



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, August 17, 2021

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

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This meeting was conducted via Zoom Webinar, and was in compliance with the Governor's Executive order NO-29-20 and subsequently NO-08-21, 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; Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education; Steven Martin, Administrator on Special Assignment, YouthBuild; Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources; and Kim McNeely, Bond Program Director

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

Our Board and Senior Cabinet Members participated in a Contra Costa California School Boards Association (CC CSBA) Webinar from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

1.0 6:04 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; Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent.

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 7:01 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 Members Elise Davies and 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.

1. Seven pieces of 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 Teachers Sandra Elliott and Jaymes Sabater, Site Technology Leads, Mendenhall Middle School

Superintendent Bowers introduced Mendenhall Middle School Principal Tammy Rankin, who virtually recognized and honored teachers Sandra Elliott and Jaymes Sabater, Site Technology Leads. Both teachers have been invaluable with their support of staff and students with technology tools to help make distance learning and the return to on-site learning successful. They have always made themselves available to meet with colleagues and their cheerful, patient and 'get-it-done right' attitude has reduced the stress and increased the abilities of our staff.

5.2 Recognition of Information Technology Department Staff and Chief Technology Officer (CTO), Geoff Warner

Superintendent Bowers introduced Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack who virtually honored and recognized our Information Technology Department Staff and Chief Technology Officer, Geoff Warner. Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack stated that last year was an incredibly challenging year for our IT Department. With all of the demands placed upon them, they did an amazing job. This year, they were asked to prepare 14,000 Chromebooks for distribution. The team pulled together, collected the Chromebooks used last year, as well as 2,000 new ones and did everything necessary to have them ready for students for the start of school this year. Credit goes to Geoff Warner, for establishing a plan and leading his team to accomplish the task.

6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Elise Davies - Granada High School, reported that as students entered the third week of school, more and more activities have started taking place. Due to the poor air quality, the first few football games had to be rescheduled, but all were eventually played. However, other sports have taken place as planned. The Leadership Students have announced the Homecoming theme "United States Cities," and they are all excited to see the creative plans from the different classes. Elise noted that the campus was celebrating "Spirit Week," and that it has been a lot of fun to see so much Granada spirit. She closed by thanking the Board and stating "Remember to stay classy Granada."

Emily Wheeler - Livermore High School, reported that the recent weeks had been filled with emotion, as students were excited that classes resumed on August 24th, Leadership students began planning the annual Homecoming skits (which have now been postponed until later in the year), and many students are enjoying the free lunch for all. The mask mandate has been handled very well; there have been very few issues related to masking. She reported that after the tragic accident that took the life of one student and left several others injured, the loss and pain was felt throughout the whole school. People banded together to donate to fundraisers for the recovery of students. As a school community, they are working through the challenging time. She noted that she has never seen people at Livermore High School support one another so much. She thanked the Board and closed by stating, "Today is a great day to be a Cowboy in our supportive community."

7.0 EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

Aimee Thompson, Livermore Education Association President, reported that the year is off to an exciting start. Teachers are pleased to be in-person full-time in their classrooms with students. Back-to-School Night presentations occurred virtually last week at the primary level, and the secondary sites will host their Back-to-School Night presentations later this week. Ms. Thompson reported that the Association hosted its first official Executive Board and Representative Council meetings of the school year and have decided to keep their meetings virtual until students ages 5 - 11 have the opportunity to be vaccinated. She noted that Livermore teachers are facing unique demands with the need to

ensure the social emotional needs of all students are met during the continued uncertainty of the pandemic, while teaching grade-level standards and incorporating new skills into their teaching practice. Additionally, they are addressing issues created by positive COVID-19 cases on campus and the requirement to quarantine students. She concluded by stating that the Negotiating Team looks forward to productive conversations in upcoming contract negotiations, when they will wrap up unfinished items from last year.

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - via Zoom

A - Audience Communication

Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, reported concerns about a Social Justice unit being taught. She continued by asserting that this unit includes elements of Critical Race Theory. She noted her concern and wanted the Board to be aware of it. She stated that this is a sensitive subject and many parents think certain things should not be talked about in school.

Jackie Cota, Community member, stated that the State Health Agency gave school districts authority to enforce mask wearing. She continued by stating that she feels the decision to mandate masks puts the health of children at risk. She asked that the masking guidelines be backed up with science.

Cia Riccomini, LVJUSD parent, stated that she's already contacted her school principal regarding teachers asking children questions regarding vaccination status, as this is a privacy issue and a family matter. She expressed appreciation for her children's principal, as she has addressed this with teachers at that site. Ms. Riccomini continued by expressing concern that teachers have continued to overstep their bounds and ask these questions. She went on to ask about accountability and what if anything is being done when teachers ask these personal and private questions?

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. Lydia Sarraille, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed appreciation that the District and Board have shown their commitment to the health and safety of students and staff. She asked that the Board stay strong and keep protecting students and staff by following the State and County Health Department guidelines and the best available scientific research.
2. Heather Silva (2), LVJUSD parent, shared a fact check related to polymerase chain reaction (PCR) testing. She asked the Board to not allow the personal choice of one to negatively impact the health of others.
3. Kyle & Jessica Dickerson, LVJUSD parents, shared their appreciation for how our schools in Livermore have responded to the unprecedented situations we've found ourselves in since the beginning of the pandemic. They asked that the Board and District leaders continue to make decisions guided by the best available medical advice from the CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

4. Nichole & TJ Thomas, LVJUSD parents, expressed appreciation to Trustee Prusso for giving tremendous thought and consideration to the many messages received.
5. Tina Meza, LVJUSD parent, stated that she would like masks to be required on campus at all times.
6. Deanna Perez, LVJUSD parent, stated that she would like masks to be required for all students, staff, and volunteers both inside and outside for the 2021-2022 school year.
7. Michael Hale, LVJUSD parent, expressed concern that a remote learning option for the 2021-22 school year has not been developed. He also expressed concern that the COVID-19 related facts on the District website were from June and do not represent current data.
 ** NOTE: Assistant Superintendent Melissa Theide contacted this parent to follow up. Our District website has been updated.
8. Phyllis Couper, Pleasanton, CA, stated that decisions related to masks should be left up to parents.
9. Kirsten Zoerhoff, LVJUSD parent, asked that the COVID-19 numbers for schools in our District be posted online daily, rather than weekly.
 ** NOTE: Superintendent Dr. Bowers followed up with this parent, agreeing that this was a helpful and reasonable suggestion. The Dashboard on our website is being updated on a daily basis.
10. Cynthia Panas, LVJUSD parent, thanked the Board for support of masking guidelines and expressed encouragement to continue the mandate of masks in our schools.
11. Mary Moruza Costa (2), LVJUSD parent, asked that curriculum under “Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion” be removed from her child’s instruction.
12. Robert Hoff, LVJUSD parent, asked the principal to send him instructional materials for days his son would be out of school, due to quarantine. He asked that children’s education be put first.
13. Matthew Weingart, LVJUSD parent, asked the Board to make a clear statement that Critical Race Theory is not being considered for inclusion in any LVJUSD curricula, as it is a postgraduate level topic that would not be included in primary education. In addition, Mr. Weingart asked that the Board make anti-hate and inclusivity an explicit part of the authorized curricula for ALL classes, regardless of subject area - perhaps under the framework of “Choose Love.”
14. Rebecca Foust, LVJUSD parent, asked, given the recommendations that children eat outside wherever possible, is there a plan to provide a shaded outdoor dining area at Rancho Elementary.
 NOTE: Rancho is already making some adjustments by relocating some of the lunch tables under covered solar panels to provide more outdoor options.
15. Courtney, Community Member, wrote to advocate that masking of children be by parent choice. She stated that the mask mandate made her physically ill with a sore throat.
16. Christina Hildebrand, A Voice for Choice Advocacy, stated that schools and school districts do not have the jurisdiction to mandate the COVID-19 vaccine for K-12 students; she stated that only the California Public Health Department can add another vaccine to the list of vaccines

required for enrollment to preschool and K-12 schools. She urged that the Board make the COVID-19 vaccine a recommendation, rather than a requirement.

****Correspondence received after the Agenda was Published****

1. Rachel Gerlovich (4), LVJUSD parent, stated that the mask mandate needs to be removed. She also stated that the CRT-type curriculum needs to be removed. In addition, she stated that teachers should not tell students that they should get vaccinated. Finally, Ms. Gerlovich thanked Trustee Prusso for her summary during the last meeting.
2. Marla Kirby, LVJUSD parent, stated that she believes the District should provide rapid COVID-19 testing at the schools, so that students can return to school more quickly after exposure or experiencing symptoms.
3. Cathy Rainey, Community Member, thanked the Board for its dedication to the effort to educate the community about the COVID-19 pandemic and in-person education. She stated that the website includes necessary information that is science-based and includes proven strategies for protection for everyone from the virus.
4. Mary Fake, LVJUSD parent, stated that the time has come for the Zoom Board meetings to end, at least for those who would like to speak in-person to the Board.

9.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 COVID-19 Informational Update

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

Public Comments:

Susanne Winters, LVJUSD parent, stated that masking should be a choice and that students have rights. She stated that she feels masking students is “against the Constitution.” She continued by stating that there is no science behind masking. She noted that she believes that masking causes irritability, headaches, difficulty concentrating, reluctance to attend school, impaired learning, fatigue and sadness.

B.J. Reynolds-Koonce, LVJUSD parent, thanked the Board for their efforts to keep children safe over the last 18 months. She stated that the Delta variant has taken the pandemic to the next level, even with children. She continued by sharing that the American Academy of Pediatrics has reported that 26% of new COVID-19 cases are in children. Finally, Ms. Reynolds-Koonce thanked the Board for heeding the advice of scientists and public health officials and for continuing to require masks at our schools.

Thierry Doyen, Community member, stated that he is new to the Livermore community and values education. He shared information regarding what is going on with children and schools in Europe,

where he is from. He stated that European society is focused on ‘what is right for society’ and that we must suppress the virus. He continued by stating it is important for children to be in school and that wearing a mask is one of the best ways that everyone can be protected. He concluded by remarking that we all ought to be wearing a mask.

Marla Kirby, LVJUSD parent, stated that requiring masks at school makes sense, protects vulnerable students, teachers, staff, and the community as a whole. The masks do not interfere with kids’ ability to interact or to learn. She noted that it has been good to see kids off to school so they can see and interact with their friends and peers in person. It makes sense to continue to require masks as the Delta variant is still circulating in the broader community. She thanked the Board for their hard work and dedication in making the Livermore schools a safe place to learn and grow.

Jackie Cota, Community member, asked several questions of the Board and Deputy Superintendent regarding the scientific support relative to health and safety measures including masking, quarantine and distance. She offered her opinion that there is no certified reference material of COVID-19, so there is nothing to test against, and that the tests can only screen for influenza A or B. She stated that has provided studies that show mask wearing is unhealthy.

Trina Wade, LVJUSD parent, thanked the Board and stated that COVID-19 will not go away, it will be around ongoing like influenza, so asked if children will be masked indefinitely. She stated that she thinks it’s unhealthy for student athletes to wear a mask while playing sports. She went on to ask several questions regarding case transmission and quarantine protocol. She stated that she felt that it was inappropriate to quarantine students who have already had COVID-19 if they were exposed again.

Deputy Superintendent Van Schaack responded that we have had two cases of student transmission on campus so far this year. He also stated that after a subsequent exposure we do not quarantine students who have already had COVID-19.

Joanne Morrison, Community member, thanked the Board for their work to keep children safe. She stated that our District has made physical spaces as safe as possible, examined the scientific guidelines, and determined the safest policies for masking and distancing in our schools. She stated the work is thankless and met with opposition from a misinformed, vocal minority. She emphasized that this is a minority group and they don’t represent the views of most parents in our district.

9.2 Summer School and Extended School Year Report 2021

Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent and Mendenhall Middle School Principal / Summer School Coordinator Tammy Rankin, presented the Summer School and Extended School Year Report 2021, for information only.

Public Comments: None

9.3 Enrollment and Staffing Report

Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack presented the Enrollment and Staffing Report, for information only.

Public Comments: None

Board President Bueno called for a short break at 8:33 p.m.

Board President Buneo reconvened the meeting at 8:41 p.m.

10.0 DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of New Course Descriptions - Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3), YouthBuild Integrated Construction Curriculum, and Introduction to Consumer Mathematics

Mr. Jason Krolikowski, Director of Secondary Education, Introduced Steven Martin, Administrator on Special Assignment, who presented the Approval of New Course Descriptions - Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3), YouthBuild Integrated Construction Curriculum, and Introduction to Consumer Mathematics, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the New Course Descriptions - Multi-Craft Core Curriculum (MC3), YouthBuild Integrated Construction Curriculum, and Introduction to Consumer Mathematics.' 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 Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds Pursuant to Measure J

Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Authorizing the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds Pursuant to Measure J, for Board Approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Anne White** Moved, Clerk **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to Authorize the Issuance and Sale of General Obligation Bonds Pursuant to Measure J', for 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 – Yes

10.3 Approval of Provisional Internship Permits

Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources, presented the Approval of Provisional Internship Permits, for Board Approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the Provisional Internship Permits.' 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 Approval of New Job Descriptions

Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources, presented the Approval of Provisional Internship Permits, for Board Approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

President **Craig Bueno** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the Provisional Internship Permits.' 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 Approval of the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP)

Assistant Superintendent Melissa Theide presented the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP), for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to ‘Approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP).’ 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

10.6 Adoption of the 2021-2022 Budget

Assistant Superintendent Susan Kinder presented the Adoption of the 2021-2022, for Board Approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Kristie Wang** Moved, Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to ‘Adopt the 2021-2022 Budget.’ 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

10.7 2020-2021 Unaudited Actual Financial Reports

Assistant Superintendent Susan Kinder presented the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actual Financial Reports, for Board Approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the 2020-2021 Unaudited Actual Financial Reports.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

10.8 Board Policy 5127 High School Graduation Ceremonies and Activities

Mr. Darrel Avilla, Director of Student Services, presented Board Policy 5127 High School Graduation Ceremonies and Activities for a First Reading.

Public Comments: None

AMENDED - Motion

Clerk, **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **AMENDED** motion to 'Approve Board Policy 5127 High School Graduation Ceremonies and Activities for a First and Final Reading.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

10.9 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Call for Nominations for Directors-at-Large

The Board of Education discussed and determined that it would take no action at this time regarding the CSBA Call for Nominations for Directors-at Large. This item will be reconsidered at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting to allow for additional time.

Public Comment: None

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 Leave of Absence

11.5 Confirmation of Resignations/Retirements

11.6 Contract Renewal with Riverside Insights for EasyCBM Software Licensing - 2021-2022 School Year

11.7 Approval to Dispose of Obsolete Records

11.8 Approval of the August 17, 2021 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 - 11.8.' 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. 008-21/22, Establishing Gann Appropriation Limitations for 2020-21 and 2021-22

12.3 Resolution No. 009-21/22, Acceptance of the Joe Michell K-8 School Campus-wide Paint Project - Notice of Completion, Including Change Order Ratification

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL – Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Kristie Wang**, Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion

'Approve Consent Items 12.2 through 12.3.' 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

14.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Trustee Anne White shared that she has been participating in the book club, reviewing *The Governance Code* for the Masters in Governance graduates for CSBA. Discussions have been led by Davis Campbell, one of the co-authors, and have revolved around the various chapters. Links to the conversations have recently been made available if other Board members would like them. The Alameda County Superintendent, L.K. Monroe, has been hosting meetings for Board Trustees and Superintendents within the County. She and Dr. Moss, the County Health Officer, answer questions and provide guidance. In recent meetings, most questions have been related to COVID-19 quarantine and isolation protocols.

Trustee Emily Prusso thanked those who have volunteered to distribute lunches on school campuses. She reported that it has been great to see students realize the food is free and jump in line for it. Trustee Prusso shared that the Livermore educational community has received overwhelming love, support, and compassion from Livermore and surrounding communities after the tragic accident affecting Livermore High School students. Trustee Prusso thanked the administration, teachers, students, and staff at Livermore High School who have been so attentive and shown grace, flexibility, and kindness as students grapple with the intense grief and mourning. She concluded her comments by offering prayers and thoughts for the affected families.

Trustee Yanira Guzmán, reported that when school began, she saw many families returning to campus with shining and smiling eyes. She heard laughter and saw children reconnecting with their friends. At the same time, she was deeply saddened by the tragic accident affecting our Livermore High School students and families. She noted that during times of crisis, people come together and help one another. She expressed hope as she saw the Livermore community come together to help one another heal as a community. She concluded her remarks by stating that this is what she hopes we continue to do - help one another come out of this pandemic stronger and together.

Trustee Kristie Wang shared that she, too, had been thinking of the students who were involved in the tragic accident, along with their families, as well as that of the entire Livermore High School community, including Trustee Prusso's and her own family. She stated that words were just inadequate to express her thoughts.

Board President Craig Bueno also said he'd been thinking of the students and their families. In addition, he'd been thinking of the team of first responders, some of whom were Granada High School graduates. He shared that the way this community comes together is extraordinary. Finally, he shared that his thoughts and prayers were with each family affected by the accident.

15.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bowers echoed that it has been such a tragic and devastating loss of a young life. She also agreed that the support that our District has received has been so beautiful. She noted that she has received messages of condolence and support from State Superintendent Tony Thurmond; our Mayor; the Alameda County Superintendent; County Supervisor, David Haubert; the Quest Science Center; the Livermore Area Recreation and Parks District; and the Pleasanton Unified Superintendent, as well as many others. In addition, our Granada Students have come up with an idea of "Two Schools, One Town." They want to ensure that if a student attends any school, they are all part of the same community. This is a strong tribute to the unification of our students and fitting because we are a unified district and a unified community.

On a happier note, Dr. Bowers reported that our elementary schools hosted virtual Back-to-School Night events. Our District always has great participation and this year, with virtual presentations, we saw even greater participation, and also this enabled some students to watch the presentations. Principals and teachers were very creative and their presentations were well received.

Dr. Bowers noted that our Teacher Induction Program, in partnership with Castro Valley and Dublin Unified, of which our District is the Lead Agency, is advancing to the next stage of approval for accreditation.

She thanked the Pedrozzi Foundation for donating \$10,000 to help with Livermore Learns, our Parent Education forum. She also thanked the Rotary Club of Livermore for providing 24 \$50 Safeway gift cards to families at Marylin Avenue.

Dr. Bowers closed her remarks by stating, ‘Be Well and Stay #LVJUSDstrong! We know we are #StrongerTogether!’ Prior to closing she asked all to take a moment of silence to remember the young victims of the recent tragic accident.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Bueno adjourned the Meeting at 9:47 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Board President

Board Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings of this Board this 21st day of September, 2021.