



MEETING MINUTES

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Additional options for public comment:

- 1. Voicemail Public Comments:* Public comments may be submitted by voicemail by 2:00 pm on the Board Meeting date, at 530-406-5800, and they will be played during the meeting if time permits. Please indicate the item's number and title in your message.
- 2. Written Public Comments Via Email:* Public comments may be submitted via email by 2:00 pm on the Board Meeting date to public.comment@wjUSD.org. Public comments submitted via email will be included in the meeting minutes, but will not be read during the meeting.

Attendees

Voting Members

Deborah Bautista Zavala, Clerk
Morgan Childers, Board Member
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.



1. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Kandice Richardson Fowler led the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION

Motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Morgan Childers - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Not Present

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

C. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON SPECIAL BOARD MEETING 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 Special Board Meeting Agenda. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on Special Board Meeting 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.

The following individuals expressed their opposition to the potential expansion of the Spring Lake Elementary School and their support for acquiring land in the Woodland Research and Technology Park for a new school: Eric Glassman (Via Voicemail) and Ron Oertel (Via Voicemail).

D. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

1. Action: Resolution Allowable Under AB 361: Brown Act Teleconferencing

Motion was made to approve a Resolution Allowable Under AB 361: Brown Act Teleconferencing.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Morgan Childers

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Morgan Childers - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes



Rogelio Villagrana - Not Present
Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

E. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:09 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:31 p.m.

1. 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

b. Property: Land Acquisition for Potential Elementary School in the Woodland Research and Technology Park (WRTP) as Specified in the WRTP Specific Plan, Agency Negotiator: Elodia Ortega-Lampkin, Interim Superintendent and Lewis Wiley, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Negotiating Parties: Woodland Joint Unified School District

F. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 6:30 PM

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:33 p.m.

1. 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 took action in Closed Session and directed staff to cease conversations regarding a potential land acquisition for the potential expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School.

G. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Action: Approve Resolution 31-22: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 17, 2022

Motion was made to approve Resolution 31-22: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 17, 2022.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Morgan Childers - Not Present

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes



Rogelio Villagrana - Yes
Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

Trustee Noel Rodriguez presented approved Resolution 31-22: Martin Luther King Jr. Day - January 17, 2022, to WJUSD African American Parent Advisory Council member Veronica Tafoya.

H. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

1. Information: Update on WJUSD Redistricting Process and Mapping Scenarios

Public Comment:

Jenny Lillge expressed her interest in the Board exploring moving to a 5 member Board. (Via Voicemail).

The Information item "Update on WJUSD Redistricting Process and Mapping Scenarios" was presented by David Soldani from Atkinson, Andelson, Loya, Ruud and Romo. The Board directed staff to bring back scenario one of three, and a modified version of scenario one, for the Board's consideration at the February 10 Regular Board Meeting.

I. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Information/Action: Direct the City of Woodland to Formally Include the Planned School Site in the Woodland Research and Technology Park Specific Plan - Land Use Plan

The Information/Action item "Direct the City of Woodland to Formally Include the Planned School Site in the Woodland Research and Technology Park Specific Plan - Land Use Plan" was presented by Interim Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin. The Board approved to formally request that the City of Woodland include a 12-acre site in the Woodland Research and Technology Park Specific Plan - Land Use Plan for the Planned School Site and that the District's attorney draft the request to include language on the map that the school will be built when it is needed and when funding is available.

J. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m.

Public Comments Submitted Via Email

A Good Evening Board Members,

I am a parent of two children who attend Zamora Elementary school.

Yesterday at approximately 3:35pm I was emailed by WJUSD that my second grade child was a close contact for a pupil who tested positive for Covid.

The email indicated that I needed to test my child immediately on that same day and again 5 days later. The email did not indicate testing resources and I was left frantically looking for testing resources at 4:15pm when I read the email. Zamora office closes at 4:00pm which was not helpful in my case. I called the district office and was sent voicemail every time I called. I called the Covid hotline phone number provided on the email and



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the person didn't have testing site information. Finally my husband drove down to WJUSD at 4:50pm and walked in asking for a rapid test kit and showed staff the email. WJUSD staff was hesitant to provide a rapid kit, but took all of my child's information down and provided a kit anyways. We asked for a second kit for our other child, but was denied.

These are the main issues I have with this process:

1. The email didn't indicate resources of where I can find immediate testing. If the District or County requires such measures, then it should be attainable past 5pm.
2. Healthy Yolo testing results do not come back for 24 hours. How is a child supposed to return to school if the test results are pending?
3. WJUSD is assuming all parents have access to their emails immediately or even at all. If a parent were to read the email later in the evening when all testing sites were closed what would the district have recommended?

WJUSD should make phone calls to parents if there is time sensitive requirements. The phone call should indicate where a test can be found immediately so that the child isn't left out of school for even one day if not necessary.

Luckily we were able to frantically run around looking for a test kit or my daughter would've missed her field trip today. We're disappointed for other parents who may be left in this situation and have children miss important events such as a field trips that they haven't been able to attend in years.

Please do better for our families!
Thank you,
Sarah Q.

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 'E.1.a. Property: Land Acquisition for Potential Expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School'. Please stop meeting in closed session to discuss the purchase of land at the adjacent Rick Gonzales Sr. Park north of Spring Lake Elementary. The District has done no public outreach concerning the matter and has failed to follow through with the City of Woodland on coordinating a joint forum for the community to provide input.

The City on the other hand has been getting an ear full from residents. Mayor Vega has been holding hour-long monthly meetings with community members for the past 4-5 months to discuss concerns of her constituents. These meetings have been well attended and have included City Staff to directly respond to concerns. Kudos to City Manager Ken Hiatt, Kimberly Mckinney, and Mayor Vega for orchestrating community forums, to listen, to hear, and to feel the concerns and passions of the people they represent. The outcome of many of those discussions remains unknown but they show up. The conversation at these forums tended to gravitate toward District matters in which the City has very little knowledge of the reasoning,



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rationale, or understanding of past decisions, existing problems, or future endeavors of the District. Questions revolved around the failure of the District to provide facilities for Woodland children, an increase in intradistrict transfers, and now a very unpopular land acquisition of a city park. The City sent out postcards to Spring Lake residents of a Special City Council Meeting held on December 9, 2021 with the only item to be discussed as 'Spring Lake Neighborhood Discussion'. The meeting included Rick Gonzales Sr. Park Master Plan and the possible land acquisition by the District. All public comments during this meeting (roughly 23 calls and voicemails) regarding the park acquisition by the District were either vehemently opposed or expressed the need for more information from the District. There were another 72 pages of public comments submitted in writing that were not able to be read aloud during the meeting due to time constraints.

The City is listening to its residents. The District and the Board are failing their constituents. You can do better.

Thank you.

To Woodland Joint Unified School District Members of the Board:

I would like my comments to be entered into the record of the January 13th School Board meeting and the January 18th City Council Meeting.

Thank you for all the work you do for the citizens of the City of Woodland.

I submitted comments for the record at previous meetings.
To review, Don't shrink Rick Gonzales park.

There has been not been adequate time and community discussion on the purchase of city property in Rick Gonzalez Park to expand Spring Lake School. Yet at this meeting, the agenda shows the School Board goes into Closed Session negotiations with the City of Woodland.

Rick Gonzales Park is an asset paid for by Spring Lake residents with their Mello Roos fees. There is going to be more need, not less for park space as the infill residential construction in this area is completed.

Many neighbors have expressed their concern about this plan, which was brought to our attention in the middle of the winter holidays, during another covid surge, a time when it is difficult to do more than day to day activities.

Many more would be concerned if they were aware.

Last summer, the City gathered input from the neighborhood residents regarding Rick Gonzales and other neighborhood parks and their planned improvements.

There was no mention of the proposal the City and the School District is planning to discuss in closed session to shrink Rick Gonzales Park, removing a well-lit, pleasant, paved, curving walkway with irrigated plantings on both sides, by selling some of that acreage to the school district.



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We are aware there is more need for classrooms in Woodland. Spring Lake Elementary's infrastructure - including the playground, new multipurpose room, administration space and parking lots are not designed for a significant expansion. More detail on that was presented at the previous meeting.

We support building another STEM elementary school at the Spring Lake Technology Park where 1600 high density homes are planned so those working families can have their children walk to school, facilitating a less car centric, and village environment.

This is another item on the Closed Session agenda. Is there going to be more public input and adequate discussion with the Board before action is taken on that item?

Thank you for your consideration,

Mary Helen and John Seeger

Needless to say, I (and others) are hoping that you finally drop the proposal to take part of our neighborhood park, during your meeting on 1/13.

Honestly, it never should have even been proposed. It's difficult to believe that anyone with an ounce of common sense wouldn't be able to predict (in advance) that this would create a great deal of opposition and stress in the neighborhood. (Listen/review some of the comments at the council meeting on 12/9, if you doubt that.) Not to mention the parents with kids in that school, who also opposed the plan.

Glad to see that you're (finally) seriously pursuing another school at the technology park. I will look for ways to support that.

Sincerely,
Ron Oertel

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 'E.1.b. Property: Land Acquisition for Potential Elementary School in the Woodland Research and Technology Park (WRTP) as Specified in the WRTP Specific Plan.'. It's great to see this item on the agenda! I've provided an email with a letter that I sent to the District, Board, City, Council, and Planning Commission on December 17, 2021. The letter was meant to express my understanding of the neighborhood school needs of Woodlanders and ideas about how we might finance a school in the WRTP with City, District, and Developer contributions, financial and otherwise.

I've been concerned about this issue since the Spring Lake Specific Plan (SLSP) had two (2010 & 2013) of its three school sites amended out of the specific plan and replaced with homes. In late 2018, I started circulating a petition, titled 'Will our children have a chance to go to a neighborhood school?', and now have two hundred and thirty-seven signatures. The petition includes much of the history and evidence showing the need for a second neighborhood school and asks the City and District work together to plan, finance, and build an



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elementary school in the WRTP.

District studies put the estimated cost of an elementary school at \$49,557,485 (Cooperative Strategies, 2020, page ES-3) and the number of projected elementary-age children at 1,328 (Spring Lake & Tech Park). We also know that Spring Lake Elementary's (SLE) waitlist (2021) was; Kindergarten - 42, 1st grade - 13, 2nd grade - 2, and 5th grade - 6. I've also recently learned that Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) had a Board meeting discussion regarding an Enrollment Projection Update (March 4, 2021) where they recognized that Inter-District Transfers were masking their enrollment decline, that Non-Resident Enrollment had increased by 892 since 2005-06, the average annual increase of Non-Resident Enrollment was 56, and that they expect that trend to continue. DJUSD is expecting Woodlanders to continue losing enrollment to Davis as they fail to provide attractive education options for their children. The need for an additional elementary school in Woodland is clear.

In my letter I lay out how the City, District, and Developer can finance the school by properly allocating existing resources of funds, new revenues from the development, and establishing a WRTP - school CFD to build the school sooner than later. Its important to remember that this development is an opportunity for Woodlanders to access \$29,000,000 in state matching funds at a time when the State of California has tens of billions of dollars in surplus.

We do not want to miss out on continuing to provide access to neighborhood schools for Woodland children.

Thank you,
Brian Coward

Board President

Board Clerk