



Regular Board Meeting
11/10/2021 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
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.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION

Motion was made to approve the agenda.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Not Present

Morgan Childers - Not Present

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 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 another school: Ron Oertel, Eric Glassman (Via Voicemail), Brian Coward (Via Voicemail), and Zak Vera (Via Voicemail).

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:10 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:12 p.m. Closed Session ended at 5:50 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:
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 - 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

2. Conference With Labor Negotiator, Leanee Medina Estrada: WEA, CSEA, and/or Unrepresented Employees, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6
3. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957

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

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Trustee Kandice Richardson Fowler 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.

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

There were no public comments for sections G. Consent Agenda and H. Community Engagement.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

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

1. Business Services
 - a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 8-22
2. Educational Services
 - a. Approve Replacement and New Course Proposals: a. Horticulture 1 (replacement), b. Horticulture 2 (replacement), c. Inventing Smart Solutions: Connecting Computer Science and Sustainable Design (new), d. Multimedia Literacy & Communication (new), and e. Neuroscience (new)
 - b. Approve Petition for Early Graduation as Follows: a. Student #EG 22-5, and b. Student #EG 22-6
3. Human Resources

- a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 22-08
 - b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 22-08
4. Superintendent's Office
- a. Approve Board Meeting Minutes:
 - i. October 28, 2021 - Regular Board Meeting
 - b. Approve Date of Board Annual Organizational Meeting: December 16, 2021

H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Action: Approve Gifts to the District

Motion was made to approve Gifts to the District.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

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

- 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 provided an update from the last Community Advisory Committee (CAC) meeting and SELPA. Garret Wright asked for clarification on Item K.1. Information/Action: Staff Recommendation Regarding a Need for a Resolution Allowable Under AB 361: Brown Act Teleconferencing Staff Recommendation Regarding a Need for a Resolution Allowable Under AB 361: Brown Act Teleconferencing.

J. REPORTS

1. Report from Student Board Members

Cache Creek High School Student Board Member Jace Lopez shared information about Cache Creek HS events.

Woodland High School Student Board Member Meliani Robinson 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.

3. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

CSEA President Todd Freer was not present at the meeting.

4. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

WEA President Jennifer Drewek was not present and the meeting and shared information regarding WEA activities (Via Voicemail).

5. Report from Board Members

There were no reports.

6. Information: Board Committee Updates

Trustee Whitaker shared information about the potential return of an Environmental Stewardship Committee. Trustee Villagrana shared information from a recent Facilities Master Plan Committee meeting and Woodland Youth Collaborative meeting.

K. COVID-19 RESPONSE

1. Information/Action: Staff Recommendation Regarding a Need for a Resolution Allowable Under AB 361: Brown Act Teleconferencing

Motion was made to approve the Staff Recommendation Regarding a Need for a Resolution Allowable Under AB 361: Brown Act Teleconferencing.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Morgan Childers - No

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

2. Information: WJUSD Health and Safety Plan (Update) - Continuity of Services Plan for ESSER Funding Compliance

Public Comment:

Echoe Camacho expressed her opposition to the COVID-19 masking and vaccine mandates.

Kristen Hale expressed her interest in a public forum regarding the WJUSD Health and Safety Plan.

Julia Hernandez expressed her concern regarding parents not allowed on school

campuses. (Via Voicemail)

The Information item "WJUSD Health and Safety Plan (Update) - Continuity of Services Plan for ESSER Funding Compliance" was presented by Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources Leanee Medina Estrada.

The Board recessed the meeting at 6:59 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

L. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

1. Information/Action: Discuss Establishment of New Subcommittee; School Board Safety

The Board formed a School Board Safety subcommittee composed of Trustee Noel Rodriguez, Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala, and Trustee Jake Whitaker.

2. Information: Update on WJUSD Redistricting Process

This item was rescheduled for the December 9, 2021 Regular Board meeting.

3. Information: Reduction in Trustee Areas from 7 Members to 5 Members

Public Comment:

Garret Wright asked for clarification on which Trustees would be eliminated and on Trustee areas.

This item was tabled.

4. Information: Review Board Policy and Revised Administrative Regulation 5116.1: Intradistrict Open Enrollment

The Information item "Review Board Policy and Revised Administrative Regulation 5116.1: Intradistrict Open Enrollment" was presented by Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christina Lambie.

5. Information: Review Board Policy and Revised Administrative Regulation 5117: Interdistrict Attendance

The Information item "Review Board Policy and Revised Administrative Regulation 5117: Interdistrict Attendance" was presented by Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christina Lambie.

M. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Information: District Water Usage and Water Leak Concerns at Woodland High School (Written Report)

Public Comment:

Garret Wright expressed his concerns of Woodland HS water usage and leaks.

The Information item "District Water Usage and Water Leak Concerns at Woodland High School" was presented by Associate Superintendent of Business Services Lewis Wiley and Director of Maintenance and Operations Nick Baral.

N. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Action: Approve Variable Term Waiver Request for a Mild/Moderate Credential

Motion was made to approve a Variable Term Waiver Request for a Mild/Moderate Credential.

Motion made by: Jake Whitaker

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 - Yes

Jake Whitaker - Yes

Motion Passed

O. INFORMATION: TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Public Comment:

Brian Coward shared his opposition to opening a special fund for the Woodland High School Stadium. (Via Voicemail)

P. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

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

R. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

Public Comments Submitted Via Email

Hello,

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 'D.1.a Property: Land Acquisition for Potential Expansion of Spring Lake Elementary School'. I'm sorry to see this item on the agenda yet again and still without having had public input. I've been in conversations with neighbors and staff at Spring Lake Elementary that oppose the expansion. None of our voices are being included in the conversation while the Board continues to have closed session discussions. Please stop using District Staff time and your own to pursue an idea that can't possibly bear fruit without community input.

Thank you,
Brian Coward

Hi my name is Tatiana Bonilla, I am a parent of students at SpringLake Elementary and I don't think that the expansion of Spring Lake Elementary is a good idea. Although I am truly aware that we need another school and a middle school in this area, especially for the amount of houses that has been sold in the past years and adding the new technology park which is going to bring hundreds of families to the area.

Spring Lake elementary was designed to accommodate 380 students, meaning that the play area, library, multipurpose room were design to this amount of people, an increment of 200 students will be prejudicial. Right now the current students don't even have a grass area to play, we have been

waiting patiently for this for a long time and because this negotiations that you guys create at last minute the green area has been push down and on hold. Our students don't have a place to play soccer or any type of sport , the playground is really small, they cannot exercise inside the school , recess are divided by grades because they cannot have all at the same time outside.

Adding a classroom Per grade will add 200 students, which won't fit on our current commons areas, they won't have the space to eat on a rainy or smoke day, the new teachers won't fit on the Teacher lounge.

Besides that, the proposed plan is that the new school fields will be available to everyone in the afternoons. I am really concern that people at night can vandalized the school fields or even the school. Right now the soccer frames at Rick Gonzales Park are not been able to used because someone comes at the park at night and moved it at putting them backwards or in some weird areas which can harm the residents so the city had to lock both frames and for last 2 months we haven't be able to use them, because they don't have a special lock that prevent them to move. Now imagine if those were property of the school and ours kids need them for PE or recess. Even a worse scenario the school right now is all gated which make it safer for our students and the property, kids sometime forget their Bicycles at school and it's not a big deal, they can play safely before school starts, but having people from outside will not warranty us as parents things will be the same I personally will not feel safe.

I think you should start planning on building a new elementary at the technology park which can accommodate the amount of kids that will eventually come here, because we are getting more houses, more families, more kids.

And last but not least we need desperately a new middle school here in Springlake. Douglas Middle school is already overflow with students and this is without adding all the kids the will come from Springlake Elementary. Our students will have to travel 2.4 miles which is not safe, crossing Gibson Rd, we need this now. Our first 6th graders are graduating this year is only one class but soon it will be two.

Thanks for your time.
Tatiana Bonilla

Dear Members of the Board,

Being able to walk to a neighborhood school is one of my fondest childhood memories. Please build an additional elementary school in the Woodland Research and Technology Park. Please do not expand Spring Lake Elementary School.

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Thank you,
Wendy Light

To WJUSD School Board:

In reference to my earlier request below, I again ask the responsible individuals at WJUSD to

formally agendaize the concerns in the attached documents during this evening's board meeting.

I have already provided 164 signatures in a hand-written and personally-gathered petition (to each and every board member, as well as to the city council and city manager) explicitly opposing WJUSD's plan to acquire a portion of Rick Gonzalez park. Please put an end to this pursuit, this evening - before it devolves into an even larger and more divisive issue. You have other options to meet the needs of a development that has been planned for 20 years, including a 20-acre site that you already own (near Pioneer High), which could accommodate a K-8.

As I've dug into this issue further, I've become increasingly concerned about the unseen communications and negotiations occurring between city officials and the district (and how that impacts decisions, such as the pursuit of a portion of Rick Gonzalez park). Other communications and negotiations include the pursuit of a fire station at the site of a former school on Gibson road (which was opposed by many residents, as it is farther from much of the neighborhood compared to the originally-proposed site), and the pursuit of a city pool on the 20-acre site mentioned above, which is owned by the district. These are the type of issues that could be of interest to a Grand Jury (and/or regulatory agencies), as well as the vast sums of money that the district has wasted - including more than \$800,000 for a discarded school plan which would have avoided many of the problems that the district has inflicted upon itself and the neighborhood. (More details are provided in the attached documents.)

As I sit here typing this, I can see one of your bulldozers at work outside my window, right next to piles of concrete that the district recently destroyed (which the district itself installed within the past 5 years of the school's existence). And I think to myself how easy it would be for that destruction to include the path and lighting in the park site you want to take - without even telling the neighborhood of this plan, or of the other options that the district has (for a development that has been planned for 20 years). (See attached photo, which I took early one recent morning - and then waited until no one was using the path.) I have also attached a photo of the vacant land on the campus that the district already owns.

Your plan would significantly compromise the length of the peripheral path that many joggers and walkers use and appreciate. I also question whether or not the district would actually pay for the destruction involved, and rebuilding of the path, lighting, landscaping and irrigation in a manner which results in the same quality of design, let alone any unattractive fencing that the district would then require. (Regardless of design quality, the length of the peripheral path itself would be significantly compromised.) Are you sure that you want this to be the district's permanent legacy?

Again, the existing, lighted path provides a logical boundary between school district land, vs. public land (which would not be the case if the path is relocated). If that occurs, land on both sides of a relocated path would be open to the public, after-hours. Landscaping and fencing would then also block public view of any fence that would presumably be installed to protect the main campus from the "public access" portion of the campus.

These and other concerns are described further in the attached documents.

I do see that the district is considering land acquisition at the planned Woodland Research and Technology Park (WRTP) in this evening's agenda, as well. (Item #1b). However, I question why this is only now just appearing on the agenda, given that many parents have been pushing for this preferred alternative for quite some time. (You already know that 1,600 homes are also planned for that development.) I also question the reason that (unlike the potential acquisition of a portion of Rick Gonzalez park - Item #1a) no other "negotiating parties" are listed for Item 1b. One might conclude from this discrepancy that the district and city have been prioritizing the acquisition and compromise of Rick Gonzalez park, rather than what parents have actually been advocating for.

Of course, the preferred option is obvious - another school at the technology park, and it seems unlikely that the district would have sufficient funds to pursue both options. The district already has a well-documented history of prioritizing short-term options (which then leads to problems, as

demonstrated by the discarding of the \$800,000 plan and portables that shouldn't have been needed, as well as the release of other sites within Spring Lake). Let's hope that the district doesn't continue down this path, by prioritizing the partial destruction of a well-loved park (and associated traffic problems and shortcomings of shared/common areas on its own campus), by changing the design of Spring Lake Elementary at this late stage. To say nothing of the complications of entering into a joint/shared agreement with the city, for land that the city seems eager to discard. (Again, land that is already part of a city park.)

On a related note, both the district and city are using Spring Lake "neighborhood" funds for city-wide amenities. (As you know, Spring Lake Elementary is not a "neighborhood school".) The attached document includes additional concerns regarding the allocation of Spring Lake's "neighborhood park" allocation in the city's Sports park, and the complications that presents (to the district) in regard to the district's pursuit of a portion of Rick Gonzalez park.

Thank you,
Ron Oertel

Hello,
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 'D.1.b. Property: Land Acquisition for Potential Elementary School in the Woodland Research and Technology Park (WRTP)'. Seeing this item on the agenda gives me hope.

In my public comment at the last Board Meeting I provided a table for financing the Tech Park school based on 2020 Cooperative Strategies; Estimated School Facilities Costs (2020\$) at \$46,689,285 (table 9). That financing model was only meant to serve as a rough estimate. I would hope that as the District and Board continue to pursue a school in the Tech Park that we would hire an outside consultant that specializes in negotiating developer agreements.

The City of Roseville successfully negotiated a contract using:

George E. Phillips
Phillips Land Law, Inc.
5301 Montserrat Lane
Loomis, CA 95650

Also, consider reaching out to other Districts in the region (Elk Grove, Roseville, Natomas) for legal representation referrals.

Having a school in the Tech Park is critical for our community and negotiating an agreement only occurs once, maybe twice, in 20 years. We should not expect District Staff or its Legal representation, that provides legal advice on District wide matters, to adequately serve our needs in negotiating an agreement. It's a \$50,000,000 deal that we need an expert to represent us.

Sincerely,
Brian Coward

Hello,
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 'O. INFORMATION: TRUSTEE REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS'. My main concern is about Trustee Bautista Zavala's last-minute request to "revisit re-establishing a budget account for the Woodland High School Stadium."

While listening to the last board meeting (10/28/2021) there were several reports given by District Staff that highlighted health and safety issues at 15 sites throughout the District regarding leaky roofs, flooding at schools/food warehouse/District office/Transportation, significant flooding at Zamora of five classrooms and the library, and gates on most campuses not meeting fire code because they are locked during school hours. There were also issues with teachers not having enough leave time due to COVID restrictions and an apparent shortage of substitute teachers available.

At this same meeting Director of Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Maintenance recalled asking his maintenance supervisor “Who had a roof leak?”. Everyone in attendance laughed. I know our schools have been dilapidated for years and perhaps a decade since Measure S & T (2014) failed to pass but these health and safety failures impact our teachers, students, and staff in every way. We should use every resource we have to start repairing these facilities immediately.

Last weeks Board meeting also included establishing a ‘Special Reserve Fund for Other than Capital Projects Fund (Fund 17)’ which will set aside 3% (approximately \$3,500,000) of general fund moneys because the District “may experience significant reductions in the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) revenue due to a drop in ADA.”

This brings me back to Trustee Bautista Zavala’s request for discussion about setting money aside for the WHS stadium. We should absolutely NOT discuss setting any money aside for stadium improvements until every last school is completely repaired to meet the health and safety requirements of our children, teachers, and staff. Any suggestion otherwise is completely detached from the situation our District finds itself due to unsafe and unhealthy facilities which are driving declining enrollment and requiring millions of dollars to be set aside (Fund 17) to mitigate the impacts of that enrollment and ADA decline.

This is all very troubling. Especially since Board members seem to be puzzled as to why there’s an enrollment decline. As the City of Woodland continues to grow and our existing facilities are laughable we should expect students to struggle with their education and for new Woodlanders to send their children to schools in Davis which provide a healthier and safer environment. I would suggest a future item agenda to discuss a strategy for rehabilitating our facilities immediately and with whatever resources we have. We apparently had \$3,500,000 in our general fund available for fund 17 that could have been used to improve the educational experience at our schools.

Sincerely,
Brian Coward

Board President

Board Clerk