



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

April 19, 2022

Closed Session 5:00 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; Darrel Avilla, Director of Student Services; Tracie Christmas, Director of Assessment and Accountability; Chris Connor, Director of Elementary Education; Michelle Dawson, Coordinator of Community Engagement; 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; Geoff Warner, Director of Information Technology; and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Lori Rice

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

1.0 5:00 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Board President Craig Bueno with Clerk Emily Prusso, and Members Yanira Guzmán, Kristie Wang, and Anne White present. The Board was present to receive public comment from 5:00 p.m. - 5:27 p.m. No members of the public were present to address the Board.

2.0 5:27 P.M. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss items 2.1 through 2.8. 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 Confidential Expulsion - Student E - Pursuant to Education Code 48918

2.6 Liability Claim No. 22-02 for Property Damage

2.7 Liability Claim No. 22-03 for Property Damage

2.8 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 7:13 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 Junction Avenue K-8 Students, Emma Carroll and Gabi Cortez; and Rancho Elementary Students, Bella and Ryan Hollinger.

B. Closed Session Action -

1. Trustee Guzmán reported that in Closed Session the Board of Education voted 5 - 0 to approve staff recommendation to accept the resignation of a classified employee.

C. Expulsion Action -

ORIGINAL - MOTION

Member **Yanira Guzmán** Moved, Clerk **Emily Prusso** Seconded, “To Approve the Stipulated Expulsion of Student E for Violation of Education Code Section(s): 48915(c)(1). A rehabilitation plan is on file with the District. 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

- 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 noted that there was one change to the agenda relative to Discussion/Action Item 10.4. The estimations on the form attached to the item were revised to more accurately reflect anticipated positions associated with our Declaration of Need for next year. Copies of the corrected form were highlighted and provided to each Board member for reference and review.

She also noted that this was the first time in many meetings that no Formal Board Correspondence had been received after the agenda was published.

5.0 RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Recognition of Rancho Elementary School

Superintendent Bowers introduced Mr. Steve Martin, the proud principal of Rancho Elementary School, who recognized and honored a special group of Rancho Staff, known as the Rancho Rockstars. Those honored included: Cathy Finkbeiner, Intervention Specialist; Delia Ikeda, Intervention Specialist; Katrina Holden, Nurse; and Megan Sanborn, Library Media Specialist. Mr. Martin remarked that this team inspires and motivates him to be the best principal he can be. They rallied together to ensure the school office thrived in the absence of the regular office staff due to illness, through the January COVID-19 surge. Each one went the extra mile, with a positive mindset. Mr. Martin continued by stating that their efforts served as a reminder of the importance of finding humor, making time for students and staff, and building relationships - strategies guaranteed to motivate. Mr. Martin expressed his gratitude for each of them and their efforts to support him as well as Rancho Elementary School.

5.2 Recognition of Junction Avenue K-8 School Office Staff

Superintendent Bowers introduced Mrs. Jeannette Garza, the very proud principal of Junction Avenue K-8 School, who accompanied by Vice Principals Donielle Machi and Jeremy Vilkins, recognized and honored several members of the Junction Avenue K-8 School Staff: Patricia De Santiago, Executive Assistant to the Principal; Mary Cruz Fernandez, Administrative Secretary; Mayra Garcia, Yard Duty Supervisor; Rocio Heredia, Instructional Specialist; Maricela Jimenez, Yard Duty Supervisor; and Sandra Rodriguez Morales, Office Specialist. Mrs. Garza commented that these staff members have a common goal, to serve the Junction community well. Their smiles radiate a genuine welcome. They are supportive, compassionate, and caring and are an integral part of the village that helps to guide, nurture and teach our community. Mrs. Garza remarked that all of women, new in their roles, didn't hesitate to jump in to support when needed; they distributed Chromebooks to nearly 1,000 students; assisted with meal service alongside Child Nutrition; provided assistance to students, parents, and

teachers with technology issues; and helped the school community navigate through many difficult and stressful days.

5.3 Recognition of Year 2 Teacher in the Tri-Valley Teacher Induction Program (TVTIP)

Superintendent Bowers invited Leslie Williams, Coordinator of the Tri-Valley Teacher Induction Program (TVTIP), to introduce and recognize our Year-2 teachers in the Tri-Valley Induction Program. Ms. Williams noted that this is the first group of teachers who have cleared their credential through the newly constituted TVTIP, of which Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District (LVJUSD) serves as the Lead Agency. Those honored were: Patricia Aguinaga, Cesar Barajas-Korbin, Laura Black, Gail Carbonaro, Amy Cofer, Kristin Dinelli, Sarah Hall, Katy Johnson, Karna Mapes, Victoria Martinez, Tracy Nelson, Stephanie Perry, Abigail Plemmons, Brian Rivas, Elsa Rodriguez, Jason Silva, Faith Streeter, Sarah Woolsey, and Annie Zhang.

6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Emily Wheeler - Livermore High School (LHS), reported that Livermore High School Seniors are excited for the upcoming year-end activities. She noted that, based on Senior Family Surveys, the start time for the Graduation Ceremony has been adjusted to begin at 5:00 p.m. Ms. Wheeler congratulated Mr. Filice and Mr. Enright, along with band and orchestra students for their stunning success in the Festival Sweepstakes in Southern California. She also congratulated the Boys' and Girls' soccer teams that qualified for the Northern Coast Section (NCS) playoffs, and three LHS wrestlers that qualified for the State tournament. Ms. Wheeler remarked that the next several weeks are filled to the brim with exciting events for all Cowboys. She wished good luck to her fellow students on Advanced Placement exams and closed her report by stating, "Today is a great day to be a Cowboy."

Elise Davies - Granada High School (GHS), reported that students had celebrated several spring holidays recently (Ramadan, Passover, and Easter), and wished happy celebrations to those who celebrate. Ms. Davies noted several upcoming events that were filling the Spring calendar. She remarked that students could find specific information related to Advanced Placement (AP) and International Baccalaureate (IB) testing schedules on the school website and offered a reminder to seniors to apply for community service cords. In closing, Ms. Davies reminded students to 'stay classy Granada' through the end-of-the-year excitement.

7.0 EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

Aimee Thompson, Livermore Education Association (LEA) President, shared specific information relative to Measure A and the upcoming May 3, 2022 Election. Ms. Thompson provided specific details in response to questions from LEA members as well as statements found on social media. She clarified fact from fiction and encouraged everyone to vote "Yes" on Measure A.

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - via Zoom

A - Audience Communication

Andres Sanchez, LVJUSD student, expressed opposition to teaching of sex and health education units. He shared his opinion that some of the anticipated content was inappropriate for students his age.

Alex Izarraraz, LVJUSD parent, expressed concern relative to the topics listed on the outline of the sex and health education unit. She shared her opinion that some of the anticipated content was inappropriate and should be taught at home, not school.

Dr. Ray Easler, Community member, in response to a question from Trustee White at the previous Board meeting, Dr. Easler listed his many qualifications and experiences and indicated that they are what qualify him as an expert in Special Education.

Mary Perner, Community member, expressed support for Measure A. She noted that Measure A will provide funding for science and technology specialist teachers and smaller class sizes. She urged all Livermore parents and grandparents to submit their ballots with a "Yes" vote.

Joanne Morrison, Community member, reviewed a portion of the text of Measure A that describes allowable expenses and the independent oversight. She expressed support for Measure A and urged all parents and grandparents to vote "Yes" on Measure A.

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 was one piece of Formal Board Correspondence included on tonight's agenda that was received after the March 15, 2022 Agenda was published and was included in the Correspondence Summary on March 15th. In addition,

1. Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, urged the Board to advocate against a vaccine mandate and for parent choice.
2. Fabian Moreno, LVJUSD parent, expressed his displeasure that the message board at Smith Elementary School included masking messages after the mask requirement was lifted.
**NOTE: Principal Meunier noted that the sign had been updated and apologized that this messaging had not been changed when all other signs were removed. He indicated that there had been no other questions at the site regarding the signage.
3. Dede Hahlbeck, LVJUSD parent, urged the Board to advocate against a vaccine mandate and for parent choice.
4. David Moore, Granada High School Athletic Director, shared the Winter Edition of the Granada High School Athletics Newsletter.

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:

None

9.2 Career Technical Education (CTE) / Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) Middle College

Jason Krolkowski, Director of Secondary Education and Julie Duncan, Superintendent of Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program, presented the Career Technical Education (CTE) / Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) Middle College Report, for information only.

Public Comments:

None

To accommodate teachers who were presenting new courses with Mr. Krolkowski, the Board President agreed to move Agenda Items 10.1 - 10.3 to earlier in the agenda.

10.1 New 9-12 Course Description - Career Technical Education Environmental Resources

Jason Krolkowski, Director of Secondary Education, along with Vineyard Alternative School Teacher Gretchen Reynolds, presented the New 9-12 Course Description - Career Technical Education Environmental Resources, for Board approval.

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the New Course Description - Career Technical Education Environmental Resources.' 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 New 9-12 Course Description - Geometry with Python

Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education, along with Livermore High School mathematics teacher, Mirko Danilovic, presented the New 9-12 Course Description - Geometry with Python, for Board approval.

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL Motion

Member **Kristie Wang** Moved, Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the New Course Description - Geometry with Python.' 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 New 9-12 Course Description - Exploration in Data Science

Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education, along with Livermore High School teacher Susan Johnston, presented the New 9-12 Course Description - Exploration in Data Science, for Board approval.

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL Motion

Member **Kristie Wang** Moved, Clerk **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the New Course Description - Explorations in Data Science.' 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

9:07 PM President Bueno called for a short recess.

9:20 PM President Bueno reconvened the meeting.

9.3 Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Report

Chris Connor, Director of Elementary Education, and Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education, presented the Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Report, for information only.

Public Comments -

None

9.4 Measure J Bond Program Update

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

Public Comment:

None

10.0 DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

10.4 Adoption of Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Kelly Manke, Human Resources Director, presented the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators, for Board approval.

Public Comment: None

AMENDED Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion to 'Adopt the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators.' 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

10.5 Authorization for Assignment Out of Credentialed Area

Kelly Manke, Human Resources Director, presented the Authorization for Assignment Out of Credentialed Area, for Board approval.

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL Motion

Member **Kristie Wang** Moved, Clerk **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the Authorization for Assignment Out of Credentialed Area.' 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

10.0 DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

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 Approval of Out-of-State Field Trip for Livermore High School Students to Travel to Oregon for the Livestock Judging Camp
- 11.8 Approval of Out-of-State Travel for One Staff Member to Observe and Evaluate Two Non-Public Schools for Compliance per State Requirements in Utah, April 27-29, 2022.
- 11.9 Approval of the 2021-2022 Revised Board Calendar
- 11.10 Approval of Spectrum Center, Incorporated to provide two Non-Public School Classrooms for Our Students with Intensive Needs
- 11.11 Approval of the Purchase Order Summary Reports for March
- 11.12 Approval of Gifts to District
- 11.13 Approval of Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly District Report
- 11.14 Acceptance of Claim No. 22-02 for Property Damage
- 11.15 Acceptance of Claim No. 22-03 for Property Damage
- 11.16 Award of Contract for the Asphalt Repair, Reseal and Restripe 2022 Project
- 11.17 Approval of the Submission of the 2022-2023 Title VI Indian Education Grant Application
- 11.18 Approval of the March 15, 2022 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 11.19 Approval of the March 24, 2022 Special Board Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL – Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Items – Motions 11.2 - 11.19.' 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 Approval of Resolution No. 045-21/22, Recognizing Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Employees
- 12.3 Approval of Resolution No. 046-21/22, Recognizing Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District Volunteer Appreciation Week
- 12.4 Approval of Resolution No. 047-21/22, Approval of the Designation of Specific Material(s), Thing(s), Product(s), or Service(s) for Key Card Access Upgrade Projects Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 3400(c)(2)
- 12.5 Approval of Resolution No. 048-21/22, Authorization to Sign State Preschool Contracts for Fiscal Year 2022-2023
- 12.6 Approval of Resolution No. 049-21/22. Authorizing the Sale of Surplus Equipment
- 12.7 Approval of Resolutions Nos. 050-21/22 through 106-21/22, Retirement of Classified and/or Certificated Employees

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 - 12.7.' 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

None

14.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Trustee Wang reported that she had participated in the mock interviews with YouthBuild. She shared how impressed she was with the students and how well prepared they were. Trustee Wang noted there were several end-of-year activities coming up, and specifically highlighted the Spring Festival at Marilyn Avenue on April 22nd and the Arroyo Seco Elementary School - World Cultural Celebration on April 29th. She encouraged all to submit their ballots and vote “Yes” on Measure A. Trustee Wang remarked that prior to being elected to serve on the Board of Education she had served on the Oversight Committee, which carefully scrutinizes expenditures to ensure that funds are spent appropriately. She noted that there would be one in-person voting location on May 3rd for anyone who preferred that voting option.

Trustee Guzmán reported that she had recently had a private tour of the Granada High School campus with Principal Matthew Hart. She remarked that her calendar is filling up and shared her excitement for year-end activities that are once again being held in-person. Trustee Guzmán offered a reminder to vote “Yes” on Measure A, and noted that she too had served on the Oversight Committee.

Trustee Prusso remarked that all should have received their ballot for the May 3rd election. She encouraged all to vote “Yes” on Measure A and commented that as a parent, all of her children have directly benefited from this parcel tax. She noted again that Measure A is a renewal and not a new tax. She also remarked that detailed Oversight Committee reports could be found on the District website. Trustee Prusso expressed appreciation for the strong support the Livermore community continually offers our schools.

Trustee White encouraged all to vote “Yes” on Measure A and encouraged all to participate in year-end activities, highlighting the Harlem Wizards fundraiser on April 28 - 29, 2022.

President Bueno, encouraged all to vote “Yes” on Measure A. He commented that these funds are a direct benefit to all LVJUSD students. He noted that the parcel tax is imperative based upon structural State funding deficits and noted that we have had remarkable success with programs supported by the parcel tax since 2004. He also commented that there are many year-end events to look forward to, specifically calling attention to the Harlem Wizards games on April 28th and 29th, which are the largest fundraising events of the year for the Livermore Valley Educational Foundation that so generously supports our schools. President Bueno closed his remarks by expressing appreciation for the strong support our community offers LVJUSD schools.

15.0 SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Dr. Bowers reported that she had a delightful day with Youth in Government, in which three students shadowed Board President Bueno and Superintendent Bowers. The students were introduced at City Hall and then visited our LVJUSD District Office, where they were greeted with goody bags, and had the opportunity to visit and learn from each Cabinet member and Department. Leaders of our partner

agencies, the City and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District (LARPD), were very impressed by the caliber of our student leaders from Del Valle, Vineyard, Granada, and Livermore High.

Superintendent Bowers also reported that she had co-emceed the Festival of Orchestras with principal Matthew Hart, in which orchestra students from across our District performed. She noted that her favorite part was when the combined middle school orchestras wowed the audience with their performance. The award-winning Livermore High School orchestra was particularly outstanding, and it was announced that they have been invited to perform at Carnegie Hall next year, based on their first place standings in a Southern California competition earlier in the month.

Dr. Bowers also commented that she had attended the Egg Drop at Lawrence and the mock interview process with the YouthBuild program. She remarked that students had the opportunity to prepare for interviews and future jobs in an exciting and not so traditional format. Students received real-time feedback and immediately incorporated suggestions into a subsequent interview. The students were polished, professional, and confident in ways they had not been when they first registered for the program.

Superintendent Bowers also reported that she had met with Congressman Swalwell's office regarding the LatinX Family Engagement Program and had the opportunity to pitch ideas for expanding wellness centers to all secondary schools and to enhance our Ag Science Pathway.

Dr. Bowers called attention to three meaningful resolutions passed by the Board earlier in the meeting, Resolution No. 045-21/22, recognizing all District employees, at every level and every site, as they continually rise to every challenge and go above and beyond to do whatever it takes for the young people entrusted to us. In addition, Resolution No. 046-21/22, recognizing our many volunteers - parents, industry and civic leaders and mentors who do so much for our students and schools and help us build community. She highlighted our Parent Club Information Council, as they serve as a liaison to each parent group and stated that their countless contributions are priceless. And, finally, Resolution Nos. 50-21/22 through 106-21/22, recognizing our retirees for their many years of service and devotion to our students, school, and community. She remarked their combined years of service total 1,376.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Bueno adjourned the Meeting at 10:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Board President

Board Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings of this Board this 17th day of May, 2022.