



# MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

March 15, 2022

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

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**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; Tracie Christmas, Director of Assessment and Accountability; Chris Connor, Director of Elementary Education; Teresa Fiscus, Director of Fiscal Services; Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education; Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources; Kim McNeely, Bond Program Director; Frank Selvaggio, Director of Special Education; Glenn Sherman, Director of Maintenance Operations and Facilities; Zandra Texeira, Coordinator of Special Education; Geoff Warner, Director of Information Technology; Michelle Dawson, Coordinator of Community Engagement; and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Lori Rice

**Student Board Member Representative Present:** Elise Davies, Granada High School; Emily Wheeler, Livermore High School was absent.

## **1.0 5:35 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Clerk Emily Prusso, and Members Yanira Guzmán, Kristie Wang, and Anne White present. President Bueno entered the meeting at 5:39 p.m.

## **2.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss items 2.1 through 2.6. Staff in attendance included Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent; and Susan Kinder, 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: 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: Two 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)): Two cases

2.5 Liability Claim No. 22-01 for Property Damage

2.6 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 Negotiators: Chris Van Schaack, Susan Kinder, Kelly Bowers

### **3.0 7:03 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.

**A.** The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Joe Michell K-8 5th grader, Navitha Kadali, winner of the Science Odyssey Best in Show Award.

**B.** Closed Session Action -

1. Trustee Guzmán reported that in Closed Session the Board of Education voted 5 - 0 to approve staff recommendation to release one probationary classified employee.

**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 were two changes to the agenda.

1. One piece of formal Board correspondence was received after the agenda was published and prior to the cutoff time of 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting, as per policy. A copy of the additional correspondence was summarized and included in the Board Clerk summary. Formal Correspondence received after the agenda was published will be included on the agenda of the April 19th Board Meeting.

2. In addition, Dr. Bowers also requested the Board to move Discussion/Action item 10.1 New Course Descriptions - German I and II A/B forward in the agenda, if needed, to accommodate the teacher who would be presenting. This change has been reflected in the minutes.

## **5.0 RECOGNITIONS**

### **5.1 Recognition of Croce Elementary School Office Staff**

Superintendent Bowers introduced Marni Angelo, the proud principal of Croce Elementary School, who honored and recognized the Croce Office staff, Marilyn Burns, Kimberly Day, and Tanya Mares. Mrs. Angelo noted that these women have created a welcoming environment for students, families, and staff as they serve Croce families with professionalism, patience, humor, and a smile each day. Mrs. Angelo commented that staff have reported that they feel welcomed, comfortable and supported by Marilyn, Kim, and Tayna and that these three women always go the extra mile to help staff, students, and families. Mrs. Angelo noted that they are a constant reminder of the “Cheetah Way” which is ‘to be respectful, be responsible and be safe.’ Mrs. Angelo extended a heartfelt thank you for their commitment to Croce Elementary School.

### **5.2 Recognition of Science Odyssey Winners**

Superintendent Bowers invited Mr. Chris Connor, Director of Elementary Education, to recognize the winners of the 2022 Science Odyssey. It was noted that there were more than 350 student participants and that the majority of Engineering projects stemmed from the Livermore High School Green Engineering Academy. The students recognized were the following: Best of Show Award: Evelyn Perry, Grade 3; Svava Bhosekar and Alexandra Esen, Grade 3; Emma Leininger, Grade 3; Navitha Kadali, Grade 5; Angeline Roy, Grade 6; Dylan Cheung, Grade 6; Shrish Premkrishna, Grade 9; Prisha Sheth & Elisha Therene, Grade 10. Special Awards - Behavioral Science Awards: Morgan Epidendio, Grade 1; Imogene Lockhart, Grade 3; Prisha Sheth & Elisha Therene, Grade 10; Leila Grigoropoulos, Grade 9. Special Awards - *Quest Innovation* Awards: Svava Bhosekar & Alexandra Esen, Grade 3; Mary Tree, Grade 7; Henry Glascoe, Grade 6; Tamira Darisala, Grade 8. Special Award - Robotics Award: Shrish Premkrishna, Grade 9. Livermore Water Resources Division “*One Water*” Award Winners: Overall winner, Elsa Grabowski, Grade 3; Elementary Division: 1st place - Miles Hall & Neil Vaishampayan, Grade 2; 2nd place, Caleb McWhorter, Grade 2; 3rd place - Aryan Alamsety, Grade 4; and Honorable Mention - Shaurya Acharaya, Grade 2; Nishant Sahoo, Grade 4; Krishav Venkat, Grade 2; Navitha Kadali, Grade 5; and Vihana Venkatesh, Grade 3. Secondary Division: 1st place - Tamira Darisala, Grade 8; 2nd place - Mary Tree, Grade 7; 3rd place - Sameer Dhanvantari, Grade 9; Honorable Mention - Sheehan Krishna, Grade 8. Science Odyssey Logo Contest: Greta Fick-Furlotte (used to create event sticker); Top Design Grades K-2 - Amelia Mohd, grade 1; Top Design Grades 3-5 - Shreyash Prabhubalaji, Grade 4; Top Design Grades 6 - 8, Natalie Nguyen, Grade 8; and Top Design Grades 9 - 12, Clarissa Cheung, Grade 12.

## **6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Elise Davies - Granada High School (GHS), remarked that students have entered a new age in school, one in which masking indoors is no longer required. She noted that students at Granada have been very respectful of others' choices to not wear a mask or for some to continue wearing a mask. She announced several upcoming events, the Granada High School Expo held on March 16th, in which information booths were available for current middle school students to explore options for high school. She noted that later in April the school leadership class will host a 'Spring Fling' in lieu of the previously canceled Winter Ball and that spring sports are in full swing. In closing, Ms. Davies reminded students to 'Always stay classy Granada.'

Read by Elise Davies on behalf of Emily Wheeler - Livermore High School (LHS), Ms. Wheeler noted that approximately one-third of Livermore High School students chose to continue wearing a mask indoors at school and that each student's mask choice has been respected by other students and teachers. She noted that as the last trimester of the school year had begun, students were making last minute adjustments to their schedules and getting into a groove of new classes. Ms. Wheeler noted some upcoming activities for students and expressed appreciation for the Wellness Center as a source of help during stressful days. 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 the LEA had recently updated their slogan and logo. She shared that as a classroom teacher, she has always loved sharing lessons with colleagues and values collaboration. She commented that working together is not always the fastest or the most efficient way to get things done, but often provides the best product and outcome. She remarked that she would encourage that LEA members and District administrators continue to work on collaboration around our District decision-making process. She continued by noting that decisions that impact what happens in the classroom should have input from those who will implement the change.

## **8.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - via Zoom**

### **A - Audience Communication**

Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, stated that it was good to be in the Boardroom for an in-person meeting. She expressed hope to connect with Board members to understand one another's perspectives, even if they do not agree. She requested that Board members listen to others with an open mind and to make an effort to empathize with parents.

Ann Brown, Community member, thanked the Board for following County Public Health guidelines. She expressed joy to experience the enthusiasm of students in field trips and learning outdoors. She urged the Board to listen to staff, students, and community members about concerns related

to climate change and to provide engaging climate change curriculum. She encouraged improvement in the sorting of lunch waste that will reduce food waste in landfills.

Deena Kaplanis, LVJUSD parent, shared her displeasure with Board members for comments made during the last Board meeting. She offered her opinion that the requirements for masking were only for political gain, and posed a question as to how the Board would respond to vaccine requirements.

Cia Riccomini, LVJUSD parent, thanked parents for their support for children throughout our District. She shared her displeasure with Board members and their response to the COVID-19 pandemic. She shared her desire to develop mutual respect and an opportunity to listen and learn from one another.

Alex Izarraraz, LVJUSD parent, thanked teachers for their work the last two years. She shared her displeasure with Board members' responses during the last Board meeting.

Sydney Cushman, LVJUSD parent, posed questions relative to the possibility of closing of an elementary school due to decrease in Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and ramifications should Measure A not pass. She also shared displeasure with the Board's response to those who have addressed the Board in regard to the requirement of masks and proposed vaccine requirements.

NOTE: The Board and staff clarified that our District has non plans, intention, or need to close any elementary schools.

Nazish Bukhari, LVJUSD parent, expressed concern related to the response of the District regarding her claims. President Bueno invited Ms. Bukhari to address the Board for an extended period of time regarding her ongoing concerns, prior to Closed Session, and offered follow-up at a later meeting.

Dr. Ray Easler, Community member, stated that a parent has waited for a follow-up 504 meeting since December and that school staff held two 504 meetings without the full 504 team present. He continued by stating that parent concerns were not included on the 504 meeting agenda.

Dr. Kara Yeoman, LVJUSD parent, stated that as a parent of a child with an IEP, her daughter's educational journey has been amazing, but not always easy. It has been emotional and frustrating and sometimes has felt like a second job. During these stressful times, the Special Education staff have been nothing but supportive. They have worked tirelessly with unconditional care to support her and other children.

Joanne Morrison, Community member, offered her support for Measure A. She noted reasons she supports Measure A. She remarked on the long history of previous parcel tax measures within our District, the accountability and oversight, that the funds directly impact students and do not include administrator salaries.

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

There were thirty-eight (38) pieces of Formal Board Correspondence included on the agenda that were received after the March 1, 2022 Agenda was published. These were included in the Correspondence Summary on March 1st.

1. Lisa Wilson, LVJUSD teacher, thanked the Board for their thoughtful approach throughout the COVID pandemic. She urged the Board to reconsider the elimination of the tech coach position funded by the parcel tax, as these coaches have been invaluable to classroom teachers and instruction.
2. Tara Lutz, LVJUSD teacher, urged the Board to find alternate funding for science specialists should Measure A not be approved.
3. Nigro & Nigro, Formal Board correspondence received via US mail, stating that the firm is engaged to audit the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District for the year ending June 30, 2022. They are also engaged to conduct a financial and performance audit of the Measure “J” General Obligation Bond Building Fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.
4. Mia Salazar, LVJUSD parent, offered her support for mask choice as well as required COVID-19 vaccinations.
5. Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, offered her opinion that unvaccinated parents should be allowed to volunteer in classrooms.

In addition, six pieces of correspondence were received urging the Board to lift mask requirements. These correspondences were received from:

Heather Lombardo  
Domenic Lombardo  
Anna Richardson

Tina Robleto  
Hannah Berglund  
Katie Buchanan

Finally, 3 pieces of correspondence were received urging the Board to continue requiring masks until the end of the school year or until case rates drop further. These correspondences were received from:

Lisa Sholley  
John Brecher  
Caroline Gujarati

## **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:

Louise Gonzales, LVJUSD parent, stated she had a binder full of information related to COVID-19, including masks, testing, and ethanol oxide. She expressed her concern that the Board has refused to educate themselves on matters related to COVID-19.

Ashley Bolduc, LVJUSD parent, offered her opinion that parents should have the choice to vaccinate their children against COVID-19.

Mary Perner, Community member, spoke on behalf of Cate Sarraille who could not attend in person. She read a portion of a letter in which the School Insurances Group informed another district that their actions rendered the District and individual Board members vulnerable to liability that may not be covered and that Board members could risk criminal liability for refusing to enforce the State's mask mandate.

Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, spoke in opposition to several proposed bills facing the California legislature which, if passed by the legislature, would require students to get a COVID-19 vaccine to attend school or child care or allow students to get the COVID-19 vaccine without parental consent.

Cia Riccomini, LVJUSD parent, posed several clarifying questions relative to parents being on campus. She requested that it be made very clear to parents that it is optional to take a COVID-19 test prior to returning to school after Spring Break. Ms. Riccomini stated that her students have experienced pressure from one teacher relative to mask wearing and she stated that she will file a formal complaint against the teacher and encouraged other parents to do the same.

Alex Izarraraz, LVJUSD parent, expressed her hope that our District would not require a COVID-19 vaccine to attend school.

Andres Sanchez, LVJUSD student, expressed his hope that the Board would not require proposed vaccine mandates or reinstitute a mask mandate.

Oso Deebo, Community member, spoke against mask requirements. She shared that she thought there was an error on the consent form used at a recent vaccination clinic.

9:00 p.m. Board President Bueno called a short recess.

9:13 p.m. Board President reconvened the meeting.

## **10.0 DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 New 9-12 Course Descriptions - German I and II A/B**

Jason Krolkowski, Director of Secondary Education presented the New 9-12 Course Descriptions - German I and II A/B, for Board approval.

Public Comment: None

### **Amended Motion**

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion to 'Approve the *Updated* Course Descriptions - German I and II A/B' 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

Public Comment: None

### **Information / Discussion Items**

#### **9.2 Measure J Bond Program Update**

Kim McNeely, Bond Program Director, presented the Measure J Bond Program Update, for information only.

Public Comment: None

#### **9.3 Overview of Special Education in LVUSD**

Frank Selvaggio, Director of Special Education, and Zandra Teixeira, Coordinator of Special Education, presented the Overview of Special Education in LVJUSD, for information only.

Public Comment:

Kristie Barcelona, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed admiration and respect for LVJUSD and Board for approval of the Co-Teaching classes and noted that she has had the privilege of teaching in a 5th grade Co-Taught class. She remarked that LVJUSD is leading the way in the future of education by providing an inclusive opportunity where all students learn and grow together. She noted that her own children are in Co-Taught classes (one general education and one special education) and are learning not only their grade-level academics, but also about compassion and how to support others who may need more help than others. She expressed appreciation that these opportunities are available for students in Livermore.



Sloane Kraft, LVJUSD parent and founding member of the Livermore Special Needs Parent Group, shared about the formation of the Parent Group. She expressed appreciation for the Special Education team, as she has always felt like the Special Education Department was an active partner in her son's academic career. She also expressed thanks for Director Frank Selvaggio and his "open door policy," and noted that Frank truly cares about children. She stated that she felt very fortunate to live in Livermore and work with the wonderful people in the LVJUSD Special Education Department.

Stephanie Johnston, LVJUSD parent, expressed her frustration with the support her son has received and shared some of her experiences with her children.

NOTE: Director Frank Selvaggio followed up with this parent immediately following the report.

Victoria Feeser, 1st Grade Co-Teacher at Arroyo Seco, stated that as a newer teacher she is thankful for the support and collaboration she has received from both Special Education and with general education team members. She noted that she believes that the exposure of general education is helping special needs students substantially. She also noted that all students, both general and special education students are making progress in all areas, academically, socially, and emotionally due to the structure and support within the Co-Taught classes.

Leah Kletnieks, LVJUSD parent, shared her experiences with Special Education within LVJUSD. She expressed appreciation for all of the support from Program Specialists, paraeducators, and support staff and noted it has been very clear that all of them had her son's best interests at heart. She stated she is also a leader of the Livermore Special Needs Parent Group and expressed gratitude to Frank Selvaggio and the Special Education team for their support in attending meetings, providing speakers, and offering their assistance. In addition, she expressed gratitude to the entire Special Education team for their support and services throughout the years.

## **10.0 DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.2 Ratification of Successor Agreement between Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District**

Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Ratification of Successor Agreement between the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District, for ratification and Board approval.

Public Comment: None

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Ratify the Successor Agreement between Service Employees International Union (SEIU) and the

Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District.’ 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

### **10.3 Approval of A-G Grant Completion Grant Plan**

Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education, presented the Approval of A-G Completion Grant Plan, for Board approval.

Public Comment: None

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to approve the ‘Approve the A-G Grant Completion Grant Plan.’ 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

### **10.4 Board Policy / Administrative Regulation 1330 Use of School Facilities - First Reading**

Darrel Avilla, Director of Student Services presented Board Policy / Administrative Regulation 1330 Use of School Facilities, for first reading and Board approval.

Public Comment: None

#### **AMENDED - Motion**

President **Craig Bueno** Moved, Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion to approve the ‘Board Policy / Administrative Regulation 1330 Use of School Facilities as a First and *Final* Reading.’ 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

## 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 Consultants
- 11.7 Acceptance of Claim No. 22-01 for Property Damage
- 11.8 Approval of the Purchase Order Summary Reports for February
- 11.9 Approval of Gifts to the District
- 11.10 Approval of Revisions to Salary Schedules for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Year
- 11.11 Award of Contract for Architectural Services for the Asphalt Repair, Reseal, and Restripe 2023 Project
- 11.12 Award of Contract for Architectural Services for the Fire Alarm Upgrade 2023 Project
- 11.13 Award of Contract for Architectural Services for the HVAC Replacement 2023 Project
- 11.14 Approval of Contract Amendment for Early Procurement of Equipment for the Junction Avenue  
K-8 School Fire Alarm Upgrade, HVAC Replacement (Bldgs. C & D1) and Site Electrical Upgrade Project
- 11.15 Approval of the March 1, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: None

### ORIGINAL – Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Items – Motions 11.2 - 11.15.' 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. 041-21/22, Accepting Bid and Awarding the Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Roofing Replacement at Arroyo Seco Elementary School
- 12.3 Resolution No. 042-21/22, Accepting Bid and Awarding the Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Roofing Replacement at Livermore High School
- 12.4 Resolution No. 043-21/22, Accepting Bid and Awarding the Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Roofing Replacement at Marylin Avenue Elementary School

Public Comment: None

**ORIGINAL – Motion**

Member **Kristie Wang** Moved, Clerk **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Resolution Items – Motions 12.2 - 12.4.' 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**

None

**14.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS**

Trustee White reported that she had attended the Algebra Task Force in Trustee Wang’s absence the previous week, and read ‘My Book of Hugs’ for “Read Across America Day.” She noted that she was looking forward to attending the Policy Committee later in the week.

Trustee Guzmán reported that she had attended an assembly at Jackson Avenue Elementary School and she was impressed with the way they are building community. She also attended the Parent Club Information Council (PCIC) in March and commented that she always enjoys hearing the creativity among parents as well as how they are supporting students by supporting schools. She remarked that it was great to have community members in the Boardroom for the meeting.

Trustee Wang reported that she had also participated in “Read Across America” at both Lawrence and Altamont Creek Elementary Schools. She viewed the Science Odyssey projects online and

remarked that the projects were very impressive. She noted that she had missed the Algebra Task Force meeting as she attended the quarterly Citywide Vaping Task Force meeting. Trustee Wang offered a special thanks to Sergeant Mayer, who recently received the Alameda County Tobacco Control Coalition Award for his work to enforce the ordinance here in Livermore. She reported that she spent time at Joe Michell during drop off and pick up to observe the crossing guard situation in person. She will be continuing to work with the City regarding this important safety protocol. She also noted that it was Legislative Action Week, and that she had participated in meetings with our State Legislative Representatives, which was a great opportunity to meet fellow school board members in other East Bay Area districts.

Trustee Prusso echoed Trustee Guzman's sentiments that it was good to have the room filled with Science Odyssey winners, as well as their parents and community members. She noted that she had attended the *Schools to Watch* Ceremony with Board President Bueno and Superintendent Bowers as Principal Scharmann received the award on behalf of Christensen Middle School. She also attended the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) Board meeting. She noted that it has been particularly difficult for Career Technical Education teachers throughout the pandemic, as their classroom work is all hands-on. Of particular note, since our Medical Occupations students have not been able to go into the medical clinics they have recently assisted with COVID testing and with vaccination clinics, she noted that the students were thrilled to be a part of these events. She went on to note that Medical Occupations students have just been invited back into Kaiser and a couple of other medical clinics. She also commented that she had attended the Algebra Task Force and expressed her excitement about the collaboration and ideas that teachers have to support students with math and Algebra, specifically.

President Bueno, remarked that he had attended the *Schools to Watch* Awards. President Bueno congratulated Principal Brian Scharmann on this exceptional award and recognized that this was a major accomplishment for a first-year principal. He also reported that he had attended an architectural awards luncheon for one of our new buildings at Granada High School. He thanked the Bond and Facilities Departments for their oversight.

## **15.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Bowers commented that Trimester Three had begun, and added that it is hard to believe we are two-thirds of the way through the school year. She shared that she and her labrador Boomer had thrown out the first pitch for *Livermore Little League* the previous weekend. Dr. Bowers expressed her excitement about the recognitions for the Spelling Bee champions and *Science Odyssey* winners. She remarked that so many of these events were either done differently or on pause due to the pandemic, and that the changes to these events have been met with much positivity.

Dr. Bowers continued by sharing that she had recently shared the "Thought for the Day" with the Rotary Club of Livermore the previous week where she shared that *Kindness Matters*.

Dr. Bowers concluded her remarks with the reminder that, 'If you can be anything, Be Kind.'

**16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, President Bueno adjourned the Meeting at 10:37 P.M.

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 April, 2022.