



## MEETING MINUTES

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- 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.
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### Attendees

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#### Voting Members

Rogelio Villagrana, President  
Deborah Bautista Zavala, Vice President  
Noel Rodriguez, Clerk  
Bibiana Garcia, Board Member  
Emily MacDonald, Board Member  
Sandra Mott, Board Member  
Kandice Richardson Fowler, Board Member

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### 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 Elodia Ortega-Lampkin pulled Closed Session item D.2. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957 and L.1. Action: Approve Scope Amendment No. 1 to Master Agreement for Architectural Services with HMC Group, LLC. Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Not Present

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Not Present

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - 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.

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

## **D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA**

The Board recessed at 5:01 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:04 p.m. Closed Session ended at 5:50 p.m.

**1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9**

**2. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**

This item was pulled.

**3. Conference With Labor Negotiator, Leanee Medina Estrada: WEA, CSEA, and/or Unrepresented Employees, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6**

**4. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code 54957: Superintendent**

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

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:02 p.m.

**1. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance and dedicated the meeting to the memory of Gary Sandy, who passed away recently.

**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 took action in Closed Session to approve a settlement agreement for item D.1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Existing Litigation, Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Emily MacDonald

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Not Present

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - Yes

**Motion Passed**

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

Kristina Vannucci expressed her concerns about the District's inclusion trainings, music program, and accuracy of the meeting minutes.

**G. CONSENT AGENDA**

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda with edits as needed to the meeting minutes for item 3.a. Approve August 10, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Not Present

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - Not Present

**Motion Passed**

**1. Business Services**

a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 3-24

**2. Human Resources**

a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 24-03

**b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 24-03**

**3. Board Meeting Minutes:**

**a. Approve August 10, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting**

**H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

**1. Present Proclamation to Mohini Sharma**

Trustee Rogelio Villagrana presented a proclamation and California State Legislature certificate of recognition to Pioneer High School graduate Mohini Sharma in recognition of earning her high school diploma from Pioneer High School and her Associate in Arts (A.A.) degree in Social and Behavioral Sciences from Woodland Community College.

**2. Student Recognition: SkillsUSA National Skills and Leadership Conference**

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin presented a certificate of recognition to Pioneer High School student Sophie Bunn, who won gold in Internet of Things and Smart Homes at The National Leadership & Skills Conference.

**3. Recognition: Nancy Read, Northern Valley Indian Health**

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin presented a certificate of recognition to Nancy Read of Northern Valley Indian Health for the outstanding dental services that she has provided to our students.

**4. Action: Approve Gifts to the District**

Motion was made to Approve Gifts to the District.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Not Present

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - Not Present

**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.

Barbara Ryan expressed her concerns about implicit bias training.

Liza Grandia (Via Voicemail) expressed her concerns regarding Douglass MS not hiring an art teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

Margaret Faye (Via Voicemail) and Eric Garber (Via Voicemail) expressed their concerns regarding the Woodland Research and Technology Park Specific Plan's lack of a future school site.

## **J. REPORTS**

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

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin shared district updates.

### **2. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

CSEA Interim President Rebecca Rossiter shared information regarding CSEA activities.

### **3. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)**

WEA President Becca Bernard shared information regarding WEA activities.

### **4. Report from Board Members**

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

### **5. Information: Board Committee Updates**

Trustee Villagrana shared that the Call to Action Community Meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 30th at the WJUSD District Office. Trustee Richardson Fowler shared that the Yolo County School Boards Association 2023 Excellence in Education Awards ceremony will be held on Monday, September 25th.

## **K. TEACHING AND LEARNING**

### **1. Information: Science and Technology Academy Charter School Annual Report (Written Report)**

The Information item "Science and Technology Academy Charter School Annual Report" was presented as a written report.

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:39 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

## **L. FACILITIES AND FINANCE**

### **1. Action: Approve Scope Amendment No. 1 to Master Agreement for Architectural Services with HMC Group, LLC**

This item was pulled.

### **2. Presentation: Introduction to Developer Fees**

The presentation "Introduction to Developer Fees" was presented by Jared Anderson, Senior Consultant, and Kevin Sullivan, Director of Planning Services of School Facility Consultants.

## M. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

### 1. Information/Action: Board Self-Evaluation Priority Focus Areas

This item will be brought back at a later date.

### 2. Information/Action: Review Board Agreements

The Board discussed their agreements and added "Having Empathy and Being Respectful" to their list of agreements.

## N. INFORMATION: REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (requires request form completed)

## O. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustee Emily MacDonald suggested the Future Tech Park Committee provide an update to the Board with no discussion at a future Board meeting.

## P. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, September 14, 2023 - Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Open Session

## Q. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

### Public Comments Submitted Via Email

Hello distinguished members of the school board,

My name is Margaret Faye and I'm a resident of Spring Lake.

Last week the Woodland Planning Commission discussed the Woodland Research and Technology Park Specific Plan, recommending approval by the City Council.

I attended that Planning Commission meeting which was really informative. I learned how important this project is for the economic livelihood of our city. I also learned more about the Specific Plan vision, which includes attracting top notch tech talent, and providing an environment where families can work, live and play with minimal commuting by car because everything would be close by. Tech Park plans specifically attempt to address the City's long -term goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions, as well as attracting people and business that will foster a more vibrant and economically successful community.

Unfortunately, the Plan has one glaring hole. It was really troubling to learn that the Tech Park zoning only indicates a "potential school site" in an area zoned Residential. We learned from the City planners that they did not include any school zoning due to a request by the School District. The District said that they need more time to make a full assessment of need. Why has this not yet been done? It is clear that the City and the Tech Park developer both want a school, but they are reluctant to include a school site in the zoning because the District has not committed to building one. What is amazing to me is that the City has clearly expressed lofty goals about transforming Woodland in a positive way with new growth east of 113, while at the same time the District's actions do not appear to align with many elements of this vision.

Spring Lake and the new Tech Park will, in a few years, constitute a huge chunk of Woodland. Upon

build-out, will the District continue assigning Spring Lake and future Tech Park students to low capacity schools in Woodland, requiring parents to drive hours each day? I respectfully ask you to share a vision for a better Woodland that doesn't include addressing school capacity issues with band-aids that waste money, waste valuable parent time, and pollute the air.

The District is charging Spring Lake residents additional fees in order to have neighborhood schools but has not lived up to its end of the bargain. The District keeps saying that they just don't have the money, but they actually have never even publicly discussed available resources and funding options.

The clock is now ticking to commit to buying the land and building an elementary school in the Tech Park (TP). My understanding is that the District has 60 days after the Development Agreement is approved by the City Council (likely on September 5th) to begin negotiations regarding the purchase of the school site. I see no item on your meeting agenda to discuss this.

I predict that future Spring Lake and Tech Park residents will say "how the heck did this mess happen"? You have the opportunity right now to change that potential trajectory. Please do the right thing.

Thank you!

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Hello Superintendent Ortega-Lampkin, President Villagrana, and Board Members,

My name is Brian Coward. I'm a father, husband, Woodland resident, and Woodland Accountability Community member.

I'm writing in regard to item 'I. PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD'

Our group has learned from city planners that the fact that they did not include any zoning for a school in the Tech Park was due to a request by WJUSD. The district said that they need more time to make a full assessment of need. Why is the District sitting on upwards of eighteen million dollars in fees (Fund 25, 28, & 35) that could be used to purchase land in the Tech Park and seed funding for a Tech Park school. The Woodland Research and Technology Park Specific Plan says, "at present, WJUSD is not in a position to acquire the property and has not completed a full assessment as to whether an additional school campus is needed in this location." This development is expected to be approved by the City Council next week.

Its also come to our groups attention that a survey by the District is being circulated related to support of bonds for facility maintenance (suggested amount \$160 million?) and another for a new school. How on earth does the District expect this survey to be of any use. I want new schools for the children in our community to access their public education but I would think twice about supporting such a bond because I know this District is violating government code and board policy in relation to new facilities, that funds were mismanaged to such a degree that millions of dollars were wasted on redesign of SLE and renting portables, and the DFA does not include a new school.

This is all very tragic in my mind. This Board and District are failing our community on all fronts when it comes to access to neighborhood schools. I've written in many times with suggestions on how to address these problems yet they continue to get worse. The direction the District and Board are going is for Woodland children to be shlepped all over town. Breaking up or communities. Collecting fees to the tune of tens of millions with know solid plan. And damaging our environment by making Woodlanders car dependent. Change course. For god sakes.

Sincerely,

Brian Coward

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Hello Superintendent Ortega-Lampkin, President Villagrana, and Board Members,  
My name is Brian Coward. I'm a father, husband, Woodland resident, and Woodland Accountability Community member.

I'm writing in regard to item 'L.1 Master agreement for architectural services'

The amended Master agreement for architectural services contains a list of six schools and projects at those school sites that are prioritized and will make up about a third of all Measure Y spending. This list is mostly comprised of projects such as:

- o repainting all exterior surfaces,
- o removing and replacing fencing,
- o landscape improvements,
- o replacement of digital marquee signs and new trash enclosure, and
- o infrastructure for future solar and EV charging stations.

Why are those projects prioritized, when none of them fall into the categories of Level 1 priority outlined in the Districtwide Facilities Assessment (immediate needs, classroom modernization and lunch shelters)? We have recently received a survey regarding a future proposed maintenance bond measure. Why would anyone give you more money after looking at how you're spending the last bond money? The DFA went through a public review process and was formally adopted by the district. It includes a list of immediate needs for all sites and a prioritization for subsequent project categories. Why are you not following that but instead prioritizing random other projects?

Sincerely,  
Brian Coward

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Board President

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Board Clerk