



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

**January 21, 2021**

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 5:01 PM:

Present:

Deborah Bautista Zavala  
Morgan Childers  
Bibiana Garcia  
Kandice Richardson Fowler  
Noel Rodriguez  
Rogelio Villagrana  
Jake Whitaker

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

Minutes:

The Board President called the meeting to order in Open Session at 5:01 p.m. via Zoom and the meeting was live streamed and recorded via Vimeo Livestream.

**A.1. Pledge of Allegiance**

Minutes:

Trustee Noel J. Rodriguez led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION**

Minutes:

Superintendent Tom Pritchard pulled item K.2. *Action: Approve Addendum to the Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with Dale Scott & Company* from the agenda.

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting. Passed with a motion by Rogelio Villagrana and a second by Morgan Childers.

- Yes Deborah Bautista Zavala
- Yes Morgan Childers
- Yes Bibiana Garcia
- Yes Kandice Richardson Fowler
- Yes Noel Rodriguez
- 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](mailto: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 public comments were submitted for 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 5:04 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. Closed Session ended at 5:40 p.m.

#### **E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION**

Minutes:

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 5:40 p.m.

**E.1. 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 President announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

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Minutes:

Please see the attached public comments.

## **G. REPORTS**

### **G.1. Superintendent's Report**

#### **G.1.a. Information: Update on Strategic Initiatives**

Minutes:

The Information item "Update on Strategic Initiatives" was presented by Superintendent Tom Pritchard, and Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Elodia Ortega-Lampkin.

### **G.2. Report from Board Members**

Minutes:

Trustees Richardson Fowler, Bautista Zavala, and Whitaker shared information regarding activities that they have participated in since the last Regular Board Meeting.

## **H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

### **H.1. Recognition: James C. Glica-Hernandez**

Minutes:

Board President Whitaker recognized and honored James C. Glica-Hernandez, former Music Director of the Woodland Opera House, who passed away recently from COVID-19.

The Board recessed the meeting at 6:12 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 6:17 p.m.

## **I. TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **I.1. Information/Action: Update on WJUSD's Reopening Plan**

Minutes:

The Information/Action item "Update on WJUSD's Reopening Plan" was presented by Superintendent Tom Pritchard, Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Elodia Ortega-Lampkin, and Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Leanee Medina Estrada.

## **J. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT**

### **J.1. Information/Action: Determine Topics and How to Select Topics for Special Board Meetings**

Minutes:

The Information/Action item "Determine Topics and How to Select Topics for Special Board Meetings" was presented by Superintendent Tom Pritchard. The Board provided direction to determine topics on an ongoing bases.

## **K. FACILITIES AND FINANCE**

### **K.1. Action: Approve Resolution 45-21 Certifying Successful Bond Election and Providing for Citizens Oversight**

**Motion Passed:** Motion was made to approve Resolution 45-21 Certifying Successful Bond Election and Providing for Citizens Oversight, and the Bylaws for the Governing Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee as modified at the meeting. Passed with a motion by Jake Whitaker and a second by Kandice Richardson Fowler.

Yes Deborah Bautista Zavala  
Yes Morgan Childers  
Yes Bibiana Garcia  
Yes Kandice Richardson Fowler  
Yes Noel Rodriguez  
Yes Rogelio Villagrana  
Yes Jake Whitaker

### **K.2. Action: Approve Addendum to the Agreement for Financial Advisory Services with Dale Scott & Company**

Minutes:

This item was pulled from the agenda.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:21 p.m.

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BOARD CLERK

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BOARD PRESIDENT

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Public Comments**

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To who this may concern , as I was deeply upset when I read the board resolution letter, I think it's inappropriate and unnecessary to discuss politics in the workplace .