



MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Tuesday, May 18, 2021

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

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This meeting was conducted via Zoom Webinar, and was in compliance with the Governor's Executive order NO-29-20, which allows for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. Members of the public were encouraged to observe and participate remotely.

Board Members Present: President Craig Bueno, Clerk Emily Prusso, and Members Yanira Guzmán, Kristie Wang, and Anne White were present.

Administrative Staff Present: Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent; Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent; Philomena Rambo, Director of Community Engagement; Michelle Dawson, Communications Specialist; Geoff Warner, Chief Technology Officer; Executive Assistant - Senior Cabinet, Jennifer Arias; and Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Lori Rice.

Administrative Staff Present via Zoom During Open Session: Dr. Kevin Grier, Director of Curriculum and Special Projects; Jesse Hansen, Principal of East Avenue Middle School; Helen Gladden, Principal of Livermore High School; Glenn Sherman, Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities; Kim McNeely, Bond Program Director; Teresa Fiscus, Director of Fiscal Services; and, Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources.

Student Board Member Representatives Present

Bobby Zepeda - Granada High School

Michaela Esposito - Livermore High School

1.0 5:04 P.M. - CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by President Bueno with Clerk Emily Prusso and Members Yanira Guzmán, Kristie Wang, and Anne White were present.

2.0 ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

The Board adjourned to Closed Session to discuss items 2.1 through 2.4. Staff in attendance included Dr. Kelly Bowers, Superintendent; Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent; Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent; Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent; and, Teresa Fiscus, Director of Fiscal Services.

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

3.0 7:11 P.M. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION

3.1 The Regular Board Meeting was reconvened in Open Session by President Craig Bueno. Clerk Emily Prusso, along with Members Yanira Guzmán, Kristie Wang, and Anne White were also present.

President Bueno noted that District staff will continue to debrief following our Zoom Webinar Board meeting of the LVJUSD, with the intent to make modifications to virtual meeting format if/as needed for future meetings. He thanked members of the public for their continued understanding and patience.

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by our Livermore High School Student Board Member, Michaela Esposito.
- B. Actions approved in Closed Session - None
- C. Expulsion Action - None
- D. Meeting Procedures – President Craig Bueno reviewed all meeting procedures that included detailed instructions for Section 8.0 - Communications from the Public.

4.0 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

Dr. Bowers stated that there was one change to the agenda to report. Our Board received 58 pieces of correspondence after the agenda was published. Per policy, the cutoff time is 4:00 p.m. the day before the meeting; however the deadline for inclusion was extended until 4:00 p.m. the day of the meeting. A copy of the additional correspondences was provided to each Board member, was summarized and included in the Board Clerk summary.

5.0 RECOGNITIONS

5.1 Recognition of African American Regional Educational Alliances (AAREA) Award Winners

Superintendent Bowers introduced Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, who honored and recognized the African American Regional Educational Alliances (AAREA) Award Winners. Dr. Bowers remarked that these students are outstanding. She stated that there was a regional virtual celebration on Saturday, May 15, 2021, that many of us were able to join in, and she was able to provide a congratulatory video in advance.

Ms. Theide shared that Saturday was the 17th Annual Awards Ceremony, and that the theme for the ceremony was Building a Brilliant, Resilient and Strong College Going Community. She said that there were 25 students from Livermore who were recognized from eight separate schools. Ms. Theide read the names aloud to give the students the recognition they deserved. The AAREA Award Winners are: Arroyo Seco Elementary - Jaden Alvarez and Jayden Marcum; Christensen Middle School - Cayden Douglas and Ty McGary; East Avenue Middle School - Faith Ogunfunmi; Joe Michell K-8 - Destiny Bryant-Mooney; Junction Avenue K-8 - L. Katelyn Birdow; Mendenhall Middle School - Soren Bumpus, Aiden Ofori, Caleb Ofori and Justin Turner-Merchant; Granada High School - Shaniece Bartlow, Trinity Bell, Josiah Broussard, Laelah Gross, Amaiah McIntosh, Jada Lashay Rhodes and Payton Spurlock; Livermore High School - Amarachukwu Aladi, Josiah Alpher, York Brandon, Morgan Leak, Arthur Mola, Melia Nichols and Jonathan Ogunfunmi.

Ms. Theide said that we are proud of our students who were recognized and are proud to celebrate their accomplishments with them again here tonight. These students are shining stars in our District.

5.2 Recognition of MathCounts Winners

Superintendent Bowers virtually introduced our Director of Curriculum and Special Projects, Dr. Kevin Grier, and said that he will be assisting us with virtually recognizing and honoring our MathCounts Champions.

Dr. Grier said that he will be recognizing some highly-gifted middle school math students. He shared that in October of 2020, we decided to push forward with MathCounts. Our team of outstanding coaches and teachers problem-solved every hurdle that was in the way, and successfully held a virtual MathCounts season. He said that each middle school held virtual practices weekly with the help of their trusted math teachers and their volunteer advisors.

Dr. Grier recognized the MathCounts Coordinators, Coaches and Teacher Advisors: Robyn Schlichter - Coordinator and Teacher Advisor; Kyle Dickerson - Math Coach; Bill Dunlop - Math Coach; Ted Perry - Math Coach; Meggin Hu - Math Coach and Teacher Advisor; Zeina Ghazzaoui - Teacher Advisor; Eric Lee - Teacher Advisor; and, Jessica Stewart - Teacher Advisor.

Dr. Grier announced the 6th Grade Top 5 Winners: Tanay Deka - 1st Place, Mendenhall Middle School; Arshia Mittal - 2nd Place, Mendenhall; Anaya Menon - 3rd Place, Mendenhall; Matthew Parr - 4th Place, Mendenhall; and, Darrick Tran - 5th Place Mendenhall.

Dr. Grier announced the 7th Grade Top 10 Winners: Isaac Yee - GOLD, Mendenhall; Charles Hertz - SILVER, Mendenhall; Brian Zhang - BRONZE, Mendenhall; Vinh Nguyen - 4th Place, Mendenhall; Sue Yeon Park - 5th Place, Mendenhall; Anderson Schwarer - 6th Place, East Avenue Middle School; Megha Prasanna - 7th Place, Mendenhall; Lauren Maryman - 8th Place, Joe Michell K-8; Cassandra Clark - 9th Place, Mendenhall; and, Diyasri Saraf - 10th Place, Mendenhall.

Dr. Grier then announced the 8th Grade Top 10 Winners: Audrey Manley - GOLD, Mendenhall; Hastin Chen - SILVER, Christensen Middle School; Shrish Premkrishna - BRONZE, East Avenue Middle; Aarav Mehta - 4th Place, Mendenhall; Ishita Bhadra - 5th Place, Christensen; Thaarak Sriram - 6th Place, Christensen; Amelia Paradise - 7th Place, Junction Avenue K-8; Jonah Kozioziemski - 8th Place, Junction Avenue K-8; Isabela Wu - 9th Place, Mendenhall; and, Allyson Wong - 10th Place, Junction Avenue K-8.

He mentioned that this amazing event was placed on Facebook, and had nearly 900 views. He asked that we all give a big hand to these amazing students.

5.3 Recognition of Student Board Member Representatives

Superintendent Bowers introduced our own Student Board Members, who have been with us this year, and have done an incredible job. Superintendent Bowers asked President Bueno to recognize them formally.

President Bueno invited all to recognize the commitment and contribution from our two student Board members: Michaela Esposito from Livermore High School, and Bobby Zepeda from Granada High School.

President Bueno mentioned that at every meeting Michaela and Bobby bring the voice of the students at their respective schools to the discussion and actions taken by the Board. They have reported on news, events, shared highlights about courses, final exams, spirit weeks, and other key events. They also shared information about distance learning this year, some of the challenges and then how they returned to some sense of normalcy of in person learning. He said that we really appreciate those updates. President Bueno said that they didn't get to share the sports updates as in previous years, but we did get that sense of pride from their respective schools, and said that they shined right through. Even with debate and rivalry, they clearly collaborated, and that is part of being in the Livermore Valley Joint Unified School District. He remarked that they worked very well together. President Bueno stated that these students are very talented speakers, and they represent their peers at their respective high schools. They are also very accomplished students in their own regard. Both have been on the Principal's Honor Roll throughout high school, and have participated in leadership classes.

President Bueno said that Michaela has spent many hours volunteering in the community. She volunteered at the Night to Shine, which is a prom for students who have special needs, among other activities. She has been in Leadership since 10th grade, and in addition to serving as a student Board representative for Livermore High School this year, she has also served on our Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) Committee during the 10th, 11th and 12th grade. In the fall, she will be a Bruin at UCLA, with an intended major in history.

President Bueno said that Bobby is the president of the Hip Hop Club at Granada High School, is in Leadership at Granada, and was chosen as Student of the Month at the Rotary Club of Livermore Valley. Bobby will attend UC Riverside where he intends to seek a degree in Business and open a dance studio once done with college. President Bueno wished Bobby luck on that endeavor.

President Bueno went on to say that these two young adults have served our District and the broader community through their work as student Board members. He said that we truly appreciate them, that they remind us of the tremendous potential of this next generation, and that it is in very good hands. He thanked them both for their outstanding job, and for representing their schools.

President Bueno presented plaques as a token of appreciation to both Michaela and Bobby.

5.4 Recognition of East Avenue Middle School Paraprofessional Team

Superintendent Bowers virtually introduced Jesse Hansen, Principal of East Avenue Middle School, and said that he will be recognizing some particularly hard-working staff members.

Principal Hansen said that he would like to honor the paraprofessionals from East Avenue Middle School. He said that the paraprofessionals support some of the students with our greatest needs. He mentioned that this year has been a higher calling, and has required support for students in person as well as students who are virtually learning. Students may have language barriers or have special needs. These paraprofessionals at East have made numerous sacrifices and have done so many wonderful things to help their students.

Mr. Hansen went on to recognize the East Avenue Paraprofessional Team: Elizabeth Zullo, Narda La Flamme, Mary Anne Shadboldt, Susan Matthews, Sally Holmes, Karen Smith, and Hemalatha Ravi.

5.5 Recognition of Livermore High School Office Staff

Superintendent Bowers virtually introduced Helen Gladden, Principal of Livermore High School, and said that she will be virtually recognizing and honoring some of the exceptionally hard-working staff who are committed to their school and are the first to greet you when you come to the Livermore High School campus.

Principal Gladden said that she is going to talk about her wonderful office staff. She introduced them in alphabetical order: Kathy Adelman - Executive Assistant to the Principal, Kathy Bagakis - Office Specialist, John Flores - Bilingual Attendance Clerk, Terri Groth - Administrative Secretary, Karla Hurst - Administrative Secretary, Kate Perry - Registrar, Micky Peterson - Attendance Clerk, and, Veronica Torres - Bilingual Bookkeeper.

Ms. Gladden said that these eight dedicated staff members worked as a tight-knit team over this past year to get the job done. They were the very definition of flexible. She said that they created an office on wheels, so they could roll the cart out to the parking lot each day to meet students and parents outside, socially-distanced, so that students could obtain the books, materials and Chromebooks they needed for learning. Teachers simply dropped the materials off at the front office, and the staff took it from there. They answered many calls in both English and Spanish, asking about the ins and outs of our learning management system, Schoology, as well as general questions about distance learning procedures. She said that they learned a great deal about Schoology themselves. Most importantly, they served the needs of our students and families, albeit socially-distanced, and from our Activities windows, and treated everyone with respect and patience, as our students and families, just like the rest of us, tried to navigate a different way of doing school. She said that she has received feedback from many community members about how welcoming LHS office staff is to visitors. Ms. Gladden said that the office staff members are the face of our school, and she feels very fortunate. She said that they are always happy, and clearly enjoy one another's company, even when under stress.

Ms. Gladden thanked them for being humble, kind, and a ton of fun. They make every day a great day to be a Cowboy!

6.0 STUDENT BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Bobby Zepeda, Granada High School, shared that Granada is getting closer to wrapping up the year. He said that last week, Granada seniors picked up their cap and gown for graduation. The time slots for the graduation ceremonies have just been finalized for June 10th and June 11th. Seniors were offered three options for the graduation ceremony. Option one was to join a group of 110 seniors and have a bigger graduation ceremony. Option two was to be part of a group of 20 seniors and have a smaller graduation ceremony. Lastly, option three is to not attend any of the ceremonies and just receive your diploma. The smaller graduation ceremonies are going to be held on Thursday, June 10th and the larger ceremonies will be held on Friday, June 11th.

Senior Award Night will be held on Thursday, May 27th on the football field. Seniors will be receiving special awards and chords for Graduation, and it will also be the time when a select group of ten teachers will receive their black and gold chords. The teachers who earned these chords were voted on by the students. The students voted for three staff members each that have been instrumental in their education and the overall success of the class of 2021. The teacher's chords will be presented to them by ASB and class officers.

GHS Student Services started selling tickets last week for the Senior Ball. Senior Ball will be held on June 5th on the football field, and will provide dinner and dessert for the students. Seniors have started signing up for tables since the class had to limit them to eight people per table. Junior prom will be very similar, but it will be held this Saturday, May 22nd.

This week and next week will be AP testing. Juniors will also have their CAASPP testing starting tomorrow, in which they have to show up on campus to take the test.

Granada leadership is still planning to hold two more events before the end of the year. The first one being Mr. Matador next week. The Mr. Matador show will take place on May 26th. Lastly, Leadership is looking to have one last rally for the year, the Aloha Rally. Granada's Rally Committee decided to film another online video for the rally. A lot of details have yet to be determined, but the rally video will most likely be shown on June 2nd.

Bobby concluded his Board report, wished everyone a wonderful night, and announced like always, "Go Mats!"

Michaela Esposito, Livermore High School Representative, shared that Livermore High is nearing the end of the school year, and these next few weeks are packed with exciting events and senior festivities. Late Night at Livermore High is premiering on YouTube Friday, May 21, 2021, at 7 pm, to make for an entertaining night of interviews, talent shows, and virtual performances. Junior Prom is May 22nd, at 6:30 pm, and is being held in the LHS Science Quad. There will be live music performances and karaoke, while students also have a sit-down dinner spaced 6 feet apart, which is the same for Senior Ball on June 5th. The Senior Awards Night will be virtual this year, like last year, and will be held on YouTube on Tuesday, May 25th. She said that the winners of the in-house LHS scholarships will be announced that night, as well as other senior awards. Safe and Sober Grad Night tickets are on sale through May 28th, and grad night will be held on June 11th at Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk. There will be rides, games, photo booths, karaoke, caricature artists, other events, and food available for seniors to enjoy that night. She said that the buses will pick students up at 8:30 PM that night, and return at 3:30 AM. She said that seniors must provide proof of a negative COVID-19 test within 48 hours of the event, or show proof of vaccination.

Michaela shared that the Athletics Committee has been busy on the Cowboy Connections Instagram posting Senior Athlete Spotlights, which are posted to honor senior athletes and their athletic career during their four years at LHS. Seniors can fill out a Google Form and provide information on themselves, including a short bio, their experience at LHS, and their future plans.

Last Wednesday, May 12th, the CAASPP test was administered to all juniors, while all other students did asynchronous work that their teachers posted on Schoology. She shared that AP Testing is taking place this week, with the option of taking the various tests either online or during in-person school. She said that many students have been busy studying for their exams over these last few weeks, and some of the major tests taking place this week are AP Literature, AP US History, and AP Government.

Last week, LHS Drama presented their newest show, "Something's Afoot," with performances held May 13-15. She said that some teachers allowed students to attend the virtual shows for extra credit, simply by writing up an analysis of the show and how they liked it.

Trimester 3 finals will be held on June 9th and June 10th online, with periods 1, 2, and 5 having finals on the first day, and periods 3 and 4 having finals on the second day. Graduation will take place with a walk-through ceremony on June 10th and multiple traditional ceremonies the following day on June 11th. She added that seniors are very excited about Graduation.

Michaela thanked everyone for their time and concluded as always, by announcing, "Today is a Great Day to be a Cowboy!"

7.0 EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATIONS

President Bueno introduced virtually the President of the Livermore Education Association, Ms. Aimee Thompson.

Ms. Thompson shared that she is the elected president of the Livermore Education Association, representing the 700 teachers, nurses, counselors, speech pathologists, psychologists and Teachers on Special Assignment in Livermore.

Ms. Thompson stated that our educators spent countless hours this year implementing a new learning management program including incorporating bitmoji to make it user friendly for students, converting in-person lessons to virtual lessons, learning numerous software programs and best practices for distance learning to engage our students. She said that they happily returned to in-person instruction when it was safe to do so.

Ms. Thompson mentioned that while surrounding districts implemented models with distance learning teachers and in-person teachers, we implemented a model in which teachers provide both forms of instruction. She said that our teachers wanted to do this for our students. She said that secondary teachers now work to make lessons engaging for both in-person and distance students simultaneously, while elementary teachers have a very challenging schedule with in-person class in the morning and distance class in the afternoon. She added that this is extraordinary.

Ms. Thompson said that last year at this time, while surrounding districts were negotiating salary increases in the middle of a budget crisis, Livermore teachers were poised to take a pay cut to save educational programs for their students. Again she said that this is extraordinary.

Ms. Thompson said that our compensation tells a different story. Ms. Thompson said that since Livermore educators are extraordinary in the work they are willing to do for our students, they feel our compensation should reflect their dedication. She said that they hope this Board will direct the District to scour the budget to find the money to provide the compensation requested at the bargaining table. She added that their request will move them to above average, which they definitely are in dedication to students.

Ms. Thompson closed by saying that the Board and Superintendent have shown tremendous support for educators during this very challenging year, which they have all felt and appreciated. They hope this support carries through in direction for competitive compensation. Ms. Thompson closed by saying, thank you.

President Bueno virtually introduced Denise Alvillar, California School Employees Association (CSEA) President.

Ms. Alvillar said that they would like to recognize all of our classified employees for Classified School Employee Week which is this week, May 16-22, 2021. She said that they are essential to keeping our schools running safely and efficiently – whether students are on campus or not. She said that they have risen to the challenges presented by a global pandemic and have persevered to support the evolving needs of California students. They want to thank all staff for their continued daily dedication, passion and service.

Ms. Alvillar closed by naming the CSEA Chapter 334 Board: Denise Alvillar, Lilly Lopez, Esther Sadkowski, Jamie Mason, Yvonne Pelle, Danita O’Keefe and Mamie Kristovich.

President Bueno virtually introduced Kirsty Governor, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) President.

Ms. Governor introduced herself to the Board, and wanted to acknowledge that the Board has made an effort to appreciate the unprecedented response from their members to sustain the community food bank, and get our District ready for safe re-opening. She said that they have been in ongoing negotiations for eighteen months, and it is time to instruct negotiators to make serious counter-proposals to our members.

President Bueno mentioned that Rebecca Polychronis, Classified Managers / Confidentials Representative, was unable to attend.

8.0 COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC - via Zoom

A - Audience Communication

Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, shared virtually with our Board that this was the second time that she is speaking. She said that she spoke two weeks ago about removing the mask mandate. She said that the mask mandate needs to end, and that it needs to end now. She said that she sent each of the

Board members a letter on May 7th citing many references, and evidence, talking and discussing about how masks are not effective in preventing the spread of COVID-19, and that masks are actually harmful. She went on to say that kids are not affected by this virus, and that the data is out there, and that it is clear. She said that she has received several responses from principals, and from Board members. She said that she appreciates the responses, but she gets the same response that it is the decision of the Alameda County Public Health Department. She said that we elected the Board, and we want them to make decisions with our children's best interests at heart. She closed saying that we are going to continue to talk about this, and get this removed.

Cia Riccomini, LVJUSD Parent, shared that over the last few weeks with vaccinations becoming available for ages 12 - 18, she is concerned that teachers are encouraging students to get the vaccine, by providing information on dates, times and places. She said that she is concerned and that she is not sure how anyone at this point can say with certainty, tell anyone that this vaccine is safe, especially our teachers. She is also concerned that there may be a climate of vaccinated vs. unvaccinated being created in some classrooms. She said that it is with her understanding that from speaking with our principal that the school nurse is the only school personnel that should ever be talking to our children about their personal medical status.

Jackie Cota, Community Member, shared that the Board chose to run as elected officials, to protect children, and support children in education. She asked why the Board is pushing a political agenda that children must wear masks. She compared mask wearing to slavery conditions and child abuse. She mentioned two studies on masks and COVID-19 that have been completed in the last year, and that say how dangerous and detrimental masks are to people. She said that our community elected the Board to make the best decisions for our children, not for the teacher's unions. She added that if the Board does not open the schools 100% without restrictions and suffocation, we need to make alternative arrangements for our children

Ryan Fettes, Service Employees International Union (SEIU) Field Representative, shared that he is coming out to share solidarity with their workforce, and because the members made an appeal. Mr. Fettes said that SEIU appreciates how responsive Livermore has been in many ways, and the consistency in working with the Union members. He said that the SEIU workers have made their demands known to this Board and to the negotiators, and said that he hopes that we can move forward with some things that truly honors and recognizes the extraordinary circumstances that they have continued to work under and during this pandemic. He ended saying that we are in this together, and thanked the Board for the time.

Trustee Prusso asked a clarifying question. She asked if a legal guardian needed to be present for a minor child to be vaccinated. Superintendent Dr. Kelly Bowers addressed the question, and said that she has helped at all of the clinics that have been co-sponsored by the City, LARPD, and our District. She said that for any minor, they must provide proof of their birthdate, and proof of their legal name with a photo, and also must have a legal guardian present with their ID as well.

Board President Bueno made a point to mention that it is absolutely unacceptable to equate masks with, at any level, the darkest period in this Country's history of slavery. He said that to him it is unacceptable to let something like that stand. President Bueno said that that was a horrible comparison, and as a human being, and an American, he could not stand by and let someone equate health care orders with slavery, and how slaves were mistreated.

Trustee Guzmán commented about vaccinating a minor. She said that she realizes that we do need parental consent at school-sponsored vaccination clinics. She asked if the same is true if a 16-year old went to their medical provider. Superintendent Bowers answered saying that we could find out. She added that there could be some kind of emancipated minor situation, or unaccompanied minors situations, but she would need to research the answer.

Trustee White commented saying that it seems to her that the issue of the usefulness and safety of masks is an issue that the Board heard about last time. She added that as she recalls, we received information which made it not such a clear cut situation, and that the jury was still out on whether masks were useful or safe. She asked if the Board could have some information generally available so that the folks that think it is irresponsible of us to insist on masks, could have an alternative view. Superintendent Bowers mentioned that the information was in our minutes, and that our nurses provided a series of articles that rebutted the 'Stanford Study' that some had mentioned, and that it is debunked in the series of attachments as part of our minutes.

8B Board Correspondence - The Board of Education received the following Formal Board Correspondence. Board President Bueno asked Clerk Emily Prusso to summarize the correspondence to the Board. Trustee Prusso asked Trustee Wang and Trustee Guzmán to assist with summarizing.

1. Rachel Gerlovich, LVJUSD parent, shared her significant concerns regarding the mask policy in place in our District. She stated that masks are ineffective for the purpose claimed by the mandate and are potentially harmful. She went on to ask that the mask mandate be removed from our schools.
2. Andrea Vanderhorst, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support. Ms. Vanderhorst shared that meeting the needs of students has been the priority for teachers. She went on to share that she hopes to see support from the Board in regard to negotiations / competitive compensation.
3. Lisa Wilson, LVJUSD Teacher, shared her appreciation for the support to open schools sites after teachers had the opportunity to be vaccinated. Ms. Wilson shared that she and her colleagues learned that every hour of online instruction took two hours of preparation time. Teachers supported one another and shared new skills and techniques that they were learning. Ms. Wilson stated that a competitive compensation package should be a district priority.
4. Heather Carroll, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support, especially in allowing teachers to become vaccinated before reopening schools. Ms. Carroll described how teachers have had to pivot multiple times and through it all teachers have persevered and students have shown amazing growth. She went on to share her hope that teachers' efforts will be acknowledged at the bargaining table.
5. Patricia Gallagher, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed her appreciation to the Board for their support for teachers, parents, and students during this difficult year. She shared that in 30 years of teaching at the elementary level, she has never faced such a challenging year. She asked for continued support from the Board that would be reflected during on-going negotiations in terms of competitive compensation for all hard-working teachers.

6. Mary Bitzer, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support they have shown throughout this challenging year. She expressed her hope that as teachers wrap up this year and head into next with revived energy and enthusiasm, that the Board's support would continue with regard to negotiations and teacher compensation.
7. Holly Hamilton, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their willingness to serve and do hard work on behalf of the LVJUSD students and staff. Holly described that teachers have gained so much knowledge and experience this year, and she is confident that all will be better teachers for it. She asked the Board for continued support for teachers as they seek competitive compensation in contract negotiations.
8. Trish McAfee, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support they have shown during this very challenging year. She described the hours she has worked each week to create digital, student-friendly materials and resources for her students in Spanish. She shared her hope that the support from the Board would be carried through and shown in negotiations and compensation.
9. Terry Linney, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed appreciation to the Board for the support they have shown during this challenging year. Terry described the hours she spent learning the ropes of Schoology, distance learning and creating lessons that are engaging for students both in-person and online. Terry looks forward to continued support from the Board during negotiations in regards to competitive compensation.
10. Amy Dupuis, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support they have shown throughout this challenging year. She described that this year has been more work than one could imagine. Ms. Dupuis asked for continued support from the Board during contract negotiations, especially in the form of competitive compensation.
11. Valerie Kikes, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed her hope that our Board would recognize the hours that have gone into extra preparation and learning to ensure that students were learning and thriving and continue their support for teachers to be compensated fairly and in a manner that is comparable to surrounding districts. Ms. Kikes went on to express her appreciation to ensure that teachers had access to vaccinations before returning to in-person learning.
12. Kathleen Jones, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support during this very unusual year and asked that support be continued as teachers negotiate for compensation.
13. Leslie Stevens, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support for teachers during this challenging year. She shared that the amazing teachers she works with have a favorite expression, "We'll make it work." She asks the Board to provide direction on budget and negotiations and to please 'make it work' for our teachers.
14. Deb Bailey, LVJUSD Teacher, shared that she is proud to work for LVJUSD because of the support during this COVID season. She shared appreciation for her colleagues and the incredible amount of effort that has been put forth to make this year possible. Ms. Bailey

asks for consideration and competitive compensation for the work that teachers have done and continue to do.

15. Erin Peacock, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support that they have shown through this very challenging year. Ms. Peacock shared that there have been many obstacles throughout the year, but they have continued to put students first. She hopes to see support from the Board in the direction for negotiations and compensation.
16. Jim Maloney, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed his appreciation for the leadership concerning vaccinations, and successfully getting our kids back in school. He expressed his support for a pay raise for certificated teachers, if not for all individuals working in our schools.
17. Shawn Worth, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support that has been shown throughout this challenging year. Teachers have never worked harder or been more resilient than they have this year. Mr. Worth expressed his hope for support from the Board related to negotiations and compensation that is comparable to our surrounding communities.
18. Tracy Brush, LVJUSD Teacher, shared her heartfelt appreciation to the Board for serving during this pandemic. It has been quite a year! She asks that the Board continue to show support by voting to approve the compensation requested.
19. Diane Lowery, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support shown during this very challenging year. Ms. Lowery requests compensation for the extra time teachers have expended this year and hopes to see support from the Board regarding negotiations and competitive compensation.
20. Laura Brown, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support that has been shown during this challenging year. She expressed her desire to see support carried through in the direction given for negotiations and compensation.
21. Laura Morgan, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support that has been shown this year. Ms. Morgan shared that the logistics of teaching in-person in the morning and distance in the afternoon has been especially challenging. She expressed her hope to see support from the Board in direction given for negotiations and compensation for teachers.
22. Lauren Orth, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed appreciation for the support shown during distance learning. She shared that teachers have been putting in additional hours and extra work to meet the needs of students. She shared her hope that the Board will value this work in the form of competitive compensation.
23. April Avila Forde, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support shown this year. She shared that she had been pushed to her limits this year. She expressed her desire to see support from the Board in direction provided for negotiations and compensation.
24. Sarah Salazar, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support this year. She indicated that the Special Education Department has taken on extra work this year and expressed her desire for continued support by the Board related to negotiations and compensation.

25. Erin Ostien, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support this year. She shared that she's seen a tremendous increase in workload and that she hopes support from the Board will be carried through in direction given for negotiations and compensation.
26. Tracy Persson, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support this year. She shared that teachers faced numerous challenges this year, and expressed her hope that the Board continues their support related to negotiations and compensation.
27. Angelica Zanipatin-Solis, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support in keeping teachers and students healthy this year. She expressed her hope to see continued support during negotiations.
28. Kenneth Brown, Spouse of LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support shown to teachers this year and asked to see continued support given for negotiations / compensation.
29. Laura Brown, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support and requested support from the Board in negotiations and compensation.
30. Holly Stanley, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support. She shared that teachers have learned so much through many challenges this year and requested the same support for educators this year in competitive compensation with upcoming contract negotiations.
31. Gina Spiteri, Teacher, LVJUSD, expressed her gratitude to the Board for their support, in particular for planning the reopening date after teachers could be vaccinated. Ms. Spiteri requested further support in the form of direction for negotiating competitive compensation for teachers.
32. Kyra Pervere, Teacher LVJUSD, thanked the Board for their support this year through the provision of technology tools needed to adequately teach both online and in-person. Ms. Pervere continued by requesting continued support from the Board in the direction given for negotiations and compensation.
33. Catherine Harding, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support this year. She indicated that there were additional personal expenses to set up distance learning at home. Ms. Harding closed by requesting support from the Board related to negotiations and competitive compensation.
34. Abby Hayes, LVJUSD Teacher, shared her appreciation for her school site team as well as how LVJUSD handled this year. Ms. Hayes requested continued support toward competitive compensation during negotiations.
35. Emily Wafler, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed her gratitude that the health and safety of teachers and staff was made a priority. Ms. Wafler also shared that teachers have had to revamp the way they develop and deliver instruction throughout the last year and students have worked hard and are thriving. She requested continued support from the Board through direction given for negotiations and compensation.

36. Haley Bohrer, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support shown to teachers throughout this year. Ms Bohrer shared her disappointment in the current level of compensation and her appreciation for the efforts put into the negotiations process.
37. Tressa Morgan, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their continued support during this year. She expressed her hope that the Board would recognize the challenges of this year and provide support related to negotiations and competitive compensation.
38. Melissa Giorgio, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support and empathy shown this year and shared that teachers had to overcome many challenges this year that lead to many hours outside their workday. She requested support from the Board be carried through in direction given for negotiations and competitive compensation.
39. Alison Atkinson, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support that has been shown this year. She shared her appreciation for the cautious approach to opening our schools and the support to help staff get vaccinated before bringing students back to the classroom. She requested continued support in regards to negotiations and competitive compensation.
40. Erin Eddy, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed her gratitude for the support of staff and students during this challenging year. Ms. Eddy stated that teachers worked many hours outside of contract hours to support students through it all and requested continued support from the Board in providing direction toward negotiations and compensation.
41. Cheryl Hargreaves, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support, words of thanks, and appreciation. She asked that the Board support a raise for teachers.
42. Bonnie Pastrnak, LVJUSD Teacher, shared that in spite of the many challenges and personal sacrifices teachers have supported students through the year. She requested continued support through negotiations and competitive compensation.
43. Lisa Gibson, LVJUSD Teacher, shared that she had to learn everything about being online with students and to support parents as they also learned the technology. She shared her appreciation for the support received from our district this year, and she hopes to see continued support through negotiations and compensation.
44. Erika Codelli, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed her thanks for the support this year. Ms. Codelli shared that it has been an exhausting year and she hopes to see support from the Board in regards to negotiations and compensation.
45. Sommer Newkirk, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed her appreciation for the support through this year. Ms. Newkirk shared that she and her colleagues are dedicated to their students and continue to push through the obstacles before them. She expressed her sadness that her pay has not remained competitive with other districts.
46. Christina Johnson, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support and shared that this has been the most difficult year in her teaching career. She shared her hope for continued support regarding negotiations and compensation.

47. Heather Lombardo, LVJUSD Parent, asks that the mask mandate be lifted in the upcoming school year.
48. Alex Janda, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed her pride in working with a district that looks after the health and safety of its staff. She shared that teachers had to creatively reimagine their lessons. She asks that the Board show appreciation for teachers through fair compensation.
49. Erlynn Prior, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support and described that she had to learn three different meeting apps to connect with students. She also shared her hope for support in the direction of negotiations and compensation.
50. Bernadette Fernandez, LVJUSD Parent, requested that masks be made optional.
51. Sue Pierson, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support. Ms. Pierson shared that she has never worked so hard to make a difference in the lives of students as she has this year. She shared that she feels she and her colleagues deserve to be compensated for going above and beyond what is expected.
52. Mary Fielding, LVJUSD Teacher, shared her appreciation for the support teachers have received this year. She asks for continued support through direction given for negotiations/compensation.
53. Gretchen Fajardo, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for providing necessary technology tools to conduct online classes more efficiently. Ms. Fajardo continued by requesting consideration for fair compensation in light of additional challenges.
54. Michelle Miller, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board and district for the incredible compassion and support that has been shown this year. She shared that she has felt respected and appreciated. Ms. Miller continued by stating that she hopes the Board will continue this appreciation through compensation.
55. Fenna Gatty, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for the support shown through this most challenging year. She respectfully asked that the Board consider supporting competitive compensation for teachers both retroactively and for the coming school year.
56. Denise Kuhre, LVJUSD Teacher, thanked the Board for their support and addressed that the increased workload has taken a toll on teachers. She expressed her hope that the Board will provide direction toward negotiations and compensation for all teachers.
57. Tiffany Gatehouse, LVJUSD Teacher, shared that this has been a year like no other. She expressed her hope that the Board will continue their support in the direction of negotiations and compensation. Ms. Gatehouse thanked the Board for the ways they have supported teachers in the craziest year of their profession.
58. Celine Yates, LVJUSD Teacher, expressed her gratitude to the Board for the support shown this year, and commended her colleagues for all they have accomplished. Ms. Yates requested continued support from the Board through direction for negotiations and compensation.

59. Kelly Silveira, Kristi Weist, and Christina Carroll, LVJUSD Teachers, thanked the Board for their support throughout this year. They described that the amount of time needed to prepare both online and physical work to send home with students far exceeded the amount of prep included in their work day. They expressed their hope for continued support for negotiations and compensation.

9.0 INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Measure G Citizen's Oversight Committee - Annual Report to the Community

Ms. Susan Kinder, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, virtually introduced our Measure G Committee Chair, Mr. Bryan Balazs. Mr. Bryan Balazs presented a summary of the 2020-2021 Annual Report for Measure G Citizens' Oversight Committee, for information only.

Public Comments: None

9.2 Information Technology Update 2020-21 School Year

Mr. Geoff Warner, Chief Technology Officer, presented the Information Technology Update 2020-21 School Year Highlights and Accomplishments, for information only.

Public Comments: None

9.3 Upcoming Summer 2021 Projects - Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities (MOF) Department

Mr. Glenn Sherman, Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities (MOF), virtually presented the Upcoming Summer 2021 Projects for the MOF Department, for information only.

Public Comments: None

9.4 Measure J Bond Program Update

Ms. Kim McNeely, Bond Program Director, virtually presented the Measure J Bond Program Update and Summer Look Ahead, for information only.

Public Comments: None

9.5 Governor's May Revise

Ms. Teresa Fiscus, Director of Fiscal Services, virtually presented the Governor's May Revise, for information only.

Public Comments: None

10.0 DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS

10.1 Naming of the Newly Constructed Granada High School Wrestling Room

Mr. Chris Van Schaack, Deputy Superintendent, presented the Naming of the Newly Constructed Granada High School Wrestling Room. Mr. Van Schaack presented the name choices selected by the Naming Committee, ranked in order of preference: 1) Clark Conover Wrestling Facility, 2) Clark Conover Wrestling Room, and, 3) Clark Conover Wrestling Center, for Board selection and approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Emily Prusso** Moved, Board President **Craig Bueno** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'In support of the Superintendent's recommendation to name the newly constructed Granada High School Wrestling Room the Board selected the name Clark Conover Wrestling Facility.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

10.2 Approval of New Course Descriptions - International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) Courses

Dr. Kevin Grier, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, virtually presented the New Course Descriptions - IB Middle Years and MYP Courses, for Board approval. Joining Dr. Grier was Jon Cariveau, Granada High School IB Diploma Coordinator. Dr. Grier also mentioned Jessica Mann, Granada High School Vice Principal, who oversees the IB program, and who was unable to attend.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Yanira Guzmán** Moved, Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve the New Course Descriptions - International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Programme (MYP) Courses.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

President Bueno called a 10 minute break, and asked that the meeting reconvene at 9:58 PM.

10.3 Authorization for Assignment Out of Credentialed Area

Ms. Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources, virtually presented Authorization for Assignment Out of Credentialed Area, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Anne White** Moved, Clerk **Emily Prusso** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the request for Authorization for Assignment Out of Credentialed Area for the employee listed herein .' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

10.4 Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Ms. Kelly Manke, Director of Human Resources, virtually presented the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Member **Anne White** Moved, Member **Kristie Wang** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Adopt the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators for the 2021/2022 School Year.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

10.5 Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant

Ms. Melissa Theide, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services, presented the Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant, for Board approval.

Public Comments: None

ORIGINAL - Motion

Clerk **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Anne White** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion to 'Approve the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant Plan.' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

11.0 CONSENT ITEMS - MOTIONS

- 11.1 Approval of Consent Items – Motions
- 11.2 Approval of the Surplus of Instructional Materials
- 11.3 Approval of the Submission of the 2021-2022 Title VI Indian Education Grant Application
- 11.4 Approval of Gifts to District
- 11.5 Approval of Employment of Personnel
- 11.6 Approval of Employment of Extracurricular Coaches, 2020/2021
- 11.7 Approval of Leaves of Absence
- 11.8 Confirmation of Resignation/Retirements
- 11.9 Approval of the Purchase Order Summary Report for April
- 11.10 Measure J Bond Program Contract Amendments/Change Order Ratification
- 11.11 Approval of DRAFT Board Calendar
- 11.12 Approval of the May 4, 2021 Regular Board Meeting Minutes

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL – Motion

Member **Emily Prusso** Moved, Member **Yanira Guzmán** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Items – Motions 11.2 - 11.12' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes
Emily Prusso – Yes
Yanira Guzmán – Yes
Kristie Wang – Yes
Anne White – Yes

12.0 CONSENT ITEMS - RESOLUTIONS

- 12.1 Approval of Consent Items - Resolutions
- 12.2 Resolution No. 196-20/21, Authorization to Sell Surplus Equipment
- 12.3 Resolution No. 197-20/21, Accepting Bid and Awarding the Contract to the Lowest Responsible Bidder for Districtwide Installation of Pelican Energy Management Systems Upgrades
- 12.4 Resolution Nos. 198-20/21 through 200-20/21, Retirement of Classified Employees

Public Comment: None

ORIGINAL – Motion

Member **Emily Prusso** Moved, President **Craig Bueno** Seconded to approve the **ORIGINAL** motion 'Approve Consent Item Resolutions No. 144-20/21 - 195-20/21' Upon a roll call vote being taken, the vote was: Aye: 5 Nay: 0 The motion **Carried** 5 - 0.

Craig Bueno – Yes

Emily Prusso – Yes

Yanira Guzmán – Yes

Kristie Wang – Yes

Anne White – Yes

13.0 CONSENT ITEMS – MOTIONS REMOVED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION/VOTE

13.1 Consent Items Removed for Separate Discussion/Vote

None

14.0 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND REQUESTS

Trustee Kristie Wang shared that she has a child that is a junior and is really thinking about what our juniors and seniors are going through right now. She said that it is a little bit of a stressful time right now, but it is also an exciting time as they look forward to the end of the year activities. Juniors especially, as they are taking AP tests this week and next week. She mentioned that the juniors will have their Prom on Saturday, and that she is part of the clean up crew. June 5th seniors will have their prom. She also mentioned a PRIDE prom being put on that same evening by Wingen Bakery, and said that it is a very exciting time to celebrate our students. She thanked the students themselves, parents and District staff for working really hard to make some really exciting celebrations this year, with Graduation, etc. She said that it is going to be great to finally celebrate all of our students.

Trustee Yanira Guzmán shared that during these last two weeks she was able to participate and witness several celebrations within our District. Last week, she joined the last parent club meeting, or PCIC, and heard from parent leaders on how they met fundraising goals, incorporated fundraising events, and continued to foster engaging activities for our students. She thanked those parents and staff who continue to provide celebratory events, such as Junior Prom and Senior Ball. She added that it was great to see two Livermore High School students, the Culture Keepers, recognized by the Tri-Valley Innovation Leadership group at the Annual Dreammaker and Risktakers event. She said that this past Saturday was the African American Regional Education Alliance extravaganza, celebrating our students which she got to see through YouTube Live, featuring the performing arts along with excellence in academics. Ms. Guzmán said that she was really pleased, despite the last year and a half, that there are still ways to incorporate and find joy for our students. Trustee Guzmán closed by saying, thank you.

Trustee Anne White shared that she spent most of the weekend virtually attending the California School Boards Association (CSBA) delegate assembly meeting, and she regrets letting the Board know

that Suzanne Kitchens, who was elected President, has resigned for health reasons. She said that the Board Bylaws say that the president-elect who has been elected to the president-elect position, will assume the presidency for the remainder of the term, and will then serve as president for her own term. Ms. White said that Susan Heredia, who has been very active in CSBA and has been Director of many of the programs at Sacramento State University for Spanish-speaking students and instruction, will fulfill this term. She stated that she learned from the discussions that the legislation which allowed alternative education such as distance learning to cope with the pandemic, sunsets at the end of June. Ms. White said that there was also a flexibility in the independent learning statute that will allow the virtual academies to be offered. She said that the School Board Association's Annual Education Conference will be in San Diego in the fall, with both virtual and in-person options. Ms. White said that she is looking forward to it, and she reminded the Board that they need to let Ms. Rice know if they are going to go, or not.

Trustee Emily Prusso shared that it is a busy time of the year and that she attended many of the same events that the other Trustees also attended. She stated that the end of year celebration for the Tri-Valley Educational Collaborative (TEC), was really great. She said she was happy to see our Culture Keepers were honored as Dreammakers and Risktakers. She enjoyed the African American Student Achievement Awards, and enjoyed honoring such exceptional students tonight as well. On Sunday, she was able to attend the NorCal First Alarm Girls Fire Camp in Pleasanton. She said that it was girls from all over the Bay Area, who come and go to a fire camp with all female firefighters. She said that it was very inspiring to watch these girls well as their mentors who were also women. She said that she got to climb the aerial ladder, and that it was terrifying, but she did it. Ms. Prusso said that she thinks it is a great program, and that she would like to get information out to girls for the next time, as they do this a couple of times a year. She mentioned the Health and Wellness meeting on May 17th, and reminded Board members that they have the opportunity to take the Youth Mental Health First Aid Training. She said that she will forward the Board the information. Ms. Prusso said that Trustee Wang has already done the training.

NOTE: Trustee Wang shared that it was a great training, and was worth the time, even virtually. She said that she was very engaged the entire time, and that it was very well done. Trustee Guzmán asked who the trainer was. Superintendent Bowers explained that this training was funded by a federal grant, and that Liisa Hanninen-Danner, School Psychologist, is the primary person responsible for the training.

President Bueno shared that we have a lot of good things going on. He said that the one thing that he has mentioned at each meeting for the last year is to continue to be patient, whether it is how we get through these meetings with folks coming in on the video and audio, or right down to the community effort and kids going back to school, or through the vaccination process, or waiting in line at the vaccination clinics. Mr. Bueno mentioned being cautious and driving a little slower now because we have had a couple of mishaps with kids on bicycles who got bumped into. As things change, and we come back out of this pandemic, he asked that we be patient and kind, but not be forgetful about what we have come through. He said that he thinks that we have a lot to be thankful for. He said that one of the reasons he serves on this Board is to give back to the community. He continued and said that all three of his adult sons were educated here, K-12. And one of his sons just got his second doctorate, and is working on a residency. President Bueno said that he is committed to this District, for the public education of some 14,000 kids in this District. He said he thinks that this District and its staff does a great job, and not just with what we have, but acquiring additional assets, which is very evident through this pandemic. He went on to say that the District and its Leadership and Cabinet, were able to gather community partnerships, gather additional government support, and were able to secure additional

State funding. Mr. Bueno said that we have relationships with our elected officials, which gave us a receptive ear. He mentioned the great result of the labor relationship we have with all of our employees, and knows that we will do everything we can to keep them as fairly compensated as possible. He said that this District is very well run. Mr. Bueno added that the kids are at the center of this District, and every single person in this room, and that is on this payroll is in support of that effort, to help these kids. He closed by saying that we shouldn't get too anxious, and that we are almost out of it. He said we should follow the health guidelines that we have, and that we have a lot of bright days ahead.

15.0 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Dr. Kelly Bowers began by reminding people that we are co-hosting more vaccination clinics in conjunction with the City and the Livermore Area Parks and Recreation District, and that this time they are with the Safeway Pharmacy at the Robert Livermore Community Center. She said that they are open to anyone 12 and over, and they do not have to be Livermore students. If they are Livermore students, we have access to information that we can share for the informed consent that is required.

Dr. Bowers said that in addition, on Saturday, May 15th, over 770 community members were vaccinated at May Nissen by CalOES's replacement, the East Bay Community Health group, which was quite something.

Dr. Bowers shared that on Friday, partners from the Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, dropped in to present a donation in support of STEM. We are very grateful for \$15,000! They have been a tremendous local partner over the years, and have come through for many things. Dr. Bowers shared a memory from a prior first day of school, the most unforgettable one, the first best day ever, when LLNL funded solar eclipse glasses so that our students and staff could experience it. This funding always goes towards those special programs, projects and STEM extracurriculars that students engage in, whether it is Robotics, Girls Who Code, Science Odyssey, computer science competitions, etc. This funding fills in the gaps, and makes sure that none of our students are short-changed, and are always able to advance in STEM.

Dr. Bowers expressed excitement that our Curriculum Department completed its Federal Program Monitoring Review, where reviewers from the California Department of Education (CDE) reviewed nine programs. The purpose of this review is to ensure that districts are spending money and providing services as required by law. At the end of the review a very detailed report of any findings of non-compliance is provided. She said that she was extremely happy to report that our District had zero findings of non-compliance (this happens in less than 8% of reviews nationally). She said that that is a tribute to the Curriculum Department as well as Fiscal Services, Educational Services, and a lot of our specialized programs. She added that this is a major effort, and it is very validating.

Dr. Bowers wanted to remind everyone that with shelter in place and other restrictions being lifted, there were very few cars on the road. And now the traffic congestion throughout our community and near our schools has increased exponentially. She added that since March 22, when school came back more fully, we have had 3 minor incidents of students and vehicles colliding. She said that fortunately there were no serious injuries, but added that we cannot bank on that always happening. As we have reviewed this, and Livermore Police Department has been our partner in doing so, it was actually students who were not following the rules of the road and were on a bicycle. She said that

we are making a conscious effort, and are working with our Safe Routes to Schools partners, and Darrel Avilla, Director of Student Services is working on messaging, as is our Police Department and Community Engagement Department. Dr. Bowers said that we will be reminding students of all of the safety rules. We do encourage pedestrians and biking to school, but we have to make sure that it is done safely, and that no students are in jeopardy. She added that we do appreciate parents also, in their drop off and pick up, and following the guidelines, as it can get very congested.

Dr. Bowers wanted to recognize Jennifer Arias and Lori Rice, who are sharing administrative support duties at Board meetings now. She also thanked TV30, our Community Engagement Department, Geoff Warner, Michelle Dawson, and Michelle Seugling. She said that all of the people are behind the scenes, trying to improve our presence and our community outreach through our Board meetings.

Dr. Bowers closed by wishing everyone well and to have a peaceful evening. And she reminded us to stay #LVJUSDstrong and #LVJUSDhealthy!

President Bueno adjourned the meeting with special thanks to our Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan for her unwavering support for kids.

16.0 ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board, President Bueno adjourned the Meeting at 10:40 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Board President

Board Clerk

Approved and entered into the proceedings of this Board this 18th day of May, 2021.