



Regular Board Meeting
10/14/2021 05:00 PM
District Office Board Room
435 6th Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Meeting Minutes
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Attendees

Voting Members

Deborah Bautista Zavala, Clerk
Bibiana Garcia, Board Member
Kandice Richardson Fowler, Board Member
Noel Rodriguez, Board Member
Rogelio Villagrana, Vice President
Jake Whitaker, President

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

The Board President called the meeting to order in Open Session at 5:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION

Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala pulled the following Facilities & Finance item from the agenda:
L.4. Information/Action: Consider the Feasibility of Hosting Community Hours (Open to the Public) at All School Site Athletic Tracks. Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting.

Motion made by: Jake Whitaker

Motion seconded by: Rogelio Villagrana

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

C. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item on the Closed Session Agenda. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on Closed Session Agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. This is a comment period only, and the law does not allow the Board of Trustees to take action on any item not explicitly posted on the agenda in advance. However, Board members may ask for clarification, briefly respond to questions, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

Ron Oertel expressed his opposition to the potential expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School.

Jennifer Owens expressed that she did not agree with the manner in which the District is discussing the potential expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School in Closed Session without communication or input from the school staff and community. She also stated that she was happy to see that Landmark was recommended for the Preconstruction Services for the Spring Lake Elementary Classrooms Project, but she was concerned with the project timeline as well as the delay in the completion of the playfields. (Via Voicemail)

Brian Coward shared concerns with the potential expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School, and the lack of communication between the District and the community being impacted by the potential expansion. (Via Voicemail)

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:11 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:11 p.m.

1. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code 54957: Interim Superintendent
2. Conference with Real Property Negotiators Regarding the potential purchase, sale, exchange, or lease of Real Property, Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8, for the following properties:

- a. Property: Land Acquisition for Potential Expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School, Agency Negotiator: Elodia Ortega-Lampkin, Interim Superintendent and Lewis Wiley, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Negotiating Parties: Woodland Joint Unified School District and the City of Woodland
3. Conference With Labor Negotiator, Leanee Medina Estrada: WEA, CSEA, and/or Unrepresented Employees, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6

E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 6:15 P.M.

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:15 p.m. and opened the meeting in honor of Ed Barrera, Pioneer HS wrestling coach that passed away recently.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

The Board President announced that the Board gave direction in Closed Session to the Interim Superintendent and Associate Superintendent of Business Services concerning the price and terms for the acquisition of real property.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SECTIONS G. CONSENT AGENDA AND H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Echoe Camacho expressed her opposition to excusing Board Members from Board Meetings.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Trustee Jake Whitaker pulled the following item from the Consent Agenda for separate action: G.4.b. Approve Resolution 18-22: Resolution to Excuse Board Members Attendance at Meetings of the Board of Trustees. Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as modified at the meeting.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

1. Business Services
 - a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 6-22
2. Educational Services
 - a. Approve Petitions For Early Graduation as Follows: a. Student #EG 22-2 and b. Student #EG 22-3

3. Human Resources

- a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 22-06
- b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 22-06

4. Superintendent's Office

- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes:
 - i. September 23, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
- b. Approve Resolution 18-22: Resolution to Excuse Board Members Attendance at Meetings of the Board of Trustees

Motion was made to approve Resolution 18-22: Resolution to Excuse Board Members Attendance at Meetings of the Board of Trustees.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Abstain

Motion Passed

H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Action: Approve Gifts to the District

Motion was made to approve Gifts to the District.

Motion made by: Jake Whitaker

Motion seconded by: Rogelio Villagrana

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

- I. PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item on the agenda or within the Board's jurisdiction. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on agenda or non-agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. This is a comment period only, and the law does not allow the Board of Trustees to take action on any item not explicitly posted on the agenda in advance. However, Board members may ask for clarification, briefly respond to**

questions, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

Debbie Roe shared information regarding a recent Community Advisory Committee meeting.

J. REPORTS

1. Report from Student Board Members

Woodland High School Alternate Student Board Member Jacqueline Gutierrez shared information about Woodland HS events.

Pioneer High School Student Board Member Bryan Fernandez Gonzalez shared information about Pioneer HS events.

2. Interim Superintendent's Report

Interim Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin shared district updates.

a. Information: Check-in from the Previous Regular Board Meeting

3. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

CSEA President Todd Freer was present but had no report.

4. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

WEA President Jennifer Drewek shared information regarding WEA activities.

5. Report from Board Members

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

6. Information: Board Committee Updates

Trustee Rodriguez shared information about a recent Ethnic Studies Advisory Committee meeting. Trustee Villagrana shared information from a recent Facilities Master Plan Committee meeting.

K. TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Information/Action: Updated Comprehensive Safety Plans for 2021-2022 for Secondary School Sites

Motion was made to approve the Updated Comprehensive Safety Plans for 2021-2022 for Secondary School Sites.

Motion made by: Jake Whitaker

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

2. Information: District's Progress/Ability to Reduce the Use of Paper and Move Toward Becoming Paperless (Written Report)

Public Comment:

Becca Bernard shared recent discussions about Universal Design for Learning among teachers, and how teachers are trying to have a balance between online work and handwritten work on paper because all students learn differently and handwriting is also a critical skill.

The Information item "District's Progress/Ability to Reduce the Use of Paper and Move Toward Becoming Paperless" was presented as a written report.

3. Information: Review Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints (Written Report)

The Information item "Review Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints" was presented as a written report.

4. Action: Approve Woodland Joint Unified School District Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plan

Motion was made to approve the Woodland Joint Unified School District Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief (ESSER) III Expenditure Plan.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Rogelio Villagrana

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

5. Information: Community Member Request to Review Requirements for Student Participation in Athletic Programs (Written Report)

Public Comment:

Kristen Hale and Echoe Camacho expressed their opposition to COVID-19 vaccine mandates.

The Information item "Community Member Request to Review Requirements for Student Participation in Athletic Programs" was presented as a written report.

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:25 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

L. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Action: Approve Award of Preconstruction Services for the Spring Lake Elementary Classrooms Project

Motion was made to approve the Award of Preconstruction Services to Landmark Construction for the Spring Lake Elementary Classrooms Project.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

2. Action: Resolution 19-22: To Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Monies

Motion was made to approve Resolution 19-22: To Establish Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Monies.

Motion made by: Jake Whitaker

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

3. Information: Report: 2020-21 Capital Facilities Fund (Developer Fee) Income and Expenditures

Public Comment:

Brian Coward expressed his concerns with the funds for the Spring Lake ES project, and he urged the District to hire a project manager specific to school construction to avoid future mistakes that waste money.

The Information item "Report: 2020-21 Capital Facilities Fund (Developer Fee) Income and Expenditures" was presented by Associate Superintendent of Business Services Lewis Wiley.

4. Information/Action: Consider the Feasibility of Hosting Community Hours (Open to the Public) at All School Site Athletic Tracks

This item was pulled from the agenda.

5. Action: Approve Resolution 20-22: Revisions to the 2021-22 Budget

Motion was made to approve Resolution 20-22: Revisions to the 2021-22 Budget.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Rogelio Villagrana

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes
Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

M. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Action: Public Hearing and Approve the Initial Proposal to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) and the Woodland Education Association (WEA) for the 2022-2025 Successor Agreement

Public Comment:

Mari Sanchez, TK Teacher at Maxwell ES, requested that TK be acknowledged in the contract, and asked for an increase to pay and benefits. (Via Voicemail)

The Board President opened a Public Hearing at 7:52 p.m. As no one came forward to speak on the subject, the Public Hearing concluded at 7:52 p.m.

Motion was made to approve the Initial Proposal to the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) and the Woodland Education Association (WEA) for the 2022-2025 Successor Agreement.

Motion made by: Jake Whitaker

Motion seconded by: Rogelio Villagrana

Voting:

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

Motion Passed

N. INFORMATION: TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala requested a staff recommendation on whether the Board should consider approving a resolution to allow for teleconferencing per the Brown Act (Assembly Bill 361).

Trustee Kandice Richardson Fowler requested that CAFÉ staff help parents/guardians learn school board basics and how to interact with the Board and District leadership.

Trustee Noel Rodriguez requested information on bullying data.

O. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

- P. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: October 28, 2021 - Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.**

Q. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:59 p.m.

Public Comments Submitted Via Email

Hello,

I am an elementary school parent emailing to address item K5 Information: Community Member Request to Review Requirements for Student Participation in Athletic Programs (Written Report). Masks and vaccines should be a choice for everyone at school. I understand there are guidelines the CDPH has put out about masking indoors but WJUSD is also masking kids outdoors as well. Most sports are outside and according to the CDPH guidelines masks are not required. Given you can still catch and pass the virus even when vaccinated, vaccines should not be a requirement for students to participate in a sport or school but a choice each family should make for themselves. If the vaccinated person is protected by having the vaccine then the vaccination status of someone else should not matter. The data shows children in general and children without underlying health conditions are not having serious cases and are not dying from Covid 19. Children should be able to learn in person and do sports no matter their vaccination status. Lastly the vaccine is not FDA approved for kids and parents should always have the right to choose their children's health choices.

Celina Freitas

As a parent of a kindergartener at Tafoya Elementary, I have seen this school's atmosphere, parent communication and overall ability to run decline drastically since the principal was removed and sent to another school. I can see everyone upset, snappy, stressed and overwhelmed. The lack of communication in general is been really bad from teachers to admin. As a kinder parent, I had no idea about the awards, why they got them, no idea even what they were. We have no idea about how drop offs or pick ups work during incimate whether, and emergency drills notifications are sent the night before if that. I just hope my kid is doing well in class, but have no idea. The back to school nights should be later in the fall so we can actually see the progress of our kids and the classroom (whether virtually or otherwise). Nothing has been running great and given that Covid makes things difficult on everyone, I find it incredibly hard to understand why the board would think taking the principal away and reassigning her would be a good move considering. One final note. The notification about mandated childhood vaccines for all k-12 without even FDA approval let alone emergency authorization is abhorrent. Mandates for a vaccine without FDA approval (regardless of the emergency authorization) is despicable and takes away the rights of parents and pediatricians to decide what's best for each individual child. If this mandate threat goes through, I will remove my child from Tafoya and will homeschool. This mandate goes against the California Department Education's Handbook.

-Leah Mellinger, MS

Dear Interim Superintendent Ortega-Lampkin, President Whitaker, and Board members, My name is Brian Coward. I'm a Woodland resident writing in regard to closed session item 'D.2.A - Land Acquisition for Potential Expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School, Agency Negotiator'. I remain grateful for the attention being given to the issue of children in the Spring Lake community not having a place at the elementary school in their neighborhood.

What worries me is that the negotiations continue without the District and Board taking proactive measures to reach out to the community for input. Board meetings are very formal have a restrictive format and are not conducive to open dialogue for working out concerns and solutions to problems. Think of having a regular meeting among colleagues and interested parties in the format of a Board meeting. Board meetings have their place but we need the District and Board to make themselves available to the communities that will be directly impacted by improvements being planned.

As a member of the Facilities Committee that helped design the Spring Lake Elementary campus and also being involved with the Program Committee, I have the following concerns about expanding the campus. How will the STEAM program our teachers, staff, and students are acquainted with be integrated into an expanded campus setting? The campus was designed and built with shared spaces and for students and teachers to learn through project-based lessons. Also,

the pick and drop off of areas were not properly oriented to encourage Mickle Ave as the main thoroughfare. Banks Dr will be heavily impacted by any expansion which has homes that have driveways on Banks Dr. It seems the infrastructure here is ill-suited to any major expansion of the campus. Also, any shared facilities with the City will likely be oriented toward elementary-age children and may not be designed for all ages as a community park would require.

Please stop the closed session negotiations, reach out to the community by setting up a forum for discussion, and listen to the teachers, staff, and community on how we envision the Spring Lake Elementary campus developing. That approach will ensure the best results for everyone.

Thank you,
Brian Coward

Dear Interim Superintendent Ortega-Lampkin, President Whitaker, and Board members,
My name is Brian Coward. I'm a Woodland resident writing in regard to item 'L.3 - Information: Report: 2020-21 Capital Facilities Fund (Developer Fee) Income and Expenditures'. The 'CAPITAL FACILITIES FUND (28) - SPRING LAKE' is bursting with an ending fund balance of \$13,410,740. I had hoped we would have accounted for this surplus in the original design. I was on the Facility Committee during the design of Spring Lake Elementary and with simple arithmetic could see we'd have the extra funds and should have designed a larger campus at the time (see attached email). We've wasted a lot of money redesigning the campus (\$800,000 for the original plans), neglecting to construct the phases in time requiring portables (\$500,000 for the multipurpose and 5-6 grade portables), and now yet another possible re-design of the campus. We can not afford to make mistakes that are so costly while our resources are desperately needed to provide facilities for our kids. As we move forward please consider contractor out for a project manager that specializes in school construction.

There's also a misconception that fund 28 fees are restricted to the Spring Lake Specific Plan area. This is not true. The Turn Of the Century (TOC) agreement which was agreed upon by the District and Developer for the Spring Lake community states:

"In the event the District determines that a School Site or Sites cannot be located within the boundaries of the Project, the District shall seek to identify the location of alternate School Site or Sites and the parties shall determine the appropriate, alternate mitigation plan for the TOC Project which will include, but not be limited to the payment of Impact Fees as provided for herein. Release of the obligation on the part of the Developer to provide a School Site or Sites under these circumstances may be dependent upon the satisfactory agreement between the Developer and the District of an alternate mitigation plan." (Section 4.1 - see attached).

This makes it clear that these funds could be used to help in the planning, design, and construction of the Tech Park school if negotiated with the TOC Developers. The Tech Park school is within the Master Plan Area of the Spring Lake Specific Plan and the 'Possible School Site' location in the Tech Park is immediately adjacent to the Spring Lake Specific Plan boundary. If the District reached out to the TOC Developers on the release of the obligation for an alternate school site at the Tech Park I am sure a satisfactory agreement could be reached.

Using the remaining fund 28 fees for the Tech Park school would help to build a school of the capacity needed in the area. The projected elementary-age student population in Spring Lake and the Tech Park area is 1,400. If Spring Lake Elementary has a capacity of 424 and we get the Tech Park school to 800 we'd achieve 1,224 capacity for the area. This along with the possibility of a K-8 campus at the middle school property south of PHS could get the District to the point of providing for all the children expected as Woodland continues to grow.

On a side note, the 'Will our children have a chance to go to a neighborhood school?' petition has reached 212 signatures (see attached signatures).

Thank you,
Brian