



Regular Board Meeting
08/26/2021 05:00 PM
District Office Board Room
435 6th Street
Woodland, CA 95695

Meeting Minutes
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Mission Statement

Woodland Joint Unified School District's mission is to prepare and empower all students for a future of endless possibilities.



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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

Superintendent Tom Pritchard pulled the following items from the agenda for separate action: G.3.b. Approve Resolution 5-22: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2021 and G.3.c. Approve Resolution 6-22: High School Voter Education Weeks - September 13-24, 2021 and April 18-29, 2022. Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

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.

The following individuals addressed the Board regarding their support for higher wages for classified staff: Brandi Bolden, Rebecca Rossiter, and Irene Difuntorum.

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:07 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:10 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:08 p.m.

1. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Pursuant to Government Code 54957:
 - a. Principal, Douglass Middle School
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 Elementary School in the Woodland Research and Technology Park (WRTP) as Specified in the WRTP Specific Plan, Agency Negotiator: Tom Pritchard, Superintendent and Lewis Wiley, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Negotiating Parties: Woodland Joint Unified School District
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 - 6:00 P.M.

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:10 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Noel Rodriguez 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 no action was taken in Closed Session.

3. BOARD ACTION - Approve the Appointment/Employment of the Following Positions:

a. Principal, Douglass Middle School

Motion was made to approve the appointment of Cristina Morel as the Principal of Douglass Middle School.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

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

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

There were no public comments for section G. Consent Agenda.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda excluding items G.3.b. Approve Resolution 5-22: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2021 and G.3.c. Approve Resolution 6-22: High School Voter Education Weeks - September 13-24, 2021 and April 18-29, 2022.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

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 3-22
 2. Human Resources
 - a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 22-03
 - b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 22-03
 3. Superintendent's Office
 - a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes:
 - I. August 12, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
 - b. Approve Resolution 5-22: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2021
- Motion was made to approve Resolution 5-22: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2021. Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala provided edits to be made to this resolution in future years.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Jake Whitaker

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

- c. Approve Resolution 6-22: High School Voter Education Weeks - September 13-24, 2021 and April 18-29, 2022

Motion was made to approve Resolution 6-22: High School Voter Education Weeks - September 13-24, 2021 and April 18-29, 2022. Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala provided edits to be made to this resolution in future years.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Jake Whitaker

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Presentation: Resolution 5-22: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2021

Trustee Kandice Richardson Fowler presented approved Resolution 5-22: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month to Lynn Pratt from Suicide Prevention of Yolo County.

2. Presentation: Resolution 6-22: High School Voter Education Weeks - September 13-24, 2021 and April 18-29, 2022

Trustee Rogelio Villagrana presented approved Resolution 6-22: High School Voter Education Weeks to Karen Urbano, President of the Woodland League of Women Voters.

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The following individuals addressed the Board regarding their opposition on requiring students to wear masks: Melissa Comstock, Avery Mallinson, and Garret Wright.

Nikki Ochoa shared her recommendations to reduce the transmission of COVID-19.

Laura Brubaker expressed her concern for information available to parents regarding home COVID-19 screening (via voicemail).

Debbie Roe expressed her concern for students falling behind who need additional support.

Becca Bernard expressed her support for masking.

J. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

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

Superintendent Pritchard provided brief updates to the Board of Trustees on actions taken since the last Regular Board Meeting.

2. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

CSEA Vice President Brandi Bolden shared information regarding CSEA activities.

3. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

Becca Bernard shared information regarding WEA activities.

4. Report from Board Members

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

5. Information: Board Committee Updates

There were no Board committee updates.

K. TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Information: First Week of School Report

Public Comment:

Amanda Betenbender addressed the Board regarding her concern of parents not being allowed on campus and the crowding that occurs at the gates as a result.

The Information item "First Week of School Report" was presented in a PowerPoint presentation by Associate Superintendent of Educational Services Elodia Ortega-Lampkin.

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:40 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

L. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Information: Update on the District's Facility Master Plan

Public Comment:

Eric Garber requested that the District's Facility Master Plan report include future facilities needs for the District over the next 10 years (via voicemail).

The Information item "Update on the District's Facility Master Plan" was presented by Jim Kisel and Tony Harris from LPA in a PowerPoint presentation.

M. INFORMATION: TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala requested a staff recommendation on the possibility of increasing the part-time Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Board of Trustees to full-time, and the feasibility of providing breakfast for zero period students at the middle schools. She requested an update on the transition of Community Day School students to classrooms, and the feasibility of having community use hours of school tracks.
- Trustee Kandice Richardson Fowler requested information on redistricting and census data.
- Trustee Noel Rodriguez requested a future discussion with Dr. Aimee Sisson.
- Trustee Bibiana Garcia requested information on COVID-19 testing data by sites and incentives for students to be tested.

N. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

O. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: September 9, 2021 - Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. for Open Session.

P. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Board President

Board Clerk