



# MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 5, 2024

**Closed Session 6:00 PM / Board Meeting 7:00 PM**

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**Board Members Present:** President Emily Prusso, Clerk Kristie Wang, Members Steven Drouin, and Yanira Guzmán, were present. Board Member Craig Bueno was absent.

**Administrative Staff Present:** Kelly Manke, Assistant Superintendent; Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent; Teresa Fiscus, Assistant Superintendent; Amy Robbins, Executive Director of Human Resources; Tracie Christmas, Director of Student Services; Doug D'Amour, Fiscal Director; Michelle Dawson, Coordinator of Community Engagement; Chris Connor, Director of Elementary Education; Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education; Donielle Machi, Principal; Ravi Prabhala, Vice Principal; Clark Conover, Principal; and, Chris Van Schaack, Superintendent.

**Student Board Member Representative Present:** Kathryn Johnson representing Livermore High School and Amanda Dunmeyer representing Granada High School.

## **1.0 6:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Prusso.

## **2.0 6:00 P.M. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting was adjourned to Closed Session by President Prusso.

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss items 2.1 through 2.5. Staff in attendance included: Chris Van Schaack, Superintendent; Teresa Fiscus, Assistant Superintendent; Kelly Manke, Assistant Superintendent; and, Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent.

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

2.2 Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6 Employee Organizations: Livermore Education Association (LEA) – Kelly Manke; Service Employees International Union (SEIU) – Kelly Manke;

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: One Case

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

2.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators (Government Code Section 54956.8) Property APN. No. 905-0018-024 (3266 Constitution Drive), APN 90500018-025 (3278 Constitution Drive), in Livermore, California Agency Negotiators: Chris Van Schaack, Teresa Fiscus, Kelly Manke

### **3.0 7:05 P.M. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

3.1 The meeting was reconvened to Open Session by President Emily Prusso with Clerk Kristie Wang, and Members Steven Drouin, and Yanira Guzmán. Board Member Craig Bueno was absent.

3.2 The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Michell TK-8 School Students.

3.3 Actions approved in Closed Session -None

3.4 The Board will vote on any recommended expulsions - None

3.5 Meeting Procedures - President Prusso reviewed all meeting procedures, including instructions for 8.0 Communication from the Public.

### **4.0 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA**

#### 4.1 The Superintendent will announce any changes to the agenda

Superintendent Chris Van Schaack reported that there were no changes to the Agenda.

### **5.0 RECOGNITION**

#### 5.1 Recognition of Joe Michell TK-8 School Students

Superintendent Van Schaack asked Ms. Donielle Machi, Principal of Joe Michell TK-8 School, to present the recognition of her students: Lillian Tebbetts, Abigail Penner, Ingrid Siefering, Rebekah Lee, Isabel Mendez, Guinevere Steele, Genevieve Corlett, Rahul Vepa, Serafina Gould, Veronica Hidalgo, Prithika Prasanna, Rayna Singh, and Piper Dorman.

These students were recognized for their outstanding participation in, and contributions to, the newspaper club, 'Joe's Thoughts.'

#### 5.2 Recognition of Granada High School Students

Superintendent Van Schaack asked Mr. Clark Conover, Principal of Granada High School, to present the recognition of his students: Olivia Bennett, Katana Canright, Rey Clenney, Shaurya Guleria, Amaya Orsi, Anjali Prasad, Sophia Rancanelli, Aspen Rosingana, Trinity Singley, Daniela Cristobal-Salazar, Inara Hepting, Emiliana O'Hara, Cedralia Pereira, and Teacher Jeffrey Watts.

These students were recognized for their outstanding performance in the musical, 'Clue.'

## 6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS REPORT

### 6.1 Student Board Member Representatives will report on their school activities

Kathryn Johnson, Livermore High School (LHS) Student Representative, shared her school update.

She began by recognizing Yeonjun Kim, who might be the first member of the California Scholarship Federation to win the Central Coast 2024 Seymour Memorial Award for Livermore High School since the club's creation in 2021. He has been selected as a regional finalist for the award, and she wished him luck.

She also wanted to recognize their wrestling team, who placed second in the NCS team duels. Their boys and girls soccer teams qualified and played in the NCS playoffs, which she said was awesome to hear about. Spring sports have started off strong, with baseball and softball boasting winning streaks. Boys and girls lacrosse are also playing games, along with boys volleyball and boys tennis, and she shared that she is excited to go out and watch their games.

Sophomores in the Green Engineering Academy are currently working with civil engineers to design and build model bridges that would fit the requirements in Santa Cruz or Greece. This program lasts ten weeks with Engineers Alliance for the Arts, and the top four bridge groups will compete with other Bay Area schools in the spring.

Their Theater department has been working hard on their latest production, *"Almost Maine,"* which completed its final performance on Saturday.

On campus they have a new group working on lessons to push out to classes about building healthy boundaries. The Boundary Builders are lining up lessons to present in class before prom comes around, because we want to open the discussion about healthy relationships.

Elise Goulart and Zayden Romo, two of their LHS Culture Keepers, recently attended the Gen Now Town Hall event in Oakland. They discussed youth mental health with local leaders, and even outside of this event have been great advocates for teen mental health.

This all contributes to their PBIS theme for March which is self-respect, healthy relationships, and boundaries.

Tomorrow is Kudos to Custodians Day, and they will all be showing their appreciation for their custodians, and everything they do to keep our school looking nice.

Tomorrow also kicks off Finals for Trimester 2, which means that they are almost completely through two-thirds of this school year. She shared that she cannot believe that she is going to be entering the final stretch of high school next week.

She closed by thanking all for listening, and told all that, 'Today is a great day to be a Cowboy!'

Amanda Dunmeyer, Granada High School (GHS) Student Representative, shared her school update.

Thursday is their last day of Trimester 2, and she was proud to say we are one step closer to summer. She is excited to move on to another chapter of the school year, but she is also nervous about the change and those awkward icebreakers. She would like to recognize Mrs. Ortner, or Ally, as all students call her. She is Granada's athletic trainer, who is there at every sports event with her speedy golf cart to assist athletes when needed. She is also a teacher who teaches many medical classes while being a fantastic person overall. She thanked Ally. Women's JV and Varsity softball won their first game against Freedom High School with crushing scores.

The boys' basketball team is in the State playoffs for the second year in a row. They won their first-round matchup by a score of 58-53. They won their second-round matchup against St. Ignatius. They also won against Clovis West High School in the Semifinals and they are playing San Ramon Valley tonight. She congratulated Lauren Nguyen for placing 8th at California Wrestling state championships.

The 24-hour race will be held at Granada and will take place on March 23rd and 24th. The 24-hour race is a nonprofit organization based out of San Francisco. It supports the cause of ending human trafficking around the world. Students will have a fun and safe 24 hours at Granada with free food and activities such as capturing the flag, hypnotism, and more. Students will form teams of up to 8 to fundraise money, which concludes with a 24-hour relay race. Students in their fundraising team gather at Granada to celebrate the funds raised with friends and peers through tournaments and fun games. On Wednesday, their annual Career Fair will be open to all students to learn about career opportunities by talking to Bay Area companies. They are only 4 months away from graduation and a safe and sober grad night. All are welcome to participate to ensure this year's class of 2024 has the best last night together.

She closed by stating, 'That is all for today, stay classy!'

## **7.0 EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

### 7.1 Employee Associations will report on activities

Ms. Aimee Thompson, President of the Livermore Education Association, representing teachers, nurses, counselors, psychologists, speech pathologists and teachers on special assignment commented.

She shared that she was a middle school science teacher, and would give students assessments and then analyze the results. Which questions did a majority of students miss and why? What needs to be retaught? She noted that at the end of the year she would look at overall students' progress- what were successful students doing that created their success? And added that one thing that struck her was that successful students asked questions. Asking questions showed engagement with the instruction.

Ms. Thompson said that from this observation, a homemade sign was created and displayed in her classroom, "Smart People Ask Questions," she changed the way she delivered direct instruction. After each chunk of information was provided she would pause and have every student write a question. They learned about different levels of questions. Students were forced to think about the information presented and engage with it. Student success levels increased.

Ms. Thompson noted that in her role as LEA President, something she has learned is that before she makes assumptions and jumps to conclusions, she needs to ask questions. She added that it is only through asking questions that she can arrive at conclusions based on accurate information.

On that thread, she asked questions about the budget certification that will be presented to the board tonight:

She shared that she understands that the budget projections can be certified as positive, meaning the District believes there will be enough money to meet its obligations. Qualified, meaning the District is not sure there will be enough money to meet its obligations, or Negative meaning our District does not believe they will have enough money to meet its obligations. She added that she understands that the budget certification for this meeting is Qualified.

She asked the following questions:

Are we self-certifying a qualified budget or have we been instructed to by the county office of education?

Is there an advantage to self-certifying a qualified budget as opposed to waiting for the county to direct us that it is required?

What are the impacts of a qualified budget certification- what does this mean, what happens as a result?

What services and supports become available to our District as a result of this certification and what are the costs for those services?

## **8.0 COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

### A) Audience Communication

1. None

### B) Correspondence

Board Clerk Kristie Wang announced that there were six Board Correspondences:

1. Dustin Coco, Texas Resident, commented in regards to an employee recording herself onto social media.
2. Cate Sarraille, Retired Educator and Past LEA President, commented after reviewing Board Policy 5145.3, and asked that the Board table the item.
3. Cathy Rainey, Parent, commented in regards to Board Policy 5145.3, saying that there is stronger language that can be used.
4. Joanne Morrison, Community Member, commented in regards to Board Policy 5145.3 needing additions, and provided the CSBA model.

5. B.J. Reynolds-Koonce, Parent, commented in regards to Board Policy 5145.3 and that there are significant recommendations from CSBA Gamut.
6. Julie La Blanc, Community Member, commented asking the Board to add specific language about who a student can contact and how their complaints will be investigated.

## **9.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### 9.1 Joe Michell TK-8 School Report

Ms. Donielle Machi - Principal, Ravi Prabhala - Vice Principal, and Margaret Ball - IB Coordinator, of Joe Michell TK-8 School, presented the School Report, for information only.

Public Comments: None

### 9.2 Granada High School Report

Mr. Clark Conover, Principal of Granada High School, presented the School Report, for information only.

Public Comments: None

### 9.3 PUBLIC HEARING: Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) Contract Re-opens between the Livermore Education Association and LVJUSD

Ms. Kelly Manke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the LVJUSD Contract Re-opens between LEA and LVJUSD, for information only.

Public Comments: None

### 9.4 Acknowledgement of Receipt of Livermore Education Association Sunshine Letter

Ms. Kelly Manke, Assistant Superintendent of Administrative Services, presented the Acknowledgement of Receipt of Livermore Education Association Sunshine Letter, for information only.

Public Comments: None

## **10.0 DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

### 10.1 Approval of New Course Descriptions - IB Business Management

Mr. Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education, presented the Approval of New Course Descriptions - IB Business Management, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

## **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Steven Drouin** Moved, and Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve New Course Descriptions - IB Business Management.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 4 - 0.

Emily Prusso	Yes
Kristie Wang	Yes
Craig Bueno	Absent
Steven Drouin	Yes
Yanira Guzmán	Yes

### 10.2 Approval of New Course Descriptions - IB Computer Science

Mr. Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education, presented the Approval of New Course Descriptions - IB Computer Science, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

## **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Kristie Wang** Moved, and Member **Steven Drouin** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve New Course Descriptions - IB Computer Science.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 4 - 0.

Emily Prusso	Yes
Kristie Wang	Yes
Craig Bueno	Absent
Steven Drouin	Yes
Yanira Guzmán	Yes

### 10.3 Approval of New Course Descriptions - IB Digital Society

Mr. Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education, presented the Approval of New Course Descriptions - IB Digital Society, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

## **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Steven Drouin** Moved, and Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve New Course Descriptions - IB Digital Society.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 4 - 0.

Emily Prusso	Yes
Kristie Wang	Yes

Craig Bueno	Absent
Steven Drouin	Yes
Yanira Guzmán	Yes

#### 10.4 Approval of the 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report

Ms. Teresa Fiscus, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, presented the Approval of the 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Steven Drouin** Moved, and Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the 2023-2024 Second Interim Financial Report.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried 4 - 0**.

Emily Prusso	Yes
Kristie Wang	Yes
Craig Bueno	Absent
Steven Drouin	Yes
Yanira Guzmán	Yes

#### 10.5 Approval of Board Regulation 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities

Ms. Tracie Christmas, Director of Student Services, presented the Approval of Board Regulation 6145 Extracurricular and Cocurricular Activities, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

The Board asked for changes to this Board Regulation, and asked if the Regulation could come back for a Second Reading at the next Board Meeting.

No vote was taken.

#### 10.6 Approval of Board Policy 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment

Ms. Tracie Christmas, Director of Student Services, presented the Approval of Board Policy (BP) 5145.3 Nondiscrimination/Harassment, for Board approval.

Public Comments:

1. Joanne Morrison, Community Member, commented asking if the Board could add additional information to BP 5145.3, and offered her assistance.
2. Cathy Rainey, Community Member, commented asking the Board not to approve the BP tonight, and add additional information.



The Board asked for changes to this Board Policy, and asked if the Policy could come back for a Second Reading at the next Board Meeting.

No vote was taken.

### 10.7 Election of Representatives to California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly

Superintendent Chris Van Schaack, presented the Election of Representatives to California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

#### **Amended - Motion**

Member **Kristie Wang** Moved, and Member **Steven Drouin** Seconded to approve the **Amended** motion to ‘The Board voted for Kelly Mokashi and Nancy Thomas for the 2024 Delegate Assembly Subregion 7-B, Alameda County.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 4 - 0.

Emily Prusso	Yes
Kristie Wang	Yes
Craig Bueno	Absent
Steven Drouin	Yes
Yanira Guzmán	Yes

#### **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, 2023/2024
- 11.4 Confirmation of Resignations
- 11.5 Approval of Consultant
- 11.6 Approval of Appointment of Member to the Citizens' Oversight Committee for Measure A Parcel Tax
- 11.7 Award of Contract for the Marylin Elementary School STEAM and Renovation Project Increment 1
- 11.8 Approval of the February 20, 2024 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Public Comments: None

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Steven Drouin** Moved, and Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to ‘Approve Consent Items - Motions No. 11.2 - 11.8.’ Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 4 - 0.

Emily Prusso	Yes
Kristie Wang	Yes

Craig Bueno	Absent
Steven Drouin	Yes
Yanira Guzmán	Yes

## **12.0 CONSENT ITEMS - RESOLUTIONS**

There were no Consent Items - Resolutions.

## **13.0 CONSENT ITEMS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/VOTE**

13.1 Consent items removed for separate discussion will be placed here and voted on separately

No Consent Items were removed for separate discussion.

## **14.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

14.1 Board Members reported on their activities and/or made requests to staff.

Trustee Wang wished all a happy Election Day. She shared that she attended the 4th & 5th Grade Spelling Bee. She mentioned that the 7th & 8th Grade Spelling Bee is on Wednesday, 3/6. All Board members attended the CTA Annual Breakfast. She attended the Tri-Valley SELPA Annual Resource and Transition Fair, Livermore Learns on LGBTQ+, Annual Enrollment Expo, Lawrence Leadership Day, Strategic Planning, Intergovernmental, Teacher Induction Program Steering Committee Meeting, Read Across America, and Traffic Safety Assessment. She also mentioned that the Livermore Area Youth Advisory Commission is putting on the Livermore Valley World Fair at Bankhead Plaza the weekend of the 9th and 10th of March.

Trustee Guzmán shared that she attended CTA Breakfast with LEA. She also attended the Lawrence Leadership Day, and enjoyed seeing all the TK students.

Trustee Drouin shared that he attended CTA Breakfast, Enrollment Expo, Jackson Multicultural Night, Read Across America, and Lawrence Leadership Day. He closed by thanking the bargaining units and district administration for collaborating and compromising for the good of our students.

Trustee Bueno was absent.

President Prusso shared that she attended the Spelling Bee, LHS & GHS Expos, CTA Breakfast, Algebra Taskforce Live Lesson Day, and Lawrence Leadership Day. She also mentioned that she is the Assistant to the Assistant JV Swim Coach at LHS.

## **15.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

15.1 The Superintendent reported on District activities

Superintendent Van Schaack shared that we are very pleased with the progress that our students have made during the second trimester, which comes to an end on Thursday. We have a day off at the school sites on Friday and then begin our third and final trimester next Monday. The data we are collecting, especially as it relates to our early literacy and early math, has been impressive. We look forward to sharing more extensive results at the end of the year.

Our TK/K registration fair took place last week and went very well, with over 600 families attending to complete the registration paperwork. We are anticipating a kindergarten class of nearly 900 and between 450 and 500 students in TK.

We have our District Spelling Bee tomorrow for our 7th and 8th grade students, which is always an entertaining event. It takes place here at the District Office at 3 o'clock.

Despite the rain, our spring sports are going full speed, with hundreds of our student athletes competing in baseball, softball, track, lacrosse, swimming, tennis, and diving.

We know the final trimester is a time for celebrations and acknowledgements of great academic achievement, and we hope all of us take a moment to appreciate the efforts of our students, and the many mentors along the way who have pushed them to new heights. It truly does take a village and spring is the time to take a breath and be proud of all we've accomplished.

He closed by wishing all a happy Tuesday night.

## **16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, President Emily Prusso adjourned the Meeting at 9:19pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Board President

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Board Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings of this Board this 19th day of March, 2024.