



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

Tuesday, October 20, 2020

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

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

**Administrative Staff Present:** Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent; Kim McNeely, Bond Program Director; Dr. Kevin Grier, Director of Curriculum; Scott Vernoy, Director of Student Services; Geoff Warner, Chief Technology Officer; 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, Chris Wenzel, and Anne White present.

## 2.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss items 2.1 through 2.6. Staff in attendance included Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; and Susan Kinder, 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: One Case

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)): Three 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

## 2.6 Liability Claim - No. 21-01 for Property Damage

### **3.0 7:02 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, Chris Wenzel, and Anne White were present.

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by our Student Board Representatives, Bobby Zepeda and Michaela Esposito.
- B. Actions approved in Closed Session: None to report.
- C. Expulsion Action - None
- D. Meeting Procedures – President Craig Bueno reviewed all meeting procedures.

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

Dr. Bowers stated that there was a change to the agenda to report related to formal Board correspondence. Our Board of Education received three pieces of correspondence after the agenda was published, and prior to the 4pm deadline, the day before the meeting, per policy. Dr. Bowers noted that there were two pieces of correspondence that were not posted as part of the agenda due to a technical glitch that staff has identified and corrected. Copies of the additional correspondence were provided to each Board member and were summarized by the Board Clerk.

### **5.0 RECOGNITIONS**

Superintendent Bowers introduced the video recognition of the Marylin Avenue Elementary School Community Liaison and Intervention Team. Principal Denise Nathanson virtually recognized the Marylin Avenue Elementary School Community Liaison and Intervention Team, consisting of Raquel Barker, Lara Lesuer, Title One Teacher, and Intervention Specialists Peggy Arnold, Velia Mota, Kristy Thompson, and Debra Westfahl. Ms. Nathanson thanked them for the countless hours they have collectively given in support of students; from hosting intervention groups to home delivery of books and school supplies, in order to provide the opportunity for all students to be successful during distance learning. They each received a letter from our Board of Education and a Certificate of Recognition.

Superintendent Bowers introduced the video recognition of the Mendenhall Middle School, School Counselor. Principal Tammy Rankin virtually honored and recognized Marilee Solomon. Ms. Rankin honored Ms. Solomon for her remarkable dedication and for supporting students to ensure their

safety and assure a community of inclusion. Ms. Rankin stated that Ms. Solomon is truly a positive team player who supports all of the students and staff at the school.

Superintendent Bowers introduced the video recognition of the Vineyard Alternative School and Adult Education Program Office Team. Principal Carla Estrada-Hidalgo and Vice Principal, Sara Walke, virtually honored and recognized the hardworking, dedicated, and enthusiastic office staff of Monica Waples, Jessica Calkins, Marena Norton, and Kim Meglio. It was noted that each staff member is committed to building positive relationships with all students and staff.

Superintendent Bowers introduced the video recognition of Lam Research Corporation. It was noted that Lam Research Corporation reached out to our District at the start of the 2020-2021 school year and asked how its foundation could best support students during distance learning. Our District was honored that Lam Research generously donated \$100,000 to support equitable access for our students by meeting their technology needs during this challenging time of COVID-19 and at-home distance learning. The LVJUSD is honored to have the long-standing relationship and support of Lam Research Corporation, a true partner in education. Lam Research foundation has a philosophy of giving back to the community through school programs and scholarships. For the past ten years, Lam Research has awarded a \$10,000 scholarship to an outstanding senior at both Granada and Livermore High Schools. LVJUSD thanked Lam Research leadership and employees for continuing to prioritize education.

## **6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

Bobby Zepeda, Granada High School, shared that students have adjusted to the challenges of distance learning. He noted that the student-organized virtual rallies have been very successful. On September 30th, Leadership's Rally Committee held its first virtual rally where the Committee put together a video of several performances, such as hip hop, dance, and cheer teams, that were shown during the ACE period. All of the performances were filmed on separate days and social distancing protocols were followed. Bobby shared that Leadership also held a drive-thru in which students were able to pick up a free donut that the Leadership class had purchased. Bobby commented that on October 8th, students at Granada were invited to a drive-thru at Meadowlark Park Dairy in Pleasanton. He thanked the dairy for its generous selling of ice cream in GHS school colors, with seniors receiving their ice cream cones, cost free. Bobby noted that many staff members and former Granada students also participated in the event. He shared that students have just passed the midway point in the trimester and students are working hard to ensure good grades. Bobby commented that the Seniors are currently a little stressed because early college applications are due next month. He commented that the Yearbook class has sent out a questionnaire for students to participate as a means of inclusion. Bobby noted that the Associated Student Body (ASB) has faced some challenges due to the lack of funding typically made via ASB sticker sales. He encouraged everyone to participate in the upcoming Senior Class fundraiser on October 31st, at Panera Bread, which will help fund Safe and Sober Grad Night in June.

Michaela Esposito, Livermore High School, shared that Livermore High has worked on many events to facilitate student and staff connection and encourage Cowboy participation while in distance learning. She noted that each Wednesday during the students' CAP period, the student Video Production crew releases videos for its Cowboys News channel, CBNN. Michaela commented that the videos include student-run segments such as a weekly workout video. She noted that the Wellness Center has also been involved with CBNN, offering segments that guide students through breathing exercises, and tips

on mindfulness. Michaela shared that the newly opened Wellness Center has been accepting referrals. She commented that the Drama Department will host a virtual Fall play titled “Verbatim Theater - Our LHS Community 2020,” and the cast has been selected. Michaela noted that ASB Leadership hosted a Teacher and Student of the Month event and was excited to share that LHS music teacher, Mr. Filice, was selected as the Teacher of the Month for October. LHS students participated in the Tri-Valley College & Career Fair, October 6th - 8th; and will be able to attend a COVID and College Admissions virtual presentation on October 21st, which will cover the topic of how COVID will change the college admissions process. Michaela announced that the Class of 2024 has been working on a Halloween “Boo Grams” fundraiser, and the Class of 2021 hosted a 20-Second Talent Competition. She shared that Picture Day is October 22nd and 23rd, with COVID safety protocols to be followed.

## **7.0 EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS**

Aimee Thompson, Livermore Education Association (LEA) President, noted her frustration with State and County Health Departments relegating the responsibility of the health and safety of students and staff to individual school districts during a pandemic. She commented that she would rather have clear and firm guidance from our Health Department, instead of recommendations that are not specific or required. She provided a couple of examples. Ms. Thompson shared that our Alameda County Health Department is posting data on infection rate delineated by zip code. She questioned how our County gathered its facts, due to the differing data reported and posted by the County versus the State. In addition, Ms. Thompson shared that the Alameda County website has posted the overall infection rate by city. She wondered why Livermore has more reported infections in the Tri-Valley. Ms. Thompson noted that she had the opportunity to speak with Dr. Moss, Interim Alameda County health officer, on two separate occasions. She shared her dismay at some responses to her questions. Ms. Thompson stated that it is irresponsible of these agencies to delegate their responsibility for public health to school districts with vague guidance and lack of support and oversight.

Ms. Thompson noted that a recent LEA survey of its members has shown that teachers are feeling more comfortable and proficient with distance learning. Teachers and students are settling into a groove. She noted several positive student outcomes of distance learning reported by teachers, including: better time management skills, learning patience and flexibility, and the proficient use of technology.

Ms. Thompson shared that the next challenge will be to find out how to move the many positives into the classroom when it is safer to return to on-campus instruction.

## **8.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

### **A Audience Communication**

Reyhaneh Rajabzadeh - former contracted employee of LVJUSD Special Education Department. Ms Rajabzadeh brought forth allegations of racism and discrimination towards special needs students at Mendenhall Middle School. She asked how our District plans to address the situation in the future.

Stephanie Sanchez - parent, noted that although the District is making every effort to safely reopen schools, she voiced concerns that her children would return to a school of inequality or face discrimination.

Marta Valdez - parent, addressed the Board. Lincoln Daw, served as translator for her statement to the Board. Ms. Valdez shared her perspective that the last three years her son has been in special education have been largely unsuccessful and frustrating. She shared that she feels her son has been discriminated against and she has tried to work with his special education team with little results.

Fareed Bukhari - husband of former LVJUSD Mendenhall Middle School employee - Mr. Bukhari spoke on behalf of his wife and relayed a series of concerns about the principal, the Special Education Department and staff members, while she was employed with our District. He asked the Board to look into his claims.

Russell Atkins - parent, stated that Distance Learning is hurting family relationships. He emphasized that school can be a safe place for children. He urged the Board to, "Do what is right and get our kids back in school."

Nobella Baba - parent of three children, noted the phenomenal job her children's teachers are doing with distance learning. She noted her frustration from the LVJUSD emails that still do not indicate an actual timeline for reopening. Ms. Baba shared that her children need in-person instruction. She urged the Board to give parents options.

Sophia Baba - 3rd grader, addressed the Board. She stated that she came to fight for what is right for herself and other kids. Sophia shared that online learning is not enough, she misses her teacher, and misses her friends. She informed the Board that she would do anything that they ask to be able to return to school.

Andrew Bicker - parent, noted that he would like to see his children back in the classroom. He shared that there is nothing more important than children's socialization and emotional health. Mr. Bicker stated that the Rancho principal and staff have been incredible. He urged the Board to do everything they can to return students to the classroom.

Robyn Annichero - parent, advocated for the immediate return to in-person learning for elementary school students. She noted that students are fighting feelings of loneliness and isolation every day. Ms. Annichero strongly urged the Board to quickly return children back to the classroom.

Morgan Crinklaw - parent, stated that on behalf of his two children, they would like to be allowed to return to school classrooms. Mr. Crinklaw asked the Board and District staff what data or criteria they are using to determine when all students will return to regular instruction in the classroom.

Tom Godfrey - parent, voiced his support of the parents who spoke before him and urged the Board to allow students to immediately return to in-person learning.

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

Alameda County Office of Education - Alameda County Office of Education (ACOE) notified the LVJUSD Board of Education that in accordance with Education Code Sections 52070 and 42127, the ACOE reviewed LVJUSD's 2020-2021 Adopted Budget financial report and based on the review, the 2020-2021 Adopted Budget was approved.

Morgan Crinklaw, parent, Encouraged the LVJUSD to apply for a waiver from the State and inquired about the plans the Board has developed to return children and teachers to the classroom.

Note: Mr. Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Director, contacted Mr. Crinklaw to address his concerns.

Tiffany Godfrey, parent, Encouraged the LVJUSD to apply for a waiver from the State in order to reopen our schools.

Marissa Kalchik, parent, Asked the Board to consider reopening our schools in a safe, slow manner.

John Pizer, parent, Encouraged the LVJUSD to keep our schools in distance-learning and stated that the decision to open the schools should not be rushed.

Jennifer Bernstein, parent, Urged the Board to not rush returning to the classrooms and encouraged the Board to listen to scientific data, and County and State guidelines before making a decision.

Darlene Clendenen, parent, Urged the Board to make decisions regarding reopening classrooms based on current available science and CDC guidelines.

Kellie Amador, parent, Urged the Board to reopen classrooms based on a well thought-out and scientifically based plan to ensure health and safety.

Brook Parker, parent, Expressed gratitude for LVJUSD not sending children back to the classroom while the pandemic is still uncontrollable (no vaccine). He asked the District to err on the side of caution.

Holly Barker, parent, Opposed the re-opening of classrooms. Ms. Barker asked our District to make its decisions based on current scientific data to ensure re-opening is done safely.

Georgette Thomason, parent, Opposed the re-opening of classrooms and asked our District to make decisions based on current scientific data.

Adair Spence, parent, Opposed the re-opening of classrooms and asked our District to make decisions based on current scientific data.

Joy Plummer, parent, Opposed the re-opening of classrooms and asked our District to make decisions based on current science and statistical data.

Erin Dennis, parent, Concerned about our schools moving toward a “hybrid” model of learning during the pandemic, with no signs of improvement.

Jenn Kelley, parent, Opposed the re-opening of classrooms and asked our District to make its decisions based on current scientific data.

Erika Taranowski, parent, Concerned about her children returning to in-person or hybrid learning in the classroom.

Kari Simonetti, parent, Concerned about her children returning to the classrooms too soon. She posed several questions for consideration relative to the safety precautions that should be taken.

Joan Puim, parent, Asked the Board to ensure all safety precautions and protocols are implemented before children return to the classrooms.

Andrea Melendez-Ngo, parent, Conveyed that her family prefers distance learning. She posed many questions for the Board to consider before students can safely return to the classroom. She encouraged the Board to carefully plan for children to safely be on campus.

Kelly Karney, parent, Thanked the Board for facilitating a meaningful and safe start to the school year for students. She asked the Board to ensure the well-being of the adults on campuses are a priority and asked if a hybrid model is worth putting their well-being at risk? Ms. Karney commented that the development of a hybrid program at this time would seem to be an enormous waste of effort and money.

\*Correspondence received after the Agenda was published, but prior to the 4pm deadline the day before the meeting, per policy, along with two pieces that were not posted as part of the agenda due to a technical glitch, that staff has since identified and corrected. All of the following correspondence was included in the Board Clerk's summary.

Lynnette Lopes, parent, Asked the Board for LVJUSD's overall plan and timeline for children to return to the classroom in grades TK-5.

Allegra Williams - Thanked the Board and District Leadership team for their efforts to ensure the safety and well-being of students, teachers, and schools during the pandemic. She noted that she has faith in our District and Board's safe and stable approach to reopening when it is safer to do so.

\*Julie Remy - Voiced her disappointment that our district is only focused on returning elementary students to school this Fall. She noted that all grade levels need to be considered for returning to school sooner rather than later.

Note: School Nurse Carolyn Reggiardo reached out to Ms. Remy to address her concerns.

\*Robert Heaney - Asked the Board if they have considered allowing seniors to return to the classrooms first. Mr. Heaney gave several reasons, including social and emotional well-being.

\*Katie Stromberg - Asked the Board to consider allowing 5th, 8th, 11th, and 12th graders to be the first students allowed to return to the classrooms. She is concerned about the middle and high school students and their emotional and overall mental health.

## **9.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEM**

Note: Information/Discussion Item 9.3 Teaching and Learning Continuum: Phases of Reopening Update was moved forward in the agenda, as reflected in the meeting minutes.

### **9.3 Teaching and Learning Continuum: Phases of Reopening**

Mr. Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Teaching and Learning Continuum: Phases of Reopening Update, for information only. School Nurse and COVID 19 Liaison, Carolyn Reggiardo, was available to answer any questions.

Public Comments:

Russell Atkins - parent, asked the Board for a timeline and the date when children will be allowed to return to the classroom. He was concerned with the logistics for parents and Hybrid schedules.

Nobella Baba - parent, thanked the staff for the updated report - She asked several questions for the Board to consider including when the parent survey will be sent out. Ms. Baba asked staff for a timeline.

Tom Godfrey - parent, pointed out that there is a lot of data available for the Board to access in their decision making process.

Robyn Annicchero - parent, noted the confusion for parents regarding the differences between the State guidelines and Alameda County Public Health Department guidelines and that they are not uniform. Ms. Annicchero commented that families need continual, consistent and clear communication from our District.

Nobella Baba - parent, shared that at Our Savior Preschool, students have returned to the classroom and noted that the school is using an app called Brightwheel that parents access before the student enters the classroom. She urged our District to investigate other app options that could support rapid and effective student check-in.

Russell Atkins - parent, appreciated and thanked the Board for their efforts in returning children to the classrooms. He encouraged the Board to be prepared and ready with reopening plans. Mr. Atkins would like to see more communication from our District.

10:00 PM - President Bueno called a short recess.

10:20 PM - President Bueno reconvened the meeting.

**9.1 PUBLIC HEARING: Notification of Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year**

Dr. Kevin Grier, Director of Curriculum, presented background information prior to the Board President opening the Public Hearing.

President Bueno Opened the Public Hearing: Notification of Compliance with Education Code Section 60119 for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

Public Comment: None

President Bueno Closed the Public Hearing.



## **9.2 Math Placement Act of 2015 Report**

Dr. Kevin Grier, Director of Curriculum, presented the Math Placement Act of 2015 Report, for information only.

Public Comment: None

## **9.3 Teaching and Learning Continuum: Phases of Reopening**

Note: This item was moved forward in the agenda, as reflected in the minutes.

## **9.4. General Fund Budget Update**

Ms. Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent, presented the General Fund Budget Update, for information only.

Public Comment: None

## **10.0 DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS**

### **10.1 Measure J Bond Program Update - Educational Furniture Pilot Program Review and Approval of Vendor**

Ms. Kim McNeely, Bond Program Director, presented the Measure J Bond Program Update. She presented the Educational Furniture Pilot Program Review and Vendor, for Board approval.

Public Comment: none

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Anne White** Moved, Member **Chris Wenzel** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve the Educational Furniture Pilot Program and Approval of Meteor as the Vendor' 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

Emily Prusso – Yes

Chuck Rogge – Yes

Chris Wenzel – Yes

### **10.2 Board Policy 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance**

Mr. Scott Vernoy, Director of Student Services, presented Board Policy 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance, for First Reading and Board approval.

Public Comment: none

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Chris Wenzel** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve Board Policy 3555 Nutrition Program Compliance for First 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  
Emily Prusso – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes

### **10.3 Board Policy 5145.5 Mental Health**

Mr. Scott Vernoy, Director of Student Services, presented Board Policy 5145.5 Mental Health, for First Reading and Board approval.

Public Comment: none

ORIGINAL - Motion

President **Craig Bueno** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'To Approve Board Policy 5145.5 Mental Health for First Reading and 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  
Emily Prusso – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes

### **11.0 CONSENT ITEMS - MOTIONS**

11.1 Approval of Consent Items – Motions

11.2 Approval of Employment of Personnel

11.3 Approval of Interim Contract for Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

11.4 Confirmation of Resignations/Retirements

11.5 Approval of Leaves of Absence

11.6 Approval of Gifts to District

11.7 Approval of the Purchase Order Summary Report for September

11.8 Acceptance of Claim No. 21-01 for Property Damage

11.9 Approval of Disposal of Obsolete Instructional Materials

11.10 Approval to Dispose of Obsolete Records

11.11 Award of Contract for the Purchase and Installation of Playground Equipment for Joe Michell K-8 School

- 11.12 Approval of New Job Description - School Nurse - County COVID-19 Liaison
- 11.13 Approval of Williams uniform Complaint Procedures Quarterly District Report
- 11.14 Approval of the September 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: None

### **ORIGINAL – Motion**

Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Items – Motions 11.2 - 11.14' 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  
Emily Prusso – Yes  
Chuck Rogge – Yes  
Chris Wenzel – Yes

### **12.0 RESOLUTIONS**

- 12.1 Approval of Consent Items – Resolutions
- 12.2 Resolution No. 112-20/21, Acceptance of the Exterior Painting Project at Emma C. Smith Elementary School - Notice of Completion
- 12.3 Resolution No. 113-20/21, Acceptance of the Roof Replacement Project at Marilyn Avenue Elementary School - Notice of Completion
- 12.4 Resolution No. 114-20/21, Notification of Compliance with Education Code Section 60119
- 12.5 Resolution No. 115-20/21, Character Education Month, October 2020
- 12.6 Resolution No. 116-20/21, California Week of the School Administrator
- 12.7 Resolution No. 117-20/21, Authorization to Sell Surplus Equipment
- 12.8 Resolution No. 118-20/21, Red Ribbon Week - October 23 - 31, 2020
- 12.9 Resolution No. 119-20/21, Unity Day 2020: Affirming the Importance of Kindness, Acceptance, and Inclusion for All

Public Comment: None

### **ORIGINAL– Motion**

Clerk **Chuck Rogge** Moved, Member **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Resolution Items – Resolution No. 112-20/21 through Resolution No. 119-20/21' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Yes: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

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

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

### **13.1 Consent Items Removed for Separate Discussion/Vote**

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

Trustee Emily Prusso noted that she would be remiss not to mention her sadness over the passing of our Assistant Superintendent, Mike Biondi. She reflected on how she met him and was impressed with Mr. Biondi's professionalism and what he meant to our community. Mrs. Prusso stated that he will be missed and wished his family comfort and peace.

Trustee Anne White shared that she will miss Mr. Biondi; along with his high level of competence and eloquence. She stated that "He was our friend."

Clerk Chuck Rogge commented that he appreciated Mr. Biondi's style and calmness. He stated that he will miss him, as a colleague and as someone he admired.

Trustee Chris Wenzel shared he had the opportunity to inspect the Livermore High School and East Avenue Middle School facilities construction projects, with Board Clerk Rogge, and noted that they look beautiful, the construction is progressing very well, and he can't wait to see the completed projects. Mr. Wenzel noted that Mr. Biondi was a professional friend and a great man.

President Craig Bueno thanked and commended Dr. Bowers for her leadership of our district during these challenging times. He noted the loss of Mr. Biondi has been extraordinarily difficult. President Bueno stated that it is important for our District to stay strong, stay together, and be united as a community. He thanked everyone and encouraged everyone to take time, if needed.

## **15.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Bowers reflected that Mike Biondi was a friend as well as an esteemed colleague. She commented that his passing was a personal and professional loss. Dr. Bowers noted that Mr. Biondi's professional accomplishments will live on as a legacy in our district and community, benefitting our students for years to come. Dr. Bowers reminded everyone that Wednesday, October 22nd, was Unity Day; a day where the entire community came together; including the City of Livermore and Livermore Area Recreation and Park District, in an effort to promote kindness, inclusion and acceptance. She encouraged our community to wear orange signifying the importance of the day. Dr. Bowers called attention to Resolution 119-20-21, Unity Day 2020: Affirming the Importance of Kindness, Acceptance and Inclusion for All. This resolution was adopted and passed unanimously by the LVJUSD Board of Education at the October 20th Board meeting.

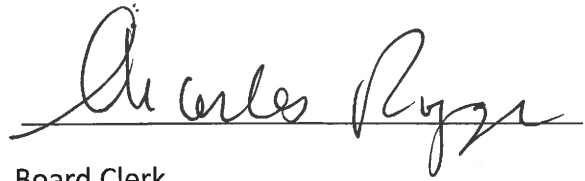
## **16.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, President Bueno adjourned the Meeting in honor of Mr. Mike Biondi, a dedicated professional, at 10:53 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



Board President



Board Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings of this Board this 10th day of November 2020.

