



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Tuesday, September 5, 2017**

**Closed Session 6:00 p.m. / Regular Meeting 7:00 p.m.**  
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**Board Members Present:** President Craig Bueno, Clerk Chuck Rogge, and Members Kate Runyon, Chris Wenzel and Anne White.

**Administrative Staff Present:** Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; Mike Biondi, Assistant Superintendent; Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent, Philomena Rambo, Director; Bruce Wilke, Director; Frank Selvaggio, Director; Dr. Kevin Grier, Director; Scott Vernoy, Director; Tim Boczanowski, Bond Program Director, and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Cathy McConnell

**Student Board Member Representatives Present:**

Paige Johnson, Livermore High School and Rachel Sylwester, Granada High School

**1.0 6:05 PM. - CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Bueno with Clerk Chuck Rogge and Members Anne White, Chris Wenzel and Kate Runyon 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; Mike Biondi, Assistant Superintendent, Chris Van Schaack, Deputy 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 Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation pursuant to Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 (Go Code 54954.5(c)): Two cases

2.4 Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation, Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) or (3) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.95: No Cases

2.5 Liability Claim – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95 Government Code Section 912.4 requires that the Board of Education act on a claim within (45) days after the claim has been presented. Claim No. 53755

### **3.0 7:01 PM RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

3.1 The Regular Board Meeting was reconvened in Open Session by President Craig Bueno and Clerk Chuck Rogge with Members Kate Runyon, Chris Wenzel and Anne White present.

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Smith Elementary School Fourth Grade students, Kaitlyn Sousa and Gaby Sisto.
- B. Closed Session Action – None to report.
- C. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Leave/Employment Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
- D. Meeting Procedures – President Craig Bueno reviewed all meeting procedures.

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

The Superintendent reported that there were no changes to the agenda.

### **5.0 RECOGNITIONS**

5.1 Superintendent Bowers asked Ms. Tammy Rankin, Principal of Smith Elementary School, to honor and recognize the school's Intervention Team. The Intervention Team teachers included Monica Tracey, Shannon Sousa and Alane Loisel. Ms. Rankin praised these three amazing teachers for their hard work and willingness to train fellow colleagues and implement an on-site Intervention Program. She stated that they are educators who make an enormous difference ensuring student success at Smith Elementary School. All of the teachers received certificates of appreciation.

5.2 Superintendent Bowers asked Philomena Rambo, Director, to honor and recognize the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore (R.E.A.L.). Mrs. Rambo stated that the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore is made up of Realtors, Loan Officers, Mortgage Brokers, Home Inspectors, Title Company employees and others. R.E.A.L. members who were present included Barbara Benotto, Dana Cusimano-Bates, DeeDee French and Maureen Torretto. Mrs. Rambo noted that R.E.A.L. members recognize that great schools contribute to a great community. She shared that for the past several years the group holds a fundraiser among themselves to give back to the schools, particularly to first-year teachers. This year, they decided to have a backpack auction within the group. Backpacks were stuffed with school supplies and auctioned off among the members. The stuffed backpacks raised \$7,000.00 this year and the group donated the money to LVJUSD; specifically gifting to the Annual Back-to-School Kickoff, as well as to the newly hired teachers in the District, to get them off to a great start. Mrs. Rambo stated that the District is grateful for our renewed partnership with R.E.A.L.

5.3 Philomena Rambo, Director, was pleased to introduce and welcome Josh Thurman, Deputy Chief of Staff for Alameda County Supervisor Scott Haggerty. On behalf of Supervisor Haggerty, Mr. Thurman presented Superintendent Bowers a Commendation regarding her 2016-2017 Distinguished Alumna Award bestowed by the California State University East Bay's College of Education and Allied Studies. He stated that Supervisor Haggerty appreciates the relationship he has with the LVJUSD Board and Leadership team. He noted that Dr. Bowers is an exceptional leader in Livermore as well as the County of Alameda. Mr. Thurman also presented a Commendation to President Bueno for the 2017 Top Workplace Award granted by the Bay Area News Group. He stated that the Top Workplace honor is a testament to the LVJUSD Board and leadership within.

7:14 p.m. President Bueno called a short recess.

7:18 p.m. President Bueno reconvened the meeting.

## **6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Rachel Sylwester, Granada High School, shared that the first Rally of the year was full of spirit and was a great way to welcome the new teachers. She noted that the football team won its game against Benicia and there was an amazing turn-out of students and families in support. Rachel stated that the Back-to-School dance was a success and raised more than \$800.00 for the Junior Class. She commented that they have already had the first Spirit Week, themed "Game of Life." Students started school on Monday dressed as babies, and progressed to senior citizens for Thursday. Rachel shared that the classes have chosen Homecoming themes based on the overarching question of "What went wrong?" Seniors chose "Aliens;" Juniors chose the "Radio;" Sophomores chose "Field Trip;" and the Freshmen chose "The Freshmen Skit." Rachel stated that many of the school clubs have begun to meet. The Mock Trial Club is busy with recruitment and a few new clubs are being formed. She noted that many of the sports teams are beginning their first league contests. Rachel invited everyone to Back-to-School Night scheduled for September 6<sup>th</sup>. She noted that many students and faculty have come together to support relief efforts for the victims of Hurricane Harvey. Clothing, toiletries, and school supplies are being collected.

Paige Johnson, Livermore High School, shared that on August 31<sup>st</sup>, Livermore High School held ASB Freshmen elections. She stated that the football team is off to an amazing season so far, winning the first two games. On September 1<sup>st</sup>, football fans wore white in a "white-out" football game, in an effort to support school spirit. Paige noted that even with the unusual heat, the fans showed up to support the Cowboys. She thanked the Athletic Directors, parents, students and football players for braving the heat and pulling out the win. Paige also extended a heartfelt "thank-you" to Superintendent Bowers for coming out to the game and showing her support. In other exciting news regarding football season, Paige noted that anyone can now follow the LHS football season in a documentary produced by two senior LHS students, Trevor and Hunter Johnson. She shared that the series is called "Blitz" and will follow the Livermore Football team through the season with weekly episodes that can be viewed at [JustShootFilms.com](http://JustShootFilms.com). Paige also shared that because of the heat, Comcast could not broadcast the White-Out game; however, Comcast has notified the school that they will be broadcasting the Homecoming football game as an alternative. Everyone at the school is excited.

## **7.0 EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS**

Cate Sarraille, Livermore Education Association (LEA) President, commented that she appreciated Superintendent Bowers' and President Bueno's remarks at the Back-to-School Kickoff that spoke about inclusion and ensuring that students feel safe in all of our schools and classrooms. She noted that it's important for students to feel safe. Ms. Sarraille shared that LEA members felt empowered and energized from Dr. Bowers' heartfelt speech. She also stated that August 21<sup>st</sup>, the first day of school, was a remarkable day. Ms. Sarraille commented that everyone enjoyed wearing the appropriate safety glasses that were provided by our District to view the eclipse; an event that she believes all students will remember. Ms. Sarraille noted the enormous amount of work that is done by members behind the scenes prior to the first day of school. She stated that she and Aimee Thompson, LEA Vice President, are looking forward to classroom visits, which will begin in the upcoming week. Ms. Sarraille shared that she looks forward to sharing additional exciting events as the year progresses.

## **8.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

8A Audience Communication – None.

8B Board Correspondence

Annie Winhold, Choice for Children Foundation (CCEF) Board President, Formal Board correspondence received via email. The Board was copied on correspondence to Steve Wyosnick regarding his Public Document request. Ms. Winhold shared the final CCEF Board meeting and location details with him.

Steve Wyosnick – Formal Board correspondence received via email. The Board was copied on correspondence to Annie Winhold, Board President of CCEF. He thanked Ms. Winhold for her response to his Public Document request.

Dick Corso, Formal Board correspondence received via email. The email correspondence included Superintendent Bowers, Alameda County Office of Education Superintendent Monroe, and Alameda County Office of Education Board members. He shared his thoughts and perspective on essential and necessary Charter law reform, based on his experiences with Tri-Valley Learning Corporation (TVLC) in Livermore.

Yvonne Cerrato, Alameda County Board of Education member - Formal Board correspondence received via email. The Board was copied on correspondence to Dick Corso. Ms. Cerrato stated that she agreed with Mr. Corso, in that, "Charter Schools absolutely should not be able to use public funds to acquire property assets under the corporation title. They should be under the same requirements as any other public school regarding leases and property."

Jacqueline Oh, Intern with Assemblywoman Catharine Baker. Formal Board correspondence received via email. Ms. Oh invited the Board and Superintendent Bowers to a workshop that Assemblywoman Baker is hosting in partnership with The College Funding Coach, titled "Paying for College."

## **9.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **9.1 Summer School and Extended School Year Report 2017**

Superintendent Bowers asked Dr. Kevin Grier, Director; to present the Summer School and Extended School Year Report 2017, for information only. Tammy Rankin, Summer School Coordinator and Ravi Prabhala, Summer School principal, were also present to answer any questions.

Student Board member, Paige Johnson, commented that she had the opportunity to help teach a STEM class at Arroyo Seco Elementary School. She thought the experience was amazing and the program very beneficial. She stated that she thought the students enjoyed the learning environment. Paige also noted that the experience was beneficial to her as a student.

Public Comment: None

### **9.2 Professional Development Report**

Superintendent Bowers asked Mike Biondi, Assistant Superintendent, to present the Professional Development Report, for information only.

Public Comment: None

### **9.3 Maintenance, Operations and Facilities Work Update 2017**

Superintendent Bowers asked Bruce Wilke, Director, along with Glenn Sherman, Assistant Director, to present the Maintenance, Operations and Facilities Work Update 2017, for information only.

Public Comment: None

### **9.4 Enrollment and Staffing Report**

Superintendent Bowers asked Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent, to present the Enrollment and Staffing Report, for information only.

Public Comment: None

## **DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEM**

### **10.1 2016-2017 Unaudited Actual Financial Reports**

Superintendent Bowers asked Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent, to present the 2016-2017 Unaudited Actual Financial Reports, for Board approval.

Public comment: none

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Kate Runyon** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'To Approve the 2016-2017 Unaudited Actual Financial Reports ' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried.** 5 - 0

Craig Bueno – Yes  
Anne White – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Kate Runyon – Yes

**10.2 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation from Series 4000**

Scott Vernoy, Director, presented Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 4142 Employee Absences for Second/Final Reading and Board approval.

Public comment: None

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Kate Runyon** Moved, Member **Chris Wenzel** Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'To Approve Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 4142 *Employee Absences*, for Second/Final Reading and Board approval' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried.** 5 - 0

Craig Bueno – Yes  
Anne White – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Kate Runyon – Yes

**10.3 Board Policy/Administrative Regulation from Series 6000**

Scott Vernoy, Director, presented for Board approval, Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6158 *Independent Study* for Second/Final reading and Board approval.

Public comment: None

**ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Kate Runyon** Moved, Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Seconded to approve the ORIGINAL motion 'To approve Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 6158 Independent Study for Second/Final reading and Board approval.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The Motion **Carried** 5 – 0

Craig Bueno – Yes  
Anne White – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Kate Runyon – Yes

#### **10.4 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Call for Nominations for Directors-at-Large African American, American Indian, and County**

President Bueno, led a discussion among fellow Board members regarding a Call for Nominations for Directors-at-Large: African American, American Indian and County. After discussion, it was decided to table the item to gather more information regarding those currently serving in those roles, as well as the deadline for submitting nominations.

#### **10.5 Approval of Provisional Internship Permit**

Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent, presented a Provisional Internship Permit for one employee, for Board approval.

Public comment: None

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Kate Runyon** Moved, Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve a Provisional Internship Permit for one employee.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The Motion **Carried** 5 – 0

Craig Bueno – Yes  
Anne White – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Kate Runyon – Yes

#### **10.6 Request for Approval of Bilingual Authorization (BCLAD) Waivers**

Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent, presented Bilingual Authorization (BCLAD) Waivers for four employees, for Board approval.

Public comment: None

#### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Kate Runyon** Moved, Member **Chris Wenzel** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To approve the Bilingual Authorization (BCLAD) Waiver Requests, for four employees' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The Motion **Carried** 5 – 0

Craig Bueno – Yes  
Anne White – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Kate Runyon – Yes

## **11.0 CONSENT ITEMS - MOTIONS**

- 11.1 Approval of Consent Items – Motions
- 11.2 Approval Employment of Personnel
- 11.3 Approval of Leaves of Absence
- 11.4 Confirmation of Resignations
- 11.5 Approval of Consultant
- 11.6 Approval of Employment of Extracurricular Coaches, 2017/2018
- 11.7 Approval of Gifts to District
- 11.8 Approval of Claim No. 535755 – Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.95 Government Code Section 912.4 requires that the Board of education act on a claim within (45) days after the claim has been presented. Claim No. 535755
- 11.9 Approval of Contract for Geotechnical and Geologic Hazards Investigation Services
- 11.10 Approval of Contract for Hazardous Material Testing and Inspection Services
- 11.11 Approval of the August 22, 2017 Regular board Meeting Minutes
- 11.12 Revision of Revised Job Description for Groundskeeper Foreman
- 11.13 Approval of Out-of-State Conference for Three Staff Members to Attend International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma Program Training: One Staff Member to New York; One Staff Member in Washington; and One Staff Member in Florida.

Public comment: None

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Kate Runyon** Moved, Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approval of Consent Items – Motions 11.1- 11.13,' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0

Craig Bueno – Yes  
Anne White – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Kate Runyon – Yes

## **12.0 CONSENT ITEMS - RESOLUTIONS**

- 12.1 Approval of Consent Items – Resolutions
- 12.2 Resolution No. 016-17/18, Authorized Representative for Deposit Accounts at Bank of the West
- 12.3 Resolution No. 017-17/18, Establishing Gann Appropriations Limitations for 2016-17 and 2017-18



Public Comment: None

### **ORIGINAL - Motion**

Member **Kate Runyon** Moved, Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Items – Resolution Nos. 016-17/18 and 017-17/18.'

Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0

Craig Bueno – Yes  
Anne White – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Kate Runyon – Yes

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

13.1 Consent items removed for separate discussion/vote

None

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

Member Kate Runyon shared information about Northwest Lineman College, located in Oroville, not far from Chico, California. The college prepares men and women to become Electrical Lineworkers, in the Power Delivery Industry. Mrs. Runyon shared that students graduate in fewer than 6 months, and the school has an approximately 90% placement rate. She also shared that she has been utilizing the Udemy online course offerings, and stated that the average cost per class is about ten dollars. Mrs. Runyon commented that the instruction is very helpful and excellent subjects are covered. Regarding the capabilities of Google Classroom, which is a written format, she thought that the District may utilize it in the instance when occasionally a teacher takes a leave of disability, but could teach in a different way. Mrs. Runyon made a community announcement: through an Intergovernmental Committee meeting she attended, she learned recently that corn-based bio bags should not go in our Green Waste bins.

Member Chris Wenzel shared that he visited Granada High School and viewed the new buildings. He had an opportunity to run around the new track as well. He reminded everyone about Back-to-School night at the high schools on September 6<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Wenzel also shared that Adonal Foyle, Warriors Basketball Ambassador/children's book author, will be donating 100 of his books and reading to the Marylin Avenue Elementary School students on September 7<sup>th</sup>. He reminded everyone of the upcoming anniversary of 9/11 and stated "Don't ever forget." Mr. Wenzel stated that his thoughts and prayers also go out to those affected by Hurricane Harvey.

Member Chuck Rogge stated that he will be attending the Tri-Valley Regional Occupational Program (TVROP) Board meeting on September 6<sup>th</sup>. He commented that he is willing to take any questions

that the Board may have to the meeting. Mr. Rogge also shared a humorous story he heard regarding the eclipse, in that, some viewers used SP60 on their eyes as protection.

President Craig Bueno expressed his gratitude to Dr. Bowers for her leadership. He stated that although there was a lot of transition this year, he has received positive feedback regarding the great start of school. President Bueno congratulated Coach Silva (GHS) and Coach Butler (LHS) for recent decisive wins for their respective high school football teams. He stated that Dr. Bowers with her leadership, continues to raise the bar as we strive for excellence in our schools.

Member Anne White did not report.

## **16.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Bowers shared that Welcome Back cakes from the Board and senior Cabinet, were delivered to each school site on Wednesday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. She attended the Livermore Valley Chamber of Commerce Luncheon series August 23<sup>rd</sup>; along with Board President Bueno and Trustee White. The first annual #LivVal Biz Awards were announced at the luncheon. LVJUSD, as a Top Workplace, was a finalist for the Awesomeness Achievement Award and came in second place.

Dr. Bowers stated that Elementary Back-to-School Night event was a huge success and enjoyed by all. She noted that all Cabinet members joined Board members in special evening site visits. The attendance was record-breaking, with hundreds of parents visiting the schools, mirroring the students' schedules and meeting their teachers. Dr. Bowers shared that Middle School Back-to-School Night is September 5<sup>th</sup>, High School Back-to-School Night is September 6<sup>th</sup>, and Vineyard Back-to-School Night is September 7<sup>th</sup>. She invited all to attend.

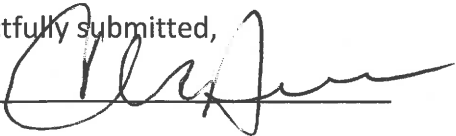
Dr. Bowers commented that we started the school year with an eclipse and no sun, and now we are experiencing too much sun. She noted that Livermore has definitely experienced some record-breaking heat lately. Dr. Bowers shared that as a safety precaution, the District limited outside activity, and cancelled, postponed or delayed sporting events and games. Also, all schools followed standard Inclement Weather/Rainy Day procedures and Heat Stress Guidelines were implemented. She shared that our District received quite a bit of media and news coverage for how well we responded to the heat conditions, and we were featured on Channel 2, 4 and 5 news. Dr. Bowers and her husband had the pleasure of attending the LHS Football Varsity game vs. Washington, with an 8:00 o'clock start time on September 1<sup>st</sup>. She noted that heavy duty water misters were on the LHS field to keep the athletes cool and refreshed and better yet, the LHS Cowboys won with a score of 48-6! Granada High School Varsity played away, and were victorious, with a score of 49-14! Dr. Bowers was thrilled about the wins and commented "Go Matadors, Go Cowboys!"

## **17.0 ADJOURNMENT**

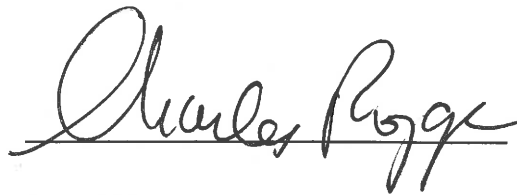
President Bueno echoed Mr. Wenzel's thoughts regarding 9/11. He stated that as a Fire Chief, he was on duty that day, and closed the meeting in honor of the 343 firefighters who were killed that day - and we must never forget.

There being no further business before the Board, the Board President adjourned the meeting at 9:34 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 19<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017