



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, August 18, 2020

Closed Session 6:00 PM / Regular Meeting 7:00 PM

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Under the Executive Department of the State of California, Executive Order N-25-20 and Government Code section(s) 8567, 8571, and 8572, Board members may participate via teleconference from an offsite location.

Board Members Present: President Craig Bueno, Clerk Chuck Rogge, and Members Emily Prusso and Anne White were present.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent; Mike Biondi, Assistant Superintendent; Geoff Warner, Chief Technology Officer; Melissa Thiede, Director of Human Resources; Scott Vernoy, Director of Student Services; Kim McNeely, Bond Program Director; Bruce Wilke, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Facilities; Dr. Kevin Grier, Director of Curriculum; Philomena Rambo, Director of Community Engagement; and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Cathy McConnell

Student Board Member Representatives Present:

Bobby Zepeda - Granada High School

Michaela Esposito - Livermore High School

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

The meeting was called to order by President Craig Bueno with Clerk Chuck Rogge and Members Emily Prusso and Anne White present. Member Chris Wenzel was absent.

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; Mike Biondi, Assistant Superintendent, Melissa Theide, Director, and Frank Selvaggio, Director. Karen Samman, legal advisor from Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, was also in attendance.

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)): Two Cases

2.5 Conference with Real Property Negotiators
(Government Code section 54956.8) APN 905-0018-024 (3266 Constitution Drive), APN 905-0018-025 (3278 Constitution Drive), in Livermore, California
Agency Negotiators: Chris Van Schaack, Susan Kinder, Dr. Kelly Bowers

3.0 7:14 P.M. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

3.1 The Regular Board Meeting was reconvened in Open Session by President Craig Bueno. Clerk Chuck Rogge and Members Emily Prusso, and Anne White were present. Member Chris Wenzel was absent.

A. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by our New Student Board Representatives, Bobby Zepeda and Michaela Esposito; along with Casey and Jocelyn Hansen, children of Mr. Jesse Hansen, newly appointed Principal of East Avenue Middle School.

B. Actions approved in Closed Session: None

President Bueno announced for the record that at the June 30th Special Board meeting, our Board of Trustees voted unanimously, 5 - 0, supporting the “satisfactory” evaluation of the Superintendent, Dr. Kelly Bowers, for the 2019-2020 school year. President Bueno remarked that Dr. Bowers is doing a fantastic job during these unprecedented times, and has the full support of the Board. He asked for a round of applause.

C. Expulsion Action - None

D. Meeting Procedures – President Craig Bueno reviewed all meeting procedures.

4.0 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Our Superintendent reported that there was additional correspondence that was received after the Agenda was published, but prior to the 4 P.M. deadline the day before the meeting, per policy. The Board members were provided copies of the correspondence and it was included in the Clerk’s Summary.

5.0 RECOGNITIONS

Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent, had the pleasure of welcoming and introducing our District's newest administrators. The Board congratulated Marni Angelo, Principal of Croce Elementary School, and Jesse Hansen, Principal of East Avenue Middle School.

6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Prior to the high school student board members, Bobby Zepeda and Michaela Esposito, presenting their respective school reports, Superintendent Bowers invited Deputy Superintendent Chris Van Schaack, Board President Craig Bueno, and Board Clerk Chuck Rogge, to administer the official Oath of Office to the New Student Board Member representatives.

Bobby Zepeda, Granada High School, stated that he was pleased to be part of the Board this school year. He noted that he is a senior and enjoys being involved with planning school events, Leadership, Associated Student Body (ASB), and school clubs. Bobby shared that he is a member of the Hip Hop Club and is the President this year. He is interested in how distance learning will affect this school year. Bobby noted that he is excited to work with the School Board and find ways to make this year as enjoyable as possible.

Michaela Esposito, Livermore High School, introduced herself as a soon-to-be senior at LHS. Michaela shared that this year will mark her third year in Leadership and first year in ASB. She noted that she is an only child and very close to her parents. Michaela has also been on the LHS Cheer team for the past three years. She shared that she is passionate about civil rights and the environment and is the Co-President of the LHS Environmental Club, called the Green Team. She stated that she is looking forward to her senior year and all the senior activities.

Michaela noted that the LHS Walkthrough was scheduled August 17th - 20th. Students picked up their textbooks, schedules, and yearbooks from the last school year. Due to the high temperatures during the week, school ID photos had to be rescheduled. She shared that LHS has plans to implement a Wellness Center and Student Forum site this year. Michaela noted that she had the privilege of participating in laying the groundwork for the Student Forum program during the previous school year.

7.0 EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

Aimee Thompson, Livermore Education Association (LEA) President, noted that the summer was busy preparing to teach students during a pandemic. She shared that our LVJUSD nurses spent the summer meeting with our Superintendent and the Alameda County Health Department, receiving up-to-date information and writing protocols for the safe reopening of schools. Ms. Thompson stated that several LEA members served on the Roadmap to Reopening Task Force. She shared that LEA and LVJUSD bargaining teams met several times during the summer, and was proud to report that a tentative Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was reached by both sides. LEA membership will begin voting on the MOU on Thursday, August 20th.

Ms. Thompson reminded everyone that the Schools and Communities First initiative has qualified for the November ballot, under the Prop 15 title. She noted that Prop 15 will raise money for schools and

communities by assessing commercial and industrial properties at their fair market values. Prop 15 will not change the way residential properties are assessed or taxed. Ms. Thompson noted that Prop

15 would bring an additional \$8 million annually to our District. She urged the Board to join LEA in supporting Prop 15.

Ms. Thompson shared that the impact of the COVID-19 health crisis on education has been significant and has created considerable challenges for families, students, and educators. She stated that her preference would be that our District proceed with an abundance of caution, ensuring health and safety for all. Ms. Thompson shared a message that she had recently sent to all LEA members. She acknowledged that some may have feelings of frustration or be overwhelmed with the circumstances associated with the pandemic. Ms. Thompson asked her members to pause and breathe and allow themselves grace. She asked that grace be given to their colleagues, students, and administrators. She noted that this school year may not be what is wanted, it may not be perfect, but it will be good. Ms. Thompson stated that, " We can do it, if we support each other and give everyone grace."

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

A Audience Communication

Asa Strout - Mr. Strout introduced himself to the Board and shared that he was a candidate running for a seat on the LVJUSD Board of Education in November. Mr. Strout stated that he would like to advocate for live streaming of our Board meetings. He echoed Ms. Thompson, and asked the Board to support Prop 15, Schools & Communities First Initiative, on the upcoming November ballot.

Real Estate Alliance of Livermore (REAL) - Representatives of REAL, Barbara Benotto, 2020 Chairperson, Maryjane Billowitch, Nicole Sweeney, Ellen Goold, and Maureen Torretto were pleased and excited to present to LVJUSD, a check in the amount of \$25,560, as a result of REAL's Dream Big School Drive fundraiser. Ms. Benotto noted that in response to the many challenges our District has faced during these unprecedented times, members of REAL realized that our District could use assistance with additional Chromebooks and digital tools for students. They set a fundraising goal of \$25,000. When the Campaign ended, REAL had raised the impressive amount; more than double what they had raised in past years. LVJUSD is extremely grateful for the generous donation and support shown by all the members of the Real Estate Alliance of Livermore.

B Board Correspondence - The Board of Education received the following Formal Board Correspondence:

Ian Kaye - Mr. Kaye inquired about where he could access information regarding upcoming Board meetings and agenda items. Mr. Kaye thanked the Board for their service.

Note: Superintendent Bowers responded and provided the information requested.

Julio Rivera - Mr. Rivera informed the Board that he prefers that his son attend school from home, until a vaccine against COVID-19 is available.

Sherry Strausbaugh - Ms. Strausbaugh inquired about the District's timeline in notifying families with information regarding plans for the 2020-2021 school year.

Carol Hovey - Ms. Hovey conveyed to the Board that the State Board of Education adopted the new California Arts Framework the week of July 8th. She thanked our District for supporting the new standards.

Kara Blair - Ms. Blair urged the Board to allow younger children to learn in the classroom full-time, with modifications. Ms. Blair believes that children are willing to adapt to physical distancing and mask wearing.

Kristin and Scott Kohn - Mr. and Mrs. Kohn encouraged the Board to choose full-time distance learning to begin the school year. They believe that opening the classrooms too soon poses too much risk to students and teachers.

Taylor Melton - On behalf of some LVJUSD students, Ms. Melton voiced concerns regarding recent events of police brutality and anti-Blackness. Through the DiversifyOurNarrative campaign, the group requested our Board include more books by a person of color in English/Literature classes.

Karen Paik - Ms. Paik urged the Board to keep our students physically out of classrooms and off campus in the fall.

George Makris - Mr. Makris stated that he would prefer a distance learning solution for this school year to protect both students and faculty.

Jennifer Daily - Ms. Daily urged the Board to consider allowing students to return to the classroom in the fall.

Kristine Monteith - Ms. Monteith conveyed ideas and solutions regarding decisions involving school instruction for the fall. She noted that the decisions are difficult and thanked the Board.

Diana and Chris Wyland - Mr. and Mrs. Wyland stated that they are in favor of schools being open and kids physically attending school 100% in August. They noted that they would also support a hybrid solution of both in-school and distance learning.

Kristen Sison - Ms. Sison conveyed concerns regarding students possibly returning to classrooms in-person for the fall semester. She urged the Board to support a fully-remote learning option.

Claire McFarlane - Ms. McFarlane urged the Board to have school open full time, and have all classes live-streamed as an alternative option, enabling parents to have a choice.

Rebecca Holman - Ms. Holman reminded the Board that health and safety is multifaceted. She urged the Board to advocate for the best possible hybrid program to be developed for the sake of students' mental and physical health. Ms. Holman thanked our Board members for their service.

Jayne Wolfe - Ms. Wolfe suggested that our Board look to our neighboring school districts as an example of how to begin the school year. She would like our District to start the 2020-2021 school year virtually, for the safety of children and staff.

Sujin Leek - Ms. Leek urged the Board to have students attend school in-person as much as possible. She noted that there are pros and cons - but the pros outweigh the cons, especially if social distancing measures are followed.

Carolyn Trinta - Ms. Trinta urged our Board to support a hybrid model of learning for the beginning of the 2020-2021 school year, and returning to the classroom full-time as soon as possible.

Jack Prusso - Mr. Prusso, 10th grader at Livermore High School. He wrote to the Board on behalf of many of his peers who were referenced in the correspondence. Mr. Prusso informed the Board that many students from LHS would like school to open in August and give students the option to attend in-person or virtually, their choice.

Holly Pine - Ms. Pine urged the Board to not consider distance learning for the fall of 2020-2021.

Christie Anderer - Ms. Anderer supports the District's decision to implement distance learning for the fall of 2020-2021.

Lisa and Adrian Valverde - Mr. and Mrs. Valverde thanked the Board for the decision to offer distance learning for the fall of 2020-2021, keeping students and staff safe during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sharon Pizer - Ms. Pizer supports the decision by LVJUSD regarding online distance learning for fall. She thanked the Board for making tough decisions.

Jen Weise - Ms. Weise thanked the Board for their cautious approach to reopening schools. She noted that she is in favor of slowly progressing towards a full opening, which would minimize risk.

Pam Johnson - Ms. Johnson supports beginning the school year with distance learning, and easing into the hybrid model when it's safe to do so. Ms. Johnson appreciated the way LVJUSD has been handling the COVID-19 pandemic response, keeping our children and staff safe.

Debbie Giorgio - Ms. Giorgio expressed her appreciation for LVJUSD's decision to keep schools closed and choosing safety as the number one factor.

Hannah Kline - Ms. Kline supports the District's decision to start the school year with distance learning.

Alexa Malloy - Ms. Malloy thanked the Board for starting the school year with distance learning and taking the health of our community seriously.

Alana Gray - Ms. Gray expressed her gratitude to the Board regarding the decision to start the 2020-2021 school year with remote learning.

Michelle Smith - Ms. Smith supports starting the school year with distance learning, keeping school communities safe, and creating a consistent, stable learning environment for children.

Rebecca Makris - Ms. Makris thanked the Board for following Governor Newsom's directives regarding distance learning.

Kelly Van Raden - Ms. Van Raden supports virtual learning for all children. She supports our educational leaders for taking precautions to keep our kids healthy and safe.

Ruth Gordillo - Ms. Gordillo thanked everyone at LVJUSD who worked tirelessly making and creating plans for the 2020-2021 school year. She thanked the Board for keeping the health and well-being of our children, teachers, and overall community a top priority.

Dawn Matthews - Ms. Matthews thanked everyone for making the tough decision to open our schools this year via remote learning.

Kristen Stephens - Ms. Stephens thanked the Board for making the decision to open school with distance learning in the fall.

Renee Haugen - Ms. Haugen thanked the Board and expressed her appreciation for their concern regarding the health and safety of everyone going into the upcoming school year.

Lydia Sarraille - Ms. Sarraille thanked the District for making the decision to begin the new school year with distance learning.

Linda Nicholson - Ms. Nicholson asked the Board to publicly encourage our entire community to follow protocol, particularly concerning maintaining six feet of distance, mask wearing, hand hygiene and doing only essential activities, so that our schools can go back to in-person instruction safely.

Katherine Kozioziemski - Ms. Kozioziemski thanked the Board and Superintendent for making the tough decision to begin the school year with distance learning.

Anthony Lopez - Mr. Lopez wrote to the Board with his idea to form small learning groups that allows students to safely interact with each other and learn via Learning Pods. He asked the Board for any assistance or guidance that may be provided.

Note: District leadership met with Mr. Lopez to discuss his vision.

LVJUSD Nurses - Our District nurses shared that they have been in direct communication with the Alameda County Public Health Department weekly regarding changing conditions, the challenges of testing availability, and status of contact tracing for Livermore residents. They conveyed that there are many challenges that District leaders and the community need to recognize. Our nurses look forward to continuing to find creative solutions that will allow students to return to classes. They thanked the Board members for all of their hard work and dedication keeping students and staff safe during this unprecedented time.

Alicia Sain - Ms. Sain thanked the Board and Superintendent for making the hard decision to begin the school year safely. She is thankful that our teachers are safer, our students can continue to learn, and for the impressive solutions that our leadership has created.

Gina DiPrima - Ms. DiPrima urged the Board to follow the health science regarding COVID-19 and not open schools until case and transmission rates drop to safer levels.

Correspondence received after the agenda was published, but prior to the 4pm deadline the day before the meeting, included and summarized per policy.

Doug and Jennifer Phillips - Mr. and Mrs. Phillips expressed their relief that our District will be supporting distance education moving into the 2020-2021 school year.

Theresa Tennyson - Ms. Tennyson thanked the Board members for all of their hard work during these times. She stated that distance learning will work out in her case, but that may not be the case for everyone. Overall, she would like her kids to return to school as soon as possible.

9.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEM

9.1 Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Summer 2020 Work Update

Bruce Wilke, Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities, presented the Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Summer 2020 Work Update, for information only.

Public Comment: None

9.2 Measure J Bond Program Update

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

Public Comment: None

9.3 Distance Learning Update: Fall Phase

Mike Biondi, Assistant Superintendent, along with Deputy Superintendent, Chris Van Schaack, presented the Distance Learning Update: Fall Phase, for information only.

Public Comment: None

9.4 45-Day Budget Revision for 2020-2021

Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent, presented the 45-Day Budget Revision for 2020-2021, for information only.

Public Comment: None

10.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Approval of 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Spanish 1 A/B and Spanish 2 A/B

Dr. Kevin Grier, presented the 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Spanish 1 A/B and Spanish 2 A/B, for Board approval.

Public Comment: none

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Spanish 1 A/B and Spanish 2_A/B.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

10.2 Approval of 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Algebra 1 A/B and Geometry A/B

Dr. Kevin Grier, presented the 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Algebra 1 A/B and Geometry A/B, for Board approval.

Public Comment: none

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Anne White** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Algebra 1 A/B and Geometry_A/B.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes

Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

10.3 Approval of 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Conceptual Physics A/B and Biology A/B

Dr. Kevin Grier, presented the 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Conceptual Physics A/B and Biology A/B, for Board approval.

Public Comment: none

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Emily Prusso** Moved, Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Conceptual Physics A/B and Biology 2_A/B.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

10.4 Approval of 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - English 9 A/B and English 9 Honors A/B

Dr. Kevin Grier, presented the 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - English A/B and English 9 Honors A/B, for Board approval.

Public Comment: none

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - English 9 A/B and English 9 Honors A/B.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

10.5 Approval of 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Art 1 A/B and Physical Education A/B

Dr. Kevin Grier, presented the 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Art 1 A/B and Physical Education A/B, for Board approval.

Public Comment: none

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve 9th Grade New International Baccalaureate Middle Years Programme Courses - Art 1 A/B. and Physical Education A/B' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

9:49 P.M. - President Bueno called a short recess.

10:01 P.M. - President Bueno reconvened the meeting.

10.6 Board Policy 4113.5 Working Remotely

Scott Vernoy, Director, presented Board Policy 4113.5 Working Remotely, for a Third Reading and Board approval.

ORIGINAL – Motion

Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, 'To Approve Board Policy 4113.5 Working Remotely, for Third and Final Reading, and Board Approval .' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

10.7 Board Policy 6157 Distance Learning

Scott Vernoy, Director, presented Board Policy 6157 Distance Learning, for a Third Reading and Board approval.

ORIGINAL – Motion

Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, 'To Approve Board Policy 6157 Distance Learning, for Third and Final Reading, and Board Approval .' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

10.8 Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan

Scott Vernoy, Director, presented Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan, for a First Reading and Board approval.

ORIGINAL – Motion

Member **Anne White** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion, 'To Approve Board Policy 0470 COVID-19 Mitigation Plan for First and Final reading, and Board Approval .' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

11.0 CONSENT ITEMS - MOTIONS

- 11.1 Approval of Consent Items – Motions
- 11.2 Approval of Employment of Personnel
- 11.3 Confirmation of Resignations/Retirements
- 11.4 Approval of Leaves of Absence
- 11.5 Approval of Employment of Extracurricular Coaches, 2020/2021
- 11.6 Approval of Gifts to District
- 11.7 Measure J Bond Program Contract Amendments/Change Order Ratification
- 11.8 Ratification of Award of CUPCCAA Contract for the Livermore High School Agricultural Area Landscaping Project
- 11.9 Ratification of Award of Contract for the Video Projection and Voice Enhancement Phase 3 Project
- 11.10 Approval of Williams Uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly District Report
- 11.11 Approval of the June 23, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- 11.12 Approval of the June 30, 2020 Special Board Meeting Minutes
- 11.13 Approval of the Purchase Order Summary Reports for June and July

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL – Motion

Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Items – Motions 11.2 - 11.13' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
 Anne White – Yes
 Emily Prusso – Yes
 Chuck Rogge – Yes
 Chris Wenzel – Absent

12.0 RESOLUTIONS

- 12.1 Approval of Consent Items – Resolutions
- 12.2 Resolution No. 001-20/21, Acceptance of Exterior Painting at Leo R. Croce Elementary School - Notice of Completion
- 12.3 Resolution No. 002-20/21, Budget Transfers of Funds-Revenues and Expenditures
- 12.4 Resolution No. 003-20/21, Approval to Enter Into Agreement with the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) for the Purpose of Becoming Accredited as a Teacher Induction Program

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL– Motion

Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motions 'Approve Resolution Items – Motions 12.1 – 12.4' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Yes: 4 Nay: 0 Absent: 1

The motion **Carried** 4 - 0-1.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Anne White – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Chuck Rogge – Yes
Chris Wenzel – Absent

13.0 CONSENT ITEMS – MOTIONS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/VOTE

13.1 Consent Items Removed for Separate Discussion/Vote

Public Comment: None

14.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Trustee Emily Prusso thanked all the staff who helped prepare for the upcoming school year. She stated that she is excited to see what has been planned for our students, and is confident that the learning will be comprehensive. She thanked the District and LEA leadership teams for working together to make this year the best possible for our students and teachers. Mrs. Prusso stated that online learning is not her first preference, but we need to be responsible and keep everyone safe. She shared that we need to do our very best to get our students back into our classrooms and asked for the community's help. Mrs. Prusso noted that we need to do our very best to bring our numbers down and be responsible citizens, by supporting the wearing of masks, social distancing, essential outings, and the use of good hand hygiene. Mrs. Prusso wished everyone a fantastic first day of school.

Trustee Anne White shared that she attended two district policy meetings, as well as a California School Boards Association (CSBA), hosted legal webinars. Mrs. White noted that education for TK-12 students is more than education; it also encompasses nutrition, mental health, physiological health, and childcare. Mrs. White supports our District providing safe and adequate space for childcare for our essential workers during this time. She noted that just like textbooks, computers too should be considered essential for children.

Clerk Chuck Rogge commented on a statistic that came out recently, that reports that 25% of young people under the age of 25 have contemplated taking their own lives and may be linked to political, social, and pandemic pressures. He noted that the statistic is concerning to him, particularly because it includes elementary and high school ages. Clerk Rogge would like to see the pandemic issue resolved sooner rather than later. He also brought forward the concern from students of the graduating Livermore High School Class of 2020, who have not yet received their yearbooks. NOTE: Superintendent Bowers is following up with LHS administration and Clerk Rogge regarding yearbook distribution.

President Craig Bueno thanked Dana Dodge and the remarkable staff of the Child Nutrition Department and the many volunteers involved with the distribution of over 200,000 meals this summer. Mr. Bueno stated that we are in the midst of one of the greatest challenges Americans have ever seen. He shared that throughout the many challenges we are facing, our District has formulated a plan to get through it together and provide the best education for our nearly 14,000 students and families. Mr. Bueno noted that he is proud to be part of the effort, to be contributing with dedicated people, all working to benefit the students of Livermore. President Bueno asked people to please wear a mask, practice good hand hygiene and social distancing. He noted that we need to get the kids safely back in school as priority one. President Bueno stated, "Let's do what Americans do; let's come together, let's work together, and we'll be out of this pandemic quickly."

15.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Bowers noted that the summer months flew by with an extraordinary amount of preparation accomplished by an amazing team of professionals. She stated that she is proud of our staff, for their commitment, hard work, and drive in developing our Distance Learning Plan for students, families and staff.

Dr. Bowers shared that the Coalition for Change Working Committee and Alumni Advisory Committee met several times during the summer. The Coalition that is forming is composed of former and current students, parents, school leaders and school staff, Board members and Community partners who have come together to tackle racism and gender and cultural bias in our schools; and are focused on improving our campus climate through systemic change, specialized training, and education. She noted that Focus groups are currently being formed to carry-on with the important work that has begun.

Dr. Bowers stated that district leadership held the two-day Leadership Institute, and New Teacher Orientation virtually. Prior to our Professional Development Day, our annual Back to School Kickoff will be held as a first-ever virtual event. She noted that the theme this year is "Changed for the Better," and over 1,500 staff members will receive LVJUSD customized masks and individually wrapped See's Candies that were donated, courtesy of Trustee Wenzel.

Dr. Bowers shared that the first day of school is Tuesday, August 25th, and LVJUSD staff will virtually welcome 13,900+ students back-to-school.

Dr. Bowers noted that this is her 34th year in public education; 22nd year in LVJUSD, and beginning her 11th year as Superintendent. She noted that she continues to be overcome with excitement and exhilaration at the thought of a new academic year. She thanked everyone who worked so hard preparing for our students, and thanked our parents and our community who are supporting and partnering with LVJUSD to ensure the upcoming year goes smoothly. Dr. Bowers stated, "Here's to a wonderful, productive, and definitely memorable school year!"

In closing, Dr. Bowers reminded everyone to Stay Safe, Be Well, and Stay #LVJUSDstrong!

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Bueno adjourned the Meeting at 10:34 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in red ink, appearing to be "C. M. ...", written over a horizontal line.

Board President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Charles Ryo", written over a horizontal line.

Board Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings of this Board this 1st day of September 2020.