments were received.

Mr. Nava moved, Dr. Bal seconded, and the Board voted unanimously to approve Item OAI-8 Credential Waiver Application and Approval.

Item OAI-9 Resolution 2024-66 Concerning an Exemption to the CalSTRS Separation from Service Requirement

Dr. Dosty explained that due to a state-wide shortage of substitute teachers such exemptions are available for needed positions before the 180-calendar day separation from service requirement is fulfilled. CalSTRS retiree, Corinne Howe is willing to assist the district by providing her services if the district can receive a CalSTRS exemption for her to do so.

Mr. Stroh explained that the employee seeking the exemption is his sister, so he will abstain from voting.

Mr. Nava moved, Mrs. Macfarlane seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-9 Resolution 2024-66 Concerning an Exemption to the CalSTRS Separation from Service Requirement, as follows:

Ayes:	Alexander, Bal, Knackstedt, Nava, Macfarlane, and Porter
Noes:	none
Abstain:	Stroh
Absent:	none

Motion Carried

Reports

Local Priority Indicator Data Review for the California School Dashboard

Superintendent Young offered the report, as it is a requirement for the Local Control and Accountability Plan.

No questions or comments were received regarding the report.

Board Member Advisory Reports

Board Members Stroh and Porter had recently attended the Lodi Unified/City of Lodi 2x2 Committee meeting and shared information from the meeting. Mr. Stroh noted that the group discussed safety at crosswalks near Lodi High School and problems with traffic congestion at Lakewood Mall. He explained that the City of Lodi representatives stated there is currently a need for seventeen blinking crosswalk indicators in the city and future installation is scheduled. The committee also discussed use of city-owned sports fields and the priority

sequence for reservations. They reported that the Lodi Police Department recently presented a gang intervention talk to the high schools and the City of Lodi will be connecting with Lincoln Technical Academy to discuss internship opportunities for district students.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Young reported concerns over cracks on the tennis courts at Lodi High, noting the problem will be addressed over the summer, as well as checking courts at the other comprehensive high schools. Mr. Young commented on Prop. 28 and the needs of the band at Tokay High School. He further explained that Prop. 28 presents challenges, as eighty percent of the funds available are for staff and only twenty percent towards equipment needs. Superintendent Young provided clarification regarding the book review committee, data confirmation, and the process of an independent group to provide feedback, not to make decisions about library books and teacher materials.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Knackstedt reported that Bear Creek and McNair tennis courts need attention and noted that summertime is good to address the needed repairs.

Mrs. Alexander reported she has been in touch with Rachel Gregorn, teacher, at Elkhorn regarding a STEM camp that starts on June 28. She noted that she would like to see pictures or presentations of such special events in the district and to highlight what the district does for students.

Mr. Nava agrees with the needed repairs to the tennis courts and noted it poses a safety issue. Mr. Nava stated that the San Joaquin County Board of Supervisors has asked him to contact district art teachers for assistance with updating their logo; he provided information to Chelsea Vongehr, Public Information Officer, to assist.

Mr. Stroh gave a shout out to the teachers of the Bear Creek High School math department, as their scores went up twelve percent last year. He noted he has received positive comments from various teachers regarding classroom visits by the superintendent, including a comment from Doug Fonda explaining that Mr. Young brought doughnuts to his classroom at Borchardt Elementary School to celebrate a student essay contest winner.

Dr. Bal responded to the concerns addressed earlier under public comment regarding the need for musical instruments at Tokay High School. She congratulated the summer school program, as 900 students had signed up as of yesterday, including her son. She stated that the Special Education department has been on the back burner and needs attention and focus.

Mr. Porter announced that Jenn Buck recently received the North Central Valley STEM Center's Albert Brocchini Memorial STEM Teacher of the Year award. He noted that many students look back on Ms. Buck as their favorite teacher, as she is dedicated to her craft. He asked that she be added to an upcoming Board agenda for recognition of her award.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.