

# Woodland Joint Unified School District

## Community Stadium Committee

**Date/Time:** 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 16, 2017

**Location:** WJUSD Board Room

**Members Present:** Javier Marin, Ross Peabody, Skip Davies, John Morelli, Roxanna Walker, Evis Morales, AnaMari Rodriguez, Brenda Chriss, Steve Chriss, Lois Kirchner, Karen Gossard, Anthony Camarena, Victor Rosales, Kent Malcolm, Dan Goodwin, Matthew Paschke, Madison Troop, Mark Mezger, Tammy McMillan, Jesse Ortiz, Cirenio Rodriguez, Morgan Childers, Michael Pyeatt and Tico Zendejas.

**Others Present:** Thomas Pritchard, Callie Lutz, Lewis Wiley, Nick Baral

### **Call to order**

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by Morgan Childers, President, WJUSD Board of Trustees

### **Public Participation:**

Meeting attendees started discussion by confirming that this committee's focus will be the Woodland High School stadium project, not other District facility needs.

Attendees also discussed the need to keep in mind the large scope of districtwide facility needs when talking about available funds and that the stadium project needs to be completed, but not extravagant or fiscally irresponsible.

Several attendees also asked for more information regarding the stability/structure of the stadium berms.

Attendees referenced the ballpark estimate discussed at the Special Board Meeting on Feb. 11, noting that we shouldn't rule out being able to retrofit part of the existing stadium until we have more information on which specific structures are unsafe.

### **Discussion Regarding Options for the Woodland High School Stadium**

Trustee Childers walked the group through three different options for discussion. Option 1 focused on getting the stadium operational with ADA compliant bleachers and new lights and press box. Option 2 added an all-weather track, artificial turf and upgraded concessions, restrooms and ticket buildings. Option 3 was based on Napa Valley Unified School District's Memorial Stadium, which both high schools utilize for sports.

Trustee Childers also reviewed that the District has already set aside \$2.5 million for the stadium project.

Attendees voiced that while a highly upgraded stadium would be great, that the focus should be on building comparable facilities that are operational for students as soon as possible.

The group also discussed the need to determine whether the WHS stadium berms are structurally sound. Attendees asked what could be done to engage a structural engineering firm to determine whether the berms under the current bleachers are structurally viable and could be saved. The group

also suggested identifying what exactly about the stadium is unsafe, to determine if other parts of the stadium could be salvaged and retrofitted, rather than replaced from the ground up.

Trustees Childers, Pyeatt and Zendejas discussed adding an item for the Feb. 23 board meeting agenda to discuss structural engineering services for an assessment of the berms.

Attendees asked about the timeline for a structural study – several attendees suggested between six to eight months if everything went smoothly.

The group also discussed potential funding options including local partnerships, potential materials/services donations, fundraising and a potential future bond. Several attendees suggested the District seek a smaller bond that is very specific to several projects, rather than a larger bond that would provide for more facility repairs.

Fundraising efforts would utilize the alumni network and coordination with the Woodland Schools Foundation. Attendees also suggested looking into ways to honor the families who originally built the WHS stadium.

### **Determine Committee Members**

Attendees suggested that all in attendance at the meeting represent the committee (please see “Members Present” on page 1)

### **Schedule Next Meeting**

Attendees suggested calling a meeting once more information from a structural study is available, or if another action item needs committee discussion. The group will communicate via email to determine the need for a meeting.

### **Determine Agenda Items for Next Meeting**

To be determined when a meeting is called.

### **Adjournment**

Second meeting will be coordinated as needed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.