



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 19, 2021**

Closed Session 5:30 PM / Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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This meeting was conducted via Zoom Webinar, and was in compliance with Assembly Bill (AB) 361, which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. Members of the public were encouraged to observe and participate remotely.

Board Members Present: President Craig Bueno, Clerk Emily Prusso, Members Yanira Guzmán, Kristie Wang, and Anne White were present

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent; Michelle Dawson, Coordinator of Community Engagement; Geoff Warner, Chief Technology Officer; and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Lori Rice

Administrative Staff Present via Zoom During Open Session: Darrel Avilla, Director of Student Services; Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources; and Kim McNeely, Bond Director

Student Board Member Representatives Present: Emily Wheeler, Livermore High School

1.0 5:32 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bueno with Clerk Emily Prusso, and Members Yanira Guzmán, Kristie Wang, and Anne White present.

2.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss items 2.1 through 2.5. Staff in attendance included Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent; and Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent; Frank Selvaggio, Director of Special Education; and Karen Samman from Fagen, Friedman, & Frost.

2.1 Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Leave/Employment/Complaint Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

2.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Employee Organizations: California School Employees Association (CSEA) – Chris Van Schaack; Service Employees International Union (SEIU) – Chris Van Schaack; Livermore Education Association (LEA) – Chris Van Schaack

2.3 Anticipated Litigation, Conference with Legal Counsel – Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to Paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9: Three Cases

2.4 Existing Litigation, Conference with Legal Counsel – Pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Gov Code 54954.5 9 (c)): One case

2.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators

(Government Code Section 54956.08) APN 905-0018-024 (3266 Constitution Drive), APN 905-0018-025 (3278 Constitution Drive), in Livermore, California.

Agency Negotiator: Chris Van Schaack, Susan Kinder, Kelly Bowers

3.0 7:06 P.M. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

3.1 The Regular Board Meeting was reconvened in Open Session by President Craig Bueno with Clerk Emily Prusso, Members Yanira Guzmán, Kristie Wang, and Anne White present.

President Bueno noted that District staff will continue to debrief following our Zoom Webinar Board meeting of the LVJUSD, with the intent to make modifications to the virtual meeting format if/as needed for future meetings. He thanked members of the public for their continued understanding and patience.

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Student Board Member Emily Wheeler.
- B. Actions approved in Closed Session - None to report.
- C. Expulsion Action - None
- D. Meeting Procedures – President Craig Bueno reviewed all meeting procedures that included detailed instructions for Section 8.0 - Communications from the Public.

4.0 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Bowers stated that there was one change to the agenda.

Three pieces of formal Board correspondence were received after the agenda was published. Per policy, the cutoff time is 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting; however the deadline for inclusion was extended until 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. A copy of the additional correspondence was provided to each Board member, was summarized and included in the Board Clerk summary.

5.0 RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Recognition of Sunset Elementary Custodian, Ryan Wray and Integrated Learning Specialist, Dawna Piazza

Superintendent Bowers introduced Tom Fletcher, the proud principal of Sunset Elementary School, who virtually recognized and honored Head Custodian Ryan Wray and Integrated Learning Specialist

Dawna Piazza. Principal Fletcher stated that he was proud to recognize two members of the Sunset community who go above and beyond the call of duty on a daily basis to make Sunset School an incredible community. He noted that Head Custodian Ryan Wray works every day with a smile and a sense of joy that is contagious. Ryan asks questions, offers insight, shows flexibility, supports others, solves problems, and genuinely looks for ways to better himself and the school every single day. Dawna Piazza, Integrated Learning Specialist, works tirelessly with paraeducators and students with exceptional needs. She constantly develops strategies and ideas to help students engage in their daily lessons. Dawna is a beacon of hope and encouragement to many on campus. Mr. Fletcher thanked both Ryan and Dawna for all they do on a daily basis to support the Sunset community.

5.2 Recognition of the LVJUSD Human Resources Team

Superintendent Bowers introduced Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack, who virtually recognized and honored the LVJUSD Human Resources Team. Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack remarked that this outstanding team has done some exceptional things, this year more than any other year. The team has worked diligently to fill vacant positions and LVJUSD has done a much better job recruiting than many other districts. The HR team has also taken on the tremendous task of regular COVID-19 testing. The entire team has rallied together to accomplish this ongoing assignment. Mr. Van Schaack congratulated and thanked the Human Resources Department for their determined effort and helpful approach.

6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

In the absence of Granada High School Student Board member, Elise Davies, Emily Wheeler read Ms. Davies' report. She remarked that the last few weeks have been full of excitement as students prepared for and participated in Homecoming Week. Ms. Davies thanked the Associated Student Body (ASB) leadership for the hours of preparation and set-up for the Homecoming Dance. She wished luck to all the athletes participating in upcoming games. In closing, she encouraged students by stating, "Remember to always stay classy, Granada."

Emily Wheeler - Livermore High School, reported that the Homecoming Dance was held on October 9th, and was very successful. She shared that the Senior class recently held a Saturday field day on the football field in which activities included several games and a movie. Emily went on to report that there have been very few issues with students wearing masks. She thanked the Cowboy Nation for their hard work at keeping their school community safe. Emily noted that students would dress up in pink for the upcoming home football game to show their support for Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and wished luck to all of the sports teams with upcoming games. She closed her report by stating, "Today is a great day to be a Cowboy."

7.0 EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

Aimee Thompson, Livermore Education Association (LEA) President, reported that she had read several articles with the general theme that there is not enough time or resources for teachers to do their jobs as well as they expect of themselves. She clarified that these expectations are internal expectations that teachers have of themselves, as they know what students need and what best practices look like. Ms. Thompson urged a careful examination of initiatives being rolled out this year as compared to

those from previous years to determine how things might be consolidated, streamlined or eliminated to alleviate some of the pressure that teachers are feeling.

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - via Zoom

8A - Audience Communication

Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, spoke against mask mandates in the schools. She shared her opinion that masks do not work and posed several questions related to the requirements of quarantine and masks outdoors at extracurricular evening events.

Allen Marling, Livermore resident and Granada High School graduate, commended the District leaders and teachers for the mask mandate, which makes school more accessible for all students. He shared his opinion that the only thing better than a mask mandate would be a vaccine mandate.

8B Board Correspondence - The Board of Education received the following Formal Board Correspondence. Board President Bueno asked Clerk Emily Prusso to summarize the correspondence to the Board.

1. Cathy Brabec, LVJUSD grandparent, expressed thanks and appreciation for the service and dedication of our Board members to the children and families of the LVJUSD.
2. Anna Cleary, LVJUSD parent, expressed support for masks in school and thanked the Board for doing their part to keep kids, teachers, and staff safe from the highly transmissible virus.
3. Teri Sorkin, Community member, shared her opinion that it is not science to believe that we are in a one-size-fits all situation and advocated for vaccine choice.
4. Melanie Hagebusch, LVUSD parent, urged the Board and Superintendent to stand up for parental choice related to COVID-19 vaccinations.

9.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 COVID-19 Informational Update

Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent, presented the LVJUSD COVID-19 Informational Update, for information only.

Public Comments:

Kristine Kansa, Community member, shared support for the mask mandate that safeguards children, staff, teachers, and the community. She also shared her support for State-mandated vaccinations for eligible children in the future, as well as the rapid COVID-19 testing for modified quarantine. She commended the Board and District staff for their transparency in reporting student COVID-19 cases via the dashboard on the District website.

Joanne Morrison, Community member, thanked the Board for all of the work that has been done to keep children safe. She addressed the 'walk-out,' that took place. She shared her opinion that this was not a walk-out, but a 'keep out,' in which elementary and middle school students were kept out of school based on their parents' decision to make a political point.

Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, posed several questions related to the requirement of masks at outdoor extracurricular events and the indicators required to relax the mitigation mandates.

Lanie Pascall, LVJUSD parent, expressed appreciation for the option of rapid COVID-19 testing and modified quarantine and asked if the District could provide a list of resources for other testing facilities when coming on to a school site for testing is not an option.

** Note Mr. Van Schaack relayed that this information is on the District website and that he would ensure that this information is shared with school office staff. Superintendent Bowers shared specific testing options as outlined on the District website.

9.2 Measure J Bond Program Update

Kim McNeely, Bond Director, presented the Measure J Program Update, which included a video presentation featuring signature Bond projects, for information only.

Public Comments: None

9.3 General Fund Budget Update

Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent, presented the General Fund Budget Update, for information only.

Public Comments: None

10.0 DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of New Job Description for the YouthBuild Construction Coordinator

Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources, presented the New Job Description for the YouthBuild Construction Coordinator, for Board approval

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Anne White** Moved, Clerk **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the New Job Description for the YouthBuild Construction Coordinator.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

10.2 Approval of the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) Expenditure Plan

Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) Expenditure Plan, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to ‘Approve the Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund (ESSER III) Expenditure Plan.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0

10.3 Approval of Board Policy 1313 Civility

Darrel Avilla, Director of Student Services, presented Board Policy 1313 Civility, for the Second Reading and Final Board approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to ‘Approve Board Policy 1313 Civility for a Second Reading and Final Board Approval.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Ye

11.0 CONSENT ITEMS - MOTIONS

- 11.1 Approval of Consent Items – Motions
- 11.2 Approval of Employment of Personnel

- 11.3 Approval of Employment of Extracurricular Coaches, 2021/2022
- 11.4 Approval of Leaves of Absence
- 11.5 Confirmation of Resignations/Retirements
- 11.6 Approval of the Career Technical Education (CTE) Advisory Committee Members
- 11.7 Approval the Purchase Order Summary Report for September
- 11.8 Approval of Gifts to the District
- 11.9 Approval of the October 5, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL – Motion

Member **Kristie Wang** Moved, Clerk **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Items – Motions 11.2 - 11.9.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

12.0 CONSENT ITEMS - RESOLUTIONS

- 12.1 Approval of Consent Items - Resolutions
- 12.2 Resolution No. 017-21/22, California Week of the School Administrator
- 12.3 Resolution No. 018-21/22, Red Ribbon Week
- 12.4 Resolution No. 019-21/22, Unity Day 2021: Affirming the Importance of Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion for All
- 12.5 Resolution No. 020-21/22, Acceptance of the Distribution Panel Upgrades Project at Livermore High School - Notice of Completion
- 12.6 Resolution No. 021-21/22, Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment
- 12.7 Resolution No. 022-21/22, Authorizing Meetings By Remote Teleconference Due To The Continued State of Emergency And Findings Made in Support Thereof

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL – Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, President **Craig Bueno**, Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Items 12.2 through 12.7.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes

Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

13.0 CONSENT ITEMS – MOTIONS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/VOTE

No items were removed for separate discussion.

14.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Trustee Anne White shared that she attended the auditors' workshop for the Booster Clubs. These meetings were attended by principals and Booster club / parent group leaders from each site. There was conversation suggesting that Booster Clubs collaborate with site and District leadership to ensure that purchases align with site and District needs.

Trustee Emily Prusso reported that she had recently attended the Parent Club Information Council (PCIC) meeting. She thanked Chairman Dave Vonheeder for his work to lead this group, as well as the parent volunteers who lead these groups at each school site. She thanked Dr. Liisa Hanninen-Danner who presented to the PCIC group, along with her team, for the work they continue to do to support students in our District. Trustee Prusso noted that she had also taken the opportunity to attend the National Honor Society Induction Ceremony at Livermore High School. She shared that it was exciting to be on campus in the theater with students and parents. She shared a special congratulations to those students for their hard work and the service they provide for our community.

Trustee Yanira Guzmán shared that she had participated in a few events vicariously through her children. Ms. Guzmán was encouraged to see that we're going back to some traditional activities. She remarked that she looks forward to rolling out activities and easing up on restrictions as conditions improve.

Trustee Kristie Wang shared that she, too, had participated in some of the Homecoming activities at Granada High School. She stated that every year she is impressed when she sees the work that students have accomplished. She thanked students, parents, teachers, staff and administrators from both Granada and Livermore High Schools, who worked tirelessly to make the Homecoming Dances possible. Ms. Wang noted that she had heard from several students that told her how much they enjoyed the Homecoming Dances. She shared a special thanks to all who were involved. Trustee Wang also participated in the unveiling of the Conversation Pieces art banner project, at the Bankhead. She encouraged everyone to stop by the Bankhead throughout the week to view the impressive project. She stated that she is also advocating for this travelling exhibit to make stops at each of the LVJUSD high school campuses.

President Craig Bueno echoed what other trustees reported in terms of the excitement on campus. President Bueno remarked that he had recently stopped by to observe a swim meet at Granada High School. He noted that this kind of event has never been possible before, as the campus did not have the facilities to accommodate this grand scale event. He stated that LVJUSD students are benefitting from the generosity of this community and LHS will have their aquatic center soon. President Bueno also shared his excitement at seeing the Homecoming events and the Walk and Roll to School day

events among others. He noted that everyone knew the importance of the social aspect of learning for our students, and he's enjoying seeing kids together with their friends. President Bueno commended staff across the board--teachers, custodians, administrators, etc. for their effort in keeping our schools and community safe. He went on to note that the Livermore community initially had a more significant disease impact and with all of the mitigating actions put in place, there has now been a substantial decline in cases, disproportionate to the other communities.

15.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bowers reported that she and the Board had the pleasure of joining the City Council to accept the All-America City Award. She stated it was very gratifying that our strong youth advocacy and leadership in the areas of anti-vaping, mental wellness, and equity/inclusion were mentioned as key components in earning the award. Dr. Bowers reported that all staff and students would participate in the Great California Shakeout earthquake response drill on October 20th, and noted that the Emergency Operations Center would be activated for the drill.

Finally, Dr. Bowers remarked that the Board had passed a number of key resolutions - in honor of school administrators, Red Ribbon Week, and Unity Day. She shared that the entire LVJUSD community would wear orange on October 20th, Unity Day, as a symbol of unity, acceptance, and inclusion, as a visible outward sign and message that no child should ever experience bullying or ostracism.

Dr. Bowers closed her remarks by stating, 'Be Well and Stay #LVJUSDstrong! We know we are #StrongerTogether!'

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Bueno adjourned the Meeting at 9:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Board President

Board Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings of this Board this 16th day of November, 2021.