

LODI BOARD OF EDUCATION, 8 HUNTER STREET, LODI, NJ 07644

MINUTES of the proceedings of the **REGULAR MEETING** held on **MARCH 24, 2021** via ZOOM Broadcast at 7:00 pm. *Nancy Cardone, Board President, presided.*

I. Flag Salute / Sunshine Statement / Call to Order / Roll Call

In accordance with the Open Public Meetings, *N.J.S.A. 10:4-6 et seq.*, adequate notification of this meeting has been provided by advertising in the Bergen Record and Herald News and posting notice in the Board of Education Administration Building and filing notice with the Borough Clerk. I hereby call to order, via ZOOM Broadcast, the Regular Meeting of the Lodi Board of Education, Wednesday, March 24, 2021, at 7:00 pm.

<i>Board Member</i>	<i>Present</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X	
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X	
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X	
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X	
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X	
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.) via Telephone	X	
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X	
Ms. Delgado (Natalie), Vice President	X	
Ms. Cardone (Nancy), President	X	

Attendance:

Dr. Douglas J. Petty, Superintendent of Schools
Dr. Dennis R. Frohnapfel, Interim SBA/Board Secretary
Joseph Garcia, Esq., Board Attorney

II. Roosevelt School Showcase for Success by Jack Lipari, Principal

Hybrid learning at its best. A presentation on how all members of our school community have contributed to a successful school year. Everyone in the school community has a role in raising student achievement. From morning announcements to the Pledge of Allegiance, to weather news, to National Day calendars, to newsletter, to student engagement (PreK, Grade 1, Grade 2, Grade 3, Grade 4, Grade 5, Basic Skills Bitmoji classroom). From Virtual Marble Jar to Mindfulness Check-in Digital Activity, to Gratitude List, to Student Shout-Outs. A school counselor is . . .

III. Approval of Minutes

Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, approves the minutes of the Work Session held on February 10, 2021; and the Regular Meeting held on February 24, 2021. *Trustee Anderson motion to approve the minutes; seconded by Trustee Cima; carried by unanimous roll call vote.*

IV. Superintendent's Report

As you know, last Friday, the CDC announced revisions to their current guidelines for K-12 school operations . . . What does it mean for Lodi as well as other districts throughout the state? Well, as of this morning, I had a different answer than I do at this time. Today, we received guidance from the NJDOH adopting the guidelines provided by the CDC. Most notable is a recommendation for full in-person instruction with a minimum of three (3) feet of physical distancing between students while in the classroom. However, while COVID-19 Activity Level Index is HIGH, the recommendation for Middle and High school students remains at six (6) feet.

Another important item is the last opportunity for students to “opt-in” to our hybrid learning model. That last opt-in start date is scheduled for Monday April, 12, 2021. Please expect more information and a survey from your school principal.

I was informed during my SBJC Board meeting that the SBJC staff and staff from member districts (which includes Lodi) will now have an opportunity to take undergraduate, graduate, and certificated courses at Felician University at a reduced rate. I would encourage all staff interested in pursuing a degree or new certification to look into this opportunity.

Spring Sports . . . The NJSIAA sent out a notice during the basketball season allowing two (2) parents per student athlete up to 35% of the indoor capacity but not more than 150 occupants total. Players, spectators, officials included. However, more recently there was talk of the indoor capacity being capped at 25 and the outdoor capacity being capped at 50. The NJSIAA is supposed to be providing more clarification in the near future. At this time, we are going to stream the home Volleyball and Wrestling matches.

I would like to update the public on the current state of our schools . . . As of today 5 of 7 of our district schools are open for in-person learning. Wilson School is scheduled to return tomorrow March 25 and Washington School is scheduled to return on March 29.

Current Vaccination Status . . . Please keep in mind that although we partnered with Riverside Medical Group and offered the vaccine to ALL staff members which is not mandatory at this time. These numbers represent both fully and partially (single dose of two) vaccinations:

LHS:	25 fully, 49 partially out of 103 total staff = (74/103) 71.8%
TJMS:	26 fully, 11 partially out of 107 = (37/107) 34.5% *estimate based on genesis
Columbus:	5 fully, 7 partially out of 30 staff = (12/30) 40%
Hilltop:	12 fully, 15 partially out of 42 staff = (27/42) 64%
Roosevelt:	3 fully, 9 partially out of 22 staff = (12/22) 54%
Washington:	6 fully, 4 partially out of 43 staff = (10/43) 23%
Wilson:	9 fully, 20 partially out of 43 staff = (29/43) 67%

Last, but not least, you may remember my announcement regarding Lodi High School's Robotics teams being selected as National Semi-Finalists in the Samsung Solve for Tomorrow Challenge. Moving into the next round, the team was tasked with creating a project video. If our video is one of 10 to be selected, Lodi High School will then receive a prize of \$65,000 and will then be eligible for the Grand Prize. I'd Like to share their amazing video with everyone.

V. Board Secretary's Report

Dr. Dennis presented resolutions F/B-1 thru F/B-5 with additions to F/B-4, discarding equipment of no further educational value; also presented addendum resolutions F/B-6 thru F/B-8, recommending approval.

VI. Committee Reports

- A. Finance/Budget/Appropriations . . .** Dr. Dennis reported the committee met on March 10 to review the 2021/22 preliminary school year budget and presented the Finance/ Budget/ Appropriations resolutions recommending Board approval. Dr. Petty provided an update working closely with our architects in reviewing the previous work, studies, and reports regarding the Lincoln School Building. Our findings and recommendations will continue to be discussed though our committee and ultimately with our entire Board regarding the next steps.
- B. Personnel . . .** Dr. Petty reported two (2) additional items added to the agenda for tonight and both are regarding staff leaves of absence. Most notable and mentioned last week in my report is the retirement of four (4) staff members from Lodi High School. Again, on behalf of the Board of Education, we thank you for your time with us and wish you luck in your future endeavors. One last update is the REMOVAL of Item P1 from the agenda, as a result of the student moving to an all virtual format.
- C. Curriculum/Instruction . . .** Dr. Petty reported this month's curriculum and instruction agenda items are routine and consist of educational services agreements, OT, PT, speech services, and tuition contracts. Some exciting non-agenda items I would like to report out on include: 1) The district's participation in virtual curriculum writing for NJSLS- Understanding and unpacking the visual and performing arts standards; 2) The September implementation of a new golf program for our Elementary School students at no cost to the district. The opportunity was brought to us through a coordination between The New Jersey Golf Foundation and Mr. Tassillo from the Lodi Community Action Network. We want to thank Mr. Tassillo for bringing this opportunity to our school district; 3) There's been ongoing Professional development for our administrators and supervisors currently

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focused on Beliefs, Core Values and non-negotiables; 4) There's also been professional development for our 4th and 5th grade teachers continuing to develop their understanding of and skill set for Readers and Writers workshop.

- D. **Policy/Regulations** . . . Dr. Petty reported again, as discussed in my report last week, the Dress and Grooming/Dress Code policy is currently being reviewed by the Policy Committee and is on the agenda for a first reading. There were a few minor edits in the "New/Revised Bylaws, policies and regulations that are on as a second reading for adoption.
- E. **Other Items** . . . Dr. Petty reported under other items is the second reading and adoption of the 2021/22 district calendar that changes Martin Luther King Jr. Day as a school closure.

VII. Public Comment

VIII. Resolutions (Consent Agenda)

- A. Finance/Budget/Appropriations
- B. Personnel
- C. Curriculum/Instruction
- D. Policy
- E. Other Items

IX. Public Comment

X. Executive Session

Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education determines it is necessary to meet in Executive Session on Wednesday, March 24, 2021, to discuss **Legal** and **Personnel** matters; and

Be It Further Resolved, that these matters will be made public when the need for confidentiality no longer exists.

Trustee Mastrolipo motioned to convene Executive Session at 8:30 pm; seconded by Trustee Jimenez, roll call: Trustees Anderson, Cima, Salvacion, Delgado and Cardone voting NO; Trustees Cortez, Jimenez, Mastrolipo and Ramos voting YES; motion to convene into Executive Session did not carry by majority roll call vote.

XI. Board Comments

XII. Adjournment

Trustee Delgado motioned to adjourn at 8:35 pm; seconded by Trustee Anderson; carried by unanimous vote.

RESOLUTIONS

A. Finance/Budget/Appropriations

F/B-1 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, in accordance with N.J.A.C. 23A:16-10, upon the recommendation of the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, accepts and approves the Board Secretary's Report and Cash Reconciliation Report for the month of February 2021 (*Attachment F/B1*); and
Be It Further Resolved, that the Board of Education and Board Secretary certify that no budgetary line item account has been over-expended and that there are sufficient funds available to meet District financial obligations for the 2020/21 school year.

F/B-2 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Interim SBA/ Board Secretary, approves the payment of bills and claims for the month of January 2021, in the total amount of **\$8,825,887.21**; voided checks in the total amount of \$35,390.34 (*Attachment F/B2*):

Batch 50	Fund 10	\$1,364,125.54
Batch 50	Fund 20	671.36
Batch 51	Fund 10	127,408.94
Batch 51	Fund 20	212,566.99
Batch 52	Fund 10	3,922.55
Batch 53	Fund 10	2,040,107.00
Batch 54	Fund 10	425,792.71
Batch 54	Fund 20	3,654.56
Batch 55	Fund 10	360.00
Batch 66	Cafeteria	24,336.05
Batch 76	Payroll Agency (Feb 26 payroll)	785,191.72
Batch 80	Payroll	1,334,587.25
Batch 75	Payroll (March 15)	572,350.32
Batch 79	Payroll	1,383,513.45
Voided Checks	Athletics	(\$133.00)
Voided Checks	Payroll Agency	(\$34,942.24)
Voided Checks	General Account	(\$315.10)
Health Benefits	Premium due March 15, 2021	341.70
Health Benefits	Premium due April 15, 2021	546,957.07

F/B-3 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and Interim SBA/Board Secretary, approves the List of Budget Transfers #0239 thru #0256 for the month of February 2021, total **\$161,719.07** (*Attachment F/B3*).

F/B-4 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, authorizes the Interim SBA/Board Secretary, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 8A:72A-5(f) Authority's powers, to discard the following equipment that is of no further educational value:

<i>Item Description</i>	<i>Tag No.</i>	<i>Location</i>
Dell Notebook	#6542	TJMS
Dell Latitude Laptop	#8059	TJMS
HP Chromebook	#9465	TJMS
HP Chromebook	#9707	TJMS
HP Chromebook	#9809	TJMS
HP Chromebook	#9820	TJMS
Dell Optiplex 960 Desktop	#7555	Roosevelt
Dell Optiplex 960 Desktop	#7556	Roosevelt
Dell Vostro Laptop	#7830	Roosevelt
HP Laserjet Printer	10837	Columbus
HP Chromebook	9437	Wilson
Countertop	#4100	LHS
Dell Optiplex 990 Desktop	#7879	LHS
Dell Chromebook	#11444	LHS
Mitsubishi Projector	#8719	LHS
HP Chromebook	#10234	LHD

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Dell Latitude 3440 Laptop	#9052	LHS
Dell Latitude E6530	#8866	LHS
HP Printer	#9146	Business Office

F/B-5 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an Agreement with the So Bergen Jointure Commission, an approved Coordinated Transportation Services Agency, for the purposes of transporting students in accordance with Chapter 53 P.L. 1997, for the 2021/22 school year; said services to be provided, but not limited to, the coordinated transportation of nonpublic, out-of-district special education, vocational and summer (ESY) programs; and

Be It Further Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education agrees to abide by the Transportation Services Agreement as published by the So Bergen Jointure Commission.

F/B-6 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the 2020 BCUA Environmental Awareness Challenge Grant, in the amount of \$1,000; and

Be It Further Resolved, on behalf of the administration, faculty and students of the Lodi Public Schools, the Board of Education extends its thanks and gratitude to the Bergen County Utilities Authority for this grant award.

F/B-7 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, authorizes the submission of the Special Education Medicaid Initiative (SEMI) Action Plan, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.3, to the Executive County Superintendent for review and approval.

F/B-8 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the donation of 30 cases of Hand Sanitizer from Pocas International, estimated value \$1,500; and

Be It Further Resolved, on behalf of the administration, faculty and students of the Lodi Public Schools, the Board of Education extends its thanks and gratitude to Pocas International for their generous donation.

Finance/Budget/Appropriations resolutions F/B-1 thru F/B-8				
MOTION: Trustee Delgado	SECOND: Trustee Cima			
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadira)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

B. Personnel

P-1 DELETED

P-2 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the retirement of **Rachel Yzquierdo**, Lodi High School Vice Principal, effective July 31, 2021.

P-3 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the retirement of **Priscilla Hipkins**, Lodi High School Business Teacher and Business/Fine Arts Supervisor, effective July 1, 2021.

- P-4 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the retirement of **Lucia Perez**, Lodi High School World Language Teacher, effective July 1, 2021.
- P-5 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves paid sick leave of absence utilizing accumulated sick days for **Janice Press**, Lodi High School Science Teacher, from February 22 thru March 31, 2021, and further accepts her retirement effective July 1, 2021.
- P-6 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, accepts the resignation of **Julie Saperstein**, Speech/ Language Specialist, effective April 23, 2021.
- P-7 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves an unpaid child-rearing leave for **Kari Fritsch**, Roosevelt School Teacher, from May 19, 2021 through June 22, 2021.
- P-8 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves a revised leave of absence for **Mark Morici**, Washington School Teacher, to utilize paid sick days from March 8 thru March 12, 2021; and unpaid leave from March 15 thru April 2, 2021, pursuant to NJFMLA (originally approved as unpaid leave under NJFMLA from March 8 to April 2, 2021).

Personnel action P-1 deleted; P-2 thru P-8				
MOTION: Trustee Delgado	SECOND: Trustee Mastrofilipo			
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

C. Curriculum/Instruction

- C/I-1 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves agreement with Educational Services Commission of New Jersey to provide hospital-based instruction services to the student listed below:

Student ID#	Rate	Facility	Effective Date
#01-03	\$69 per hr/10 hrs	Children's Special Hospital	03/02/2020

- C/I-2 Be It Resolved**, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the contracts for services with Bergen County Special Services, for the 2020/21 school year as listed below:

Student ID#	Cost	Service	Program
#05-11	*\$10,850	Behavior Services	Ed Enterprises Div
#05-19	\$900	Assistive Technology	Ed Enterprises Div

*Student Instruction compensatory hours to be provided for a maximum of 1'22.5 hours. Coordination compensatory hours to be provided for a maximum seven (7) hours. All services to be provided during the 2020/21 school year.

C/I-3 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves additional OT and PT services that may be required with Leonia Board of Education for the 2020/21 school year as listed below:

<i>Student ID#</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Service</i>
#13-12	\$65 per 30 minutes session	OT and PT Services

C/I-4 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the student tuition contracts from the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2020/21 school year as listed below:

<i>Student ID#</i>	<i>Tuition</i>	<i>Program</i>	<i>Effective Date</i>
#10-01	\$23,400	PS (half-day	02/22/21 – 06/25/21
#01-03	\$69,000	PS (Autism)	03/01/21 – 06/25/21
#10-01	\$44,400	PS MD	03-10/21 – 06/25/21
#14-13	\$44,000	MD	03/01/21 – 06/25/21

C/I-5 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the contracted services agreement between the Lodi Board of Education and **Miriam Skydell and Associates, LLC**, for the 2020/21 school year, effective March 15 thru May 15, 2021, for Speech Therapy, at \$10 per hour; and in the event that it is needed, evaluations will be paid at a rate of \$400 per evaluation.

Curriculum/Instruction resolution C/I-1 thru C/I-5				
<i>MOTION:</i> Trustee Ramos	<i>SECOND:</i> Trustee Mastrofilipo			
	<i>Yes</i>	<i>No</i>	<i>Abstain</i>	<i>Absent</i>
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

D. Policies and Regulations

P/R-1 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the **first** reading and review of the following Policies and Regulations:

Policy/Regulation 5511 Dress and Grooming/Dress Code

P/R-2 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the **second** reading and adoption of the New/Revised Bylaws, Policies and Regulations with edits:

Bylaw 0145	Board Member Resignation and Removal
Bylaw 0164.6	Remote Public Board Meetings during A Declared Emergency
Regulation 1642	Earned Sick Leave Law
Policy 1643	Family Leave

P/R-3 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the **second** reading and adoption of the New/Revised Policies and Regulations:

- Policy/Regulation 7425 Lead Testing of Water in Schools
- Policy/Regulation 5330.01 Administration of Medical Cannabis
- Policy 2415 Every Student Succeeds Act
- Policy 2415.02 Title I Fiscal Responsibilities
- Policy 2415.05 Student Surveys, Analysis, and/or Evaluations
- Policy/Regulation 2415.20 Every Student Succeeds Act Complaints
- Policy 4152 Employment of Support Staff Members
- Policy 6360 Political Contributions
- Policy 8330 Student Records
- Policy 9713 Recruitment by Special Interest Groups

Policy/Regulations resolutions P/R-1 thru P/R-3				
MOTION: Trustee Delgado		SECOND: Trustee Anderson		
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

E. Other Items

O/I-1 Be It Resolved, that the Lodi Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, approves the second reading and adoption of the revised 2021/22 school calendar.

Other Item resolution O/I-1				
MOTION: Trustee Delgado		SECOND: Trustee Anderson		
	Yes	No	Abstain	Absent
Ms. Anderson (Jocelyn)	X			
Dr. Cima (Laura E.)	X			
Ms. Cortez (Paula)	X			
Ms. Jimenez (Yadiria)	X			
Ms. Mastrofilipo (Kerry Anne)	X			
Mr. Ramos (Joseph A.)	X			
Ms. Salvacion (Sharon)	X			
Ms. Delgado (Natalie)	X			
Ms. Cardone (Nancy)	X			

THE PRECEDING IS A CONCISE STATEMENT INTERPRETED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY AND MAY NOT INDICATE THE PRECISE INTENT OF THE BOARD MEMBERS. THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING ARE AVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE OF THE BOARD SECRETARY.

Respectfully submitted,


Dr. Dennis R. Frohnappfel
Interim Board Secretary/Business Administrator