



**WOODLAND JOINT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

August 27, 2020

Consistent with the Shelter in Place orders from the Governor and Yolo County, this meeting was compliant with the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, which allowed for a deviation of teleconference rules required by the Brown Act. In-person attendance was not permitted. The meeting was available for live stream viewing, and recordings are available at <https://livestream.com/wjUSD> (click on the Board Meeting date).

Attendance Taken at 5:00 PM:

Present:

Deborah Bautista Zavala
Morgan Childers
Debbie Decker
Teresa Guerrero
Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne
Rogelio Villagrana
Jake Whitaker

Updated Attendance:

Morgan Childers was updated to absent at: 6:06 PM
Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne was updated to absent at: 6:06 PM
Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne was updated to present at: 6:19 PM

A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

Minutes:

The Board President called the meeting to order in Open Session at 5:00 p.m. via Google Meet and the meeting was live streamed and recorded via Vimeo Livestream.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION

Roll Call Vote - Motion Passed: Motion was made to approve the agenda. Passed with a motion by Rogelio Villagrana and a second by Jake Whitaker.

Yes Deborah Bautista Zavala

- Yes Morgan Childers
- Yes Debbie Decker
- Yes Teresa Guerrero
- Yes Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne
- Yes Rogelio Villagrana
- Yes Jake Whitaker

C. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA -

In-person attendance at the Board Meeting will not be permitted. Please email public comments by 4:00 pm on the Board Meeting date to public.comment@wjusd.org. Per Board Bylaw 9323, comments (emails) received shall be limited to three minutes per person, and the Board shall limit the total time for public comment on each item to 20 minutes. Public comments may also be submitted by voicemail by 4:00 pm on the Board Meeting date, at 530-406-3202, or by mail postmarked on or before the Board Meeting date, at Attn: Public Comment, 435 6th Street, Woodland, CA 95695. The meeting will be available for live stream viewing at <https://livestream.com/wjused> (click on the Board Meeting date).

Minutes:

No one came forward when the Board President requested comments on the Closed Session agenda items.

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

D.1. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

D.2. Conference With Labor Negotiator, Leanee Medina Estrada: WEA and/or CSEA, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6

Minutes:

The Board recessed at 5:02 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:06 p.m.

E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

Minutes:

The Board Vice President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:15 p.m.

E.1. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The Board Vice President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E.2. Announcement of any action taken in Closed Session or items to be approved in Open Session that were reviewed in Closed Session

Minutes:

The Board Vice President announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SECTION G. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Minutes:

There were no public comments for section G. Community Engagement.

G. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

G.1. Action: Approve Resolution 2-21: High School Voter Education Weeks, September 14-25, 2020, and April 19-30, 2021

Roll Call Vote - Motion Passed: Motion was made to approve Resolution 2-21: High School Voter Education Weeks, September 14-25, 2020, and April 19-30, 2021. Passed with a motion by Rogelio Villagrana and a second by Teresa Guerrero.

Yes Deborah Bautista Zavala

Absent Morgan Childers

Yes Debbie Decker

Yes Teresa Guerrero

Absent Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne

Yes Rogelio Villagrana

Yes Jake Whitaker

G.2. Action: Approve Resolution 3-21: Latino Heritage Month - September 15 - October 15, 2020

Roll Call Vote - Motion Passed: Motion was made to approve Resolution 3-21: Latino Heritage Month - September 15 - October 15, 2020. Passed with a motion by Rogelio Villagrana and a second by Teresa Guerrero.

Yes Deborah Bautista Zavala

Absent Morgan Childers

Yes Debbie Decker

Yes Teresa Guerrero

Absent Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne

Yes Rogelio Villagrana

Yes Jake Whitaker

Minutes:

Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala presented Resolution 3-21 to Olga Nevarez, Retired Principal of Cache Creek High School.

Trustee Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne presented Resolution 2-21 to Karen Urbano, Vice President for Membership for the League of Women Voters of Woodland.

G.3. Action: Approve Resolution 4-21: In Support of Constitution Week - September 17-23, 2020

Roll Call Vote - Motion Passed: Motion was made to approve Resolution 4-21: In Support of Constitution Week - September 17-23, 2020. Passed with a motion by Rogelio Villagrana and a second by Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne.

Yes Deborah Bautista Zavala
Absent Morgan Childers
Yes Debbie Decker
Yes Teresa Guerrero
Yes Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne
Yes Rogelio Villagrana
Yes Jake Whitaker

Minutes:

Trustee Jake Whitaker presented Resolution 4-21 to Tracie Olson, Public Defender of Yolo County.

H. PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD - In-person attendance at the Board Meeting will not be permitted. Please email public comments by 4:00 pm on the Board Meeting date to public.comment@wjusd.org. Per Board Bylaw 9323, comments (emails) received shall be limited to three minutes per person, and the Board shall limit the total time for public comment on each item to 20 minutes. Public comments may also be submitted by voicemail by 4:00 pm on the Board Meeting date, at 530-406-3202, or by mail postmarked on or before the Board Meeting date, at Attn: Public Comment, 435 6th Street, Woodland, CA 95695. The meeting will be available for live stream viewing at <https://livestream.com/wjused> (click on the Board Meeting date).

Minutes:

Please see the attached public comments.

I. REPORTS

I.1. Superintendent's Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Tom Pritchard announced that a "Family & Community Supports for Remote Learning" web page is live on the district website, and he thanked the Educational Services staff for their work on the web page. Mr. Pritchard also provided an update on the possible use of one-time funds to subsidies childcare provided by the

City of Woodland. Spencer Springer, Director of Food Services, provided an update on meal services.

I.2. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

Minutes:

WEA President Jennifer Shilen shared information regarding WEA activities.

I.3. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

Minutes:

CSEA President Todd Freer shared information regarding CSEA activities.

I.4. Report from Board Members

Minutes:

Trustees Bautista Zavala, Rosenkilde-Bayne, Decker, Guerrero, Villagrana, and Whitaker shared information regarding activities that they have participated in since the last Regular Board Meeting.

J. TEACHING AND LEARNING

J.1. Information: Educational Services Update

Minutes:

The Information item "Educational Services Update" was presented in a PowerPoint presentation by Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Elodia Ortega-Lampkin, Director of Equity and Access Maria Orozco, Director of Technology Tina Burkhart, Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christina Lambie, Director of Special Education Rebecca Foster, Director of Student Services Roxanna Villaseñor, and Director of College and Career Readiness Jacob Holt.

The Board recessed the meeting at 8:26 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

J.2. Public Hearing/Information: Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP)

Minutes:

The Board Vice President opened a Public Hearing at 8:36 p.m. As no one came forward to speak on the subject, the Public Hearing concluded at 8:36 p.m.

The Information item "Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP)" was presented by Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christina Lambie in a PowerPoint presentation.

K. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

K.1. Information: Review Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1114: District-Sponsored Social Media

Minutes:

The Information item "Review Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1114: District-Sponsored Social Media" was presented by Superintendent Tom Pritchard.

L. CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes:

Trustee Rogelio Villagrana pulled the following item from the Consent Agenda for separate action: Purchase Order #4 from item L.1.a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 3-21.

Roll Call Vote - Motion Passed: Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda, as modified at the meeting. Passed with a motion by Rogelio Villagrana and a second by Debbie Decker.

Yes Deborah Bautista Zavala

Absent Morgan Childers

Yes Debbie Decker

Yes Teresa Guerrero

No Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne

Yes Rogelio Villagrana

No Jake Whitaker

L.1. Business Services

L.1.a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 3-21

Roll Call Vote - Motion Passed: Motion was made to approve Purchase Order #4 from item L.1.a. Passed with a motion by Debbie Decker and a second by Teresa Guerrero.

Yes Deborah Bautista Zavala

Absent Morgan Childers

Yes Debbie Decker

Yes Teresa Guerrero

Yes Karen Rosenkilde-Bayne

No Rogelio Villagrana

Yes Jake Whitaker

L.2. Human Resources

L.2.a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 21-3

L.2.b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 21-3

L.3. Superintendent's Office

L.3.a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes:

L.3.a.i. August 6, 2020 - Regular Board Meeting

M. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: September 17, 2020 - Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

N. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The Board Vice President adjourned the meeting at 9:47 p.m.

BOARD CLERK

BOARD PRESIDENT

REGULAR BOARD MEETING
August 27, 2020
Public Comments

To the board of Woodland Joint Unified School District-

I am writing this email in complete and utter disgust of the resolution (28-21) that you as board members decided to pass on August 6, 2020. I have one sincere question. Did you guys even read it? Or were you just briefed about what it entailed?

I recently read the Daily Democrat article about Board Member Debbie Decker where she stated this resolution was her proudest accomplishment! Are you kidding me? All of this service that she detailed in her newspaper article and she couldn't come up with one incident that was more important than this. She couldn't speak to a student who attended our district and went on to be a great citizen or community leader, or how about a school board project that delivered much needed educational services or equipment to our great students!

I do want to add that there is one positive thing within the Resolution that I agree with and that is denouncing racism and supporting the wellbeing of students. Unfortunately, you as a board only chose to include in the resolution that you support the safety of people of color! I will assume that you support the wellbeing of ALL students regardless of race, background or financial status within our community! I know that there is a plethora of great teachers in our school system that serve all of the students proudly, day in and day out, regardless of their race!

Did any of you sit back and think about the repercussions of putting out a resolution like this? Did any of you sit and ask yourselves what the students who attend your schools might think? Did you ever consider the students who lay their heads in households with police officers, or that their parents may be police officers? Did you ever think that maybe this looks like you don't support the men and women who protect us every day? Did you think about the three fantastic SRO's from Woodland Police Department that patrol your schools? Or did you just automatically assume that because this garbage is being spewed on CNN every night it is a hot topic and it just "felt right" to endorse it?

Your resolution states that you as a board support the "Black Lives Matter Movement". A movement that has marched the streets and called for death to police. They have marched the streets with raised fists and assaulted people who did not comply with their requests. They have called the criminal justice system corrupt. The same criminal justice system that you teach our children about. A system that the majority of citizens still believe in and they should because it works. If you commit a crime you go to jail, pretty simple. The resolution talks about police use of excessive force, and this force had led to a decrease in public safety.... You are straight up accusing the men and women in law enforcement of making our community a more dangerous place to live! How do you come up with this when the US Population had grown by

75 million people since 1990 and the US police force has grown by over 100k police officers, yet the violent crime rate has been cut in half in that same time period? It's obviously not due to the police officers, but yet in your resolution you are accusing them of just that! Do you see the absurdity in this? Do you have some proof of law enforcement in Yolo County or the City of Woodland treating our students without dignity and respect? The resolution further states that people of color are experiencing racial profiling and racial bias within our school district...if this is true it should be dealt with swiftly and immediately! But supporting a group that ignites division is not the way to do it!

As a father, a citizen of the greatest country in the world and a public servant, I am completely appalled that you would endorse a resolution of this nature. The resolution is disrespectful and divisive to say the least.

You board members need to be leaders, you need to stand up, take action and provide children with a top notch education. You should not be getting involved in politics or blaming any class of persons for anything. Making excuses for people is not the way to do it....Creating division is not the way to do it!! As board members, you should demand nothing but the best from the teachers that are employed by this district!

I am asking you as a WJUSD parent, to think before you act next time!! The job of the school district is to teach reading, writing and math. It is not your job to teach my child about life and what they should believe politically.

By the way I hope that you never ever think about cutting the SRO's from our school sites. I want my children to feel safe at school and having a police officer close by is the best way for this to happen!

A disappointed parent,
Jeremy Hembree

Good evening President Childers, Board of Trustees, and Cabinet,

My name is Vicki Fu. I teach 4th grade at Dingle Elem. As I sit in my empty classroom trying to figure out how much of my room I should set up, I start to reflect on the last few days of professional development. These last five days have been filled with so much information by the end of it all my brain is mush. On Monday, I found myself blankly staring at a spreadsheet that I needed to complete, not knowing where to even start. With the instructional minutes teachers are expected to deliver, I worry that many of our students will be having this same feeling of "Zoom fatigue". I understand that based on parent input, there is a desire to have more instructional minutes. These expectations might do more harm than good. As we strive "to do more than the minimum", are we losing sight of what is best for our students? Have we considered where the state minimum minutes came from? When will our teachers be trusted and treated like professionals of their craft?

There is a quote by William Butler Yeats “Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire”. My job is light that spark of curiosity and intrigue in my students so that they become lifelong learners who are intrinsically motivated for all that the world has to offer. Let's try to keep this in mind as we start the 2020-2021 school year.

WJUSD Board of Trustees,

My name is Elyse Doyle-Martinez and I am reaching out as a Woodland resident and educator to stand with other staff, students and community members in denouncing the continued partnership with the City of Woodland in funding a School Resource Officer. As a paraeducator at Cesar Chavez Community School, I have the privilege of working with young people who are extremely resilient and unbelievably talented. Almost all of my students have had a negative experience with police, and nearly all of those experiences are with a School Resource Officer on a school campus for things like gathering with too many friends, gathering with “the wrong friends”, whistling, cell phone use, dress code violations, arguments, tardiness, using foul language. These are only a few examples that students have shared where the school resource officer acted on bias and tried to “scare them straight”, and those same students can recount similar situations involving White students that ended very differently and with no police presence. Young people are very perceptive to the biases and inequities within their schools and communities. School policing over criminalizes Brown and Black youth and is inherently part of the school to prison pipeline. The presence of law enforcement on school campuses combined with zero-tolerance policies disproportionately affect Black, Latinx, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, and students with disabilities that are being deprived of their right to an education by being pushed out of schools and introduced to the criminal justice system from a very young age.

I strongly urge the WJUSD Board of Education to:

- 1) Make a public pledge to put an end to future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan that prioritizes Restorative Justice practices.
- 2) Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, nurses, bilingual staff, and student support.
- 3) Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Last week, the board passed the Resolution 28-21: Denouncing Racism and Supporting Equity, Wellbeing, the safety of People of Color, and the Black Lives Matter movement; WJUSD should take appropriate action steps by eliminating police officers from school campuses, implementing an Alternative Safety Plan, and providing supports to students via counselors, social workers and nurses. As leaders in education, you have the responsibility of addressing

and dismantling the systemic racism that prevails in our education system in order to provide a learning environment where students feel safe and protected.

INVEST IN YOUTH!--

Elyse Doyle-Martinez

WJUSD Board of Trustees,

As an educator, I stand alongside the students and community members to denounce and actively work in eliminating institutional racism in our educational system. WJUSD efforts in creating a \$130,000 contract with the Woodland Police Department to introduce an SRO DOES NOT align with eliminating institutional racism in our schools.

The presence of law enforcement on school campuses combined with zero-tolerance policies is disproportionately affecting Black, Latinx, Indigenous, LGBTQIA+, and students with disabilities that are being deprived of their right to an education and are pushed out of schools and many introduced to the criminal justice system.

I demand that the WJUSD Board of Education:

- 1) Make a public pledge to put a final end to future contracts with law enforcement and institute an Alternative Safety Plan that prioritizes Restorative Justice practices.
- 2) Reinvest the safety funds in academic and mental health counselors, social workers, bilingual staff, and student support.
- 3) Make a public pledge to not take any money from police unions for their political campaigns as a stance against institutional racism.

Eliminating police officers from school campuses, implementing an Alternative Safety Plan, and providing supports to students via counselors and social workers are the first steps we must take in creating a school culture free of institutional racism. As educators, WE have the responsibility of providing a learning environment where students feel safe and protected. As educators, WE have the responsibility of addressing and dismantling the systemic racism that prevails in our education system.

As educators, WE are either revolutionaries or oppressors. What side are YOU on?

Mónica Aceves Robles
Alternative Education Teacher
Cesar Chavez Community School