



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 17, 2021
Closed Session 6:00 p.m./Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**

Board Members Present: Mrs. Susan Macfarlane, Vice President; Mr. Courtney Porter, Clerk; Mr. Ron Heberle; Mr. Joe Nava; Mr. Gary Knackstedt; and Mr. George Neely

Board Member Absent: Mr. Ron Freitas, President

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

Student Representatives: Marissa Duterte, McNair High School and Taylor Willis, Tokay High School, were present.

Meeting Recorder: Mrs. Michelle Armstrong, Executive Assistant to the Board of Education

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. at Bear Creek High School Theater, located at 10555 Thornton Rd, Stockton, CA 95209 and broadcast on YouTube.

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 7:00 p.m. and attendance was recorded. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Knackstedt.

Closed Session

Vice President Macfarlane reported the following action was taken in Closed Session:

Closed Session Student Matters:

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve the Settlement Agreement of OAH Case No. 2021050805 & 20211050197 by the following vote:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Freitas	Motion Carried

Closed Session Personnel Matters:

Mr. Heberle motioned, Mr. Knackstedt seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Eba Martinez as Program Coordinator/Curriculum & Instruction, effective 2021/2022 school year, by the following vote:

Ayes: Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Freitas Motion Carried

Mr. Nava motioned, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Jose Ferreira as Middle School Vice Principal, effective 2021/2022 school year, location TBD, by the following vote:

Ayes: Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Freitas Motion Carried

Mr. Porter motioned, Mr. Heberle seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Charalee Cunningham as Elementary Vice Principal, effective 2021/2022 school year, location TBD, by the following vote:

Ayes: Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Freitas Motion Carried

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Scott McGregor as Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, effective date TBD, by the following vote:

Ayes: Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Freitas Motion Carried

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Neil Young as Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, effective date TBD, by the following vote:

Ayes: Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Freitas Motion Carried

Mr. Neely motioned, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve the appointment of Susan Petersen as Director, Elementary Education, effective date TBD, by the following vote:

Ayes: Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter
Noes: none
Abstain: none
Absent: Freitas Motion Carried

Spotlight

Dr. Washer welcomed the new site administrators and then invited Scott McGregor, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, to introduce: Alyssa Barban, Vice Principal, Washington Elementary and Lockeford School; Ed Gehrke, Vice Principal, Wagner-Holt Elementary School; Phillip Jay, Vice Principal, Larson Elementary School; Preeti Raheja, Vice Principal, Manlio Silva Elementary School; Arminah Zarif, Vice Principal, Parklane Elementary School; Melissa Zermeno, Vice Principal, Heritage and Lawrence Elementary Schools; and Rogelio Jaime, Vice Principal, Westwood Elementary.

Public Hearing

Robert Sahli, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, tabled the Public Hearing on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Washer recognized Joe Serna Jr. Charter School for receiving the 2020-2022 National PTA School of Excellence designation. She stated the recognition symbolizes the school's work as national leaders in developing strong family-school partnerships; she added that towards the end of September, the school will receive a designation banner to proudly hang at their school. Dr. Washer announced that GOT Kids is holding a fundraiser, Dancin' on Dynamite, October 2, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. She spoke about Jeff Palmquist, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, leaving Lodi USD to take on the role as Superintendent of Oakley Union School District.

The Board expressed their gratitude for Mr. Palmquist and his time with the District and wished him all the best with his new position.

Comments from Student Representatives

Marissa Duterte, McNair High School and Taylor Willis, Tokay High School, presented reports from their respective schools.

Comments from the Public

Liz Brigit, Community Member, spoke about the mask mandate.

Robert Wilson, Community Member, spoke about critical race theory curriculum and the mask mandate.

Ria Jones, Community Member/Grandparent, spoke about the mask mandate and vaccinations.

Scott Woznick, Teacher, Special Education, spoke about masks, COVID testing, vaccinations, and the potential of losing teachers due to the mandates.

Tabby Whitaker, Parent, Lockeford Elementary, spoke about her son forgetting his mask, the experience of having to wear a mask every day, and being sent to the principal's office for not wearing a mask.

Aaron Barnett, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School, spoke about Board wearing masks at the meeting and the District's budget reserves.

Aracely Flores, Parent, spoke about supporting prochoice on mask wearing.

Consent Agenda A, Routine Business

Mr. Heberle pulled Item A-10 from Consent Agenda A for discussion.

- Item A-1 Warrant Report
- Item A-2 Contracts List
- Item A-3 Changes to the Adopted Budget
- Item A-4 Purchase Order Detail Report
- Item A-5 Notice of Completion for Public Works Projects under the California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCAA)
- Item A-6 The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing requires Board of Education approval to assign certificated personnel according to EC 44256 (b), EC 44258.2, EC 44263, and T5 80020.4
- Item A-7 Credential Waiver Application and Approval
- Item A-8 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP)
- Item A-9 Approval of Construction Project Change Order 2 - Tokay High School Increment 1 Site Work Project Number 0947-8247-1
- Item A-11 Minutes of the Regular Meeting of August 3, 2021

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda A, Routine Business, as amended, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Freitas	Motion Carried

Individual Action on Items Pulled from Consent Agenda A – Routine Business

Item A-10 Resolution 2021-50 Authorization to Request Proposals – Authorization to Advertise and Request Proposals for the Lodi High School Aquatic Center and Locker/Restrooms/Concession Building

Mr. Heberle pulled the item to state that he is in full support of Resolution 2021-50.

Mr. Knackstedt commented about the need to fix the pool when he was the athletic director at Lodi High several years ago and expressed his excited about it finally happening.

Mr. Porter commented about his time as a student and visiting the Lodi High pool about 50 years ago and the need then to have it fixed.

No public comments were received.

Mr. Heberle moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item A-10 Resolution 2021-50 Authorization to Request Proposals – Authorization to Advertise and Request Proposals for the Lodi High School Aquatic Center and Locker/Restrooms/ Concession Building, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Freitas	Motion Carried

The student preferential vote was aye.

Consent Agenda B – Student Discipline Cases

(Item B-1) Expulsion: Student # 20/21-11-07

(Item B-2) Expulsion: Student # 20/21-9-08

Mr. Neely moved, Mr. Nava seconded, and the Board voted to approve Consent Agenda B, Student Discipline Cases, as presented, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Freitas	Motion Carried

Other Action Items

Item OAI-1 Resolution 2021-52 for the Hiring of Short-Term Classified Employees

Mike McKilligan, Assistant Superintendent, Personnel, stated that Resolution 2021-52 covers the hiring of AVID tutors.

No Board or public comments were given.

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-1 Resolution 2021-52 for the Hiring of Short-Term Classified Employees, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Freitas	Motion Carried

The student preferential vote was aye.

Item OAI-2 Realign Preschool Program Typist Clerk III to an Administrative Secretary I Position to Better Meet Programmatic Needs

Paul Warren, Administrative Director, Student Services/SELPA, spoke about the Typist Clerk III position being realigned to an Administrative Secretary I position to better meet program needs.

No Board or public comments were given.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Neely seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-2 Realign Preschool Program Typist Clerk III to an Administrative Secretary I Position to Better Meet Programmatic Needs, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Freitas	Motion Carried

The student preferential vote was aye.

Item OAI-3 Lodi Early Literacy Support Block Grant

Scott McGregor, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary Education, spoke briefly about the grant and stated it was approved by the Sacramento County Office of Education and California Department of Education, and that the District will start receiving funds once approved by the Lodi USD Board.

No Board or public comments were given.

Mr. Nava moved, Mr. Porter seconded, and the Board voted to approve Item OAI-3 Lodi Early Literacy Support Block Grant, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Freitas	Motion Carried

The student preferential vote was aye.

Personnel Matters

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

Public Comments

Lisa Wilkins, Teacher, Morada Middle School

Mr. Knackstedt moved, Mr. Heberle seconded, and the Board voted to approve Personnel Matters, by the following vote:

Ayes:	Heberle; Knackstedt; Macfarlane; Nava; Neely; Porter	
Noes:	none	
Abstain:	none	
Absent:	Freitas	Motion Carried

Reports

COVID-19 Case Rates and CDPH Vaccination Verification/Testing Order for Workers in Schools

Leonard Kahn, Chief Business Officer, spoke about the spread of COVID-19 since the start of the 2021/22 school year, the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) vaccination testing order, and about the strict daily reporting requirements.

Mr. Knackstedt asked if microphones that can be placed behind teachers' masks have been ordered.

Mr. Kahn stated that staff is researching microphone options.

Mr. Neely asked when the CDPH order goes into effect. Dr. Washer stated that it is in effect now, but the District must be in total compliance by October 15, 2021.

Mrs. Macfarlane asked about the amount of PPE the District has. Mr. Kahn stated the District has more than enough PPE and is actually running out of storage because of the amount.

Public Comments

Lisa Wilkins, Teacher, Morada Middle School

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Cynthia Cuevas, Community Member/Grandparent
Jennifer Dietrich, Parent, John Muir Elementary School
Aaron Barnett, Teacher, Christa McAuliffe Middle School

School Improvement Plan Update

Robert Sahli, Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment, spoke about the strategies and information gathered at the July 13, 2021 Board meeting and stated that staff is seeking additional Board input on direction for additional staffing needs: 25.0 FTE Mental Health Clinicians 1 & 2; 2.0 FTE Itinerant Behavior Psychologists; 2.0 FTE Board Certified Behavior Analysts; 6.0 FTE Behavior Paraeducators; 2.0 FTE Elementary Counselors; Additional Community Liaison Assistants to help with community learning hubs; 1.0 FTE Coordinator; and 1.0 FTE Secretary.

Rafael Ceja, Coordinator, Educational & Support Services, pointed out that the District has funding options for ongoing services due to an increase in the Local Control Funding Formula.

Mr. Neely questioned if there will be an issue filling the proposed positions.

Mrs. Macfarlane spoke about adding campus security and any additional suggestions from school sites to ensure nothing is being missed.

Discussion ensued.

Board gave direction to move forward with hiring, but to look at current District employees first before going to the outside market.

Public Comments

Lisa Wilkins, Teacher, Morada Middle School

Panorama Survey Cycle

Jeff Palmquist, Assistant Superintendent, Secondary Education, spoke about Panorama, the universal screener for social and emotional learning (SEL), that was implemented in the spring. He introduced Aisha Brice, Program Coordinator, Instructional Services, to go over the details of the SEL survey given May 3rd – 21st. Ms. Brice shared that 13,656 students in grades 3 – 12 completed the survey which is a 64% districtwide response. She presented the survey data and spoke about the student responses. Ms. Brice stated that the data provided insight on how sites can support students social-emotional well-being at the Tier 1, Tier 2, and Tier 3 levels. Ms. Brice shared that the next surveys dates: fall (August 30th- September 10th); winter (January 17th- January 28th); spring (May 2nd- May 13th).

Mr. Neely stated his concern about only having a 64% response rate and his hope to increase the percentage rate next time.

Mr. Heberle asked how accessible the data and information is to school sites.

Discussion ensued.

Public Comments

No public comments were given.

Communications

Comments from Employee Group Representatives

No comments were given.

Comments from Board Members

Mr. Nava welcomed the student representatives and congratulated District staff on their new administrative positions and movement.

Mr. Knackstedt commented on how most students seem fine and are not bothered by wearing masks and the issue lies more with the parents.

Comments from the Superintendent

No further comments were given.

Board Advisory Committee Reports

Mr. Neely spoke briefly about two Legislative Advocacy Committee meetings he attended with the Superintendent and State Assembly Member Heath Flora and State Assembly Member Carlos Villapudua. He stated the meetings went well and they addressed substitute shortages; the possible extension of the deadline for COVID-19 funding; additional funding for Transitional Kindergarten; creation of financial literacy opportunities for students; concerns of the decline in enrollment; support for full and fair funding, and AB 428.

Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

Clerk of the Board

President of the Board