

Regular Board Meeting 02/23/2023 - 05:00 PM

Woodland Joint Unified School District
District Office Board Room
435 6th Street, Woodland, CA 95695

MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees

Voting Members

Bibiana Garcia, Board Member Emily MacDonald, Board Member Noel Rodriguez, Clerk Rogelio Villagrana, President

Absent

Deborah Bautista Zavala, Vice President Kandice Richardson Fowler, Board Member

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: Noel Rodriguez Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - 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 5:00 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:02 p.m. Closed Session ended at 5:30 p.m.

- 1. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
 - a. Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees Resolution # 30-23
 - b. Non-Reelection of Temporary/Long Term Substitute Certificated Employees Resolution # 31-23
 - c. Resolution 32-23: Release and Reassign Certificated Administrative Employee
 - d. Resolution 33-23: Release and Reassign Certificated Administrative Employee
- 2. Conference With Labor Negotiator, Leanee Medina Estrada: WEA, CSEA, and/or Unrepresented Employees, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6
- 3. Conference with Legal Counsel Existing Litigation- OAH Case No. 2022120080 Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9
- 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

The Board President 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 of Trustees took action in closed session by unanimous vote to approve Resolution 30-23: Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Employees.

Motion made by: Emily MacDonald Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

The Board of Trustees took action in closed session by unanimous vote to approve Resolution 31-23 Non-Reelection of Temporary/Long Term Substitute Certificated Employees.

Motion made by: Bibiana Garcia Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

The Board of Trustees took action in closed session by unanimous vote to approve Resolution 32-23 Release and Reassign Certificated Administrative Employee.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

The Board of Trustees took action in closed session by unanimous vote to approve Resolution 33-23 Release and Reassign Certificated Administrative Employee.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

The Board of Trustees took action in closed session by unanimous vote to approve the settlement for OAH Case No. 2022120080.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Emily MacDonald

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SECTIONS G. CONSENT AGENDA

Brian Coward expressed his concerns about future schools in the Spring Lake Area, the District's accountability, and the 2/9/23 draft Board meeting minutes.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

- 1. Business Services
 - a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 12-23
- 2. Human Resources
 - a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 23-12
 - b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 23-12
- 3. Board Meeting Minutes:
 - a. Approve February 9, 2023 Regular Board Meeting
- H. 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.

Alexandra Fitchner (Via Voicemail), Eric Garber, Kim Sterner (Via Voicemail), Margaret Faye, Lindsey Berg (Via Voicemail), Brian Coward, Cameron Fitchener (Via Voicemail), Alexandra Fitchener (Via Voicemail), Kim Sterner (Via Voicemail), Margaret Faye and Maria Alvarez shared their concerns about future schools in the Spring Lake Area.

Kristina Vannucci shared her concerns regarding class offerings in the middle schools, student removal from classes, and the inequities in access to lockers for female vs. male students.

Tammy McMillan expressed her support for WEA negotiations and her concerns about Special Education.

I. REPORTS

1. Report from High School Student Representatives

Cache Creek High School Student Representative Ruby Echevarria shared information about Cache Creek HS events.

Pioneer High School Student Representative Liliana Sepulveda shared information about Pioneer HS events.

Woodland High School Student Representative Jace Williams shared information about Woodland HS events.

2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin shared district updates.

3. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

There was no report from CSEA.

4. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

WEA President Jennifer Drewek shared information regarding WEA activities.

5. Report from Board Members

Trustee Rodriguez shared information regarding activities that he participated in since the last Regular Board Meeting.

6. Information: Board Committee Updates

There were no Board Committee Updates.

J. TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Information: District Quarterly Report on Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP) Goals

The Information item "District Quarterly Report on Local Control & Accountability Plan (LCAP) Goals" was presented in a PowerPoint presentation by Executive Director of Teaching and Learning Christina Lambie, and CEO and CIO of Inform 2 Inspire Joel Rabin.

2. Information: School Resource Officer (SRO) Quarterly Report (Written Report)

The Information item "School Resource Officer (SRO) Quarterly Report" was presented as a written report.

K. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Action: Approve Bond Issuance Resolution 35-23

Motion was made to approve Bond Issuance Resolution 35-23.

Motion made by: Bibiana Garcia Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

2. Information: Financial Status Report Including Cash Flow Report (Written Report)

The Information item "Financial Status Report Including Cash Flow Report" was presented as a written report.

3. Information: Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Enrollment Report for the 2022-23 School Year (Written Report)

The Information item "Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Enrollment Report for the 2022-23 School Year" was presented as a written report.

L. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Action: Approve Resolution 34-23: Reduce/Eliminate Particular Kinds of Certificated Services

Motion was made to approve Resolution 34-23: Reduce/Eliminate Particular Kinds of Certificated Services.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Emily MacDonald

Voting:

Bibiana Garcia - Yes Emily MacDonald - Yes Noel Rodriguez - Yes Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

M. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

1. Information/Action: Update on Provisional Appointment Process for Trustee Area 6 Vacancy

The Information/Action item "Update on Provisional Appointment Process for Trustee Area 6 Vacancy" was presented by Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin. The Board added a Special

Board meeting on March 16, 2023 to review candidate applications and possibly begin the candidate interviews. The Board as a whole will review the applications and select who to interview. Interviews will be allocated 20 or 30 minutes per candidate depending on how many applications are received.

- N. INFORMATION: REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (requires request form completed)
- O. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS
- P. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, March 9, 2023 Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Open Session

Q. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 7:47 p.m.

Public Comments Submitted Via Email

Hello.

I'm submitting this public comment in writing for the meeting minutes and will be attending the Board meeting tonight to present my comments.

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

My name is Brian Coward. I'm a father, husband, Woodland resident, and member of the Woodland Accountability Community group. I'm here for 'Item F. - Public Comment'. I've provided the Board and District a petition for many years which showed; the Districts own fee justification studies, responsible for, on average \$17k/household in fees for the Spring Lake area, the 1,400 elementary age children that would be expected due the growth in Woodland, and has over 300 signatures. Yet, here we are with a Board that approved a Districtwide Facilities Assessment (Facility Master Plan) which does not include a new elementary school. You've collected tens of millions of our dollars in taxes and don't have a plan on how to use it.

I stand by my comments from the last Board meeting that the District needs new fiduciary leadership. The mismanagement of the Spring Lake Elementary school construction that cost \$700k dollars in portables, neglecting to collect additional builder fees for a new school, and the failure to provide 5 year reports are all clear signs that we need new leadership.

I'm also concerned about the meeting minutes from February 9 showing the out come of item "M.1. Action: Approve Resolution 29-23: Approving a Revised Format for the Annual and Five-Year Reportable Fees Report for Fiscal Year 2021-22 and Adopting the Revised Annual and Five Year Reporting Format for Subsequent Fiscal Years" as "This item was Tabled." We should be mindful that meeting minutes serve as a legal record to what occurred during the meeting. There were specific questions brought up by Trustees and the public which deserve a response from the District in a timely manner. While the Board President failed to take a vote on the outcome of the item the meeting minutes should have identified that the item would return on the next agenda.

Recent efforts by our group revealed that the fees collected by the District are required to produce a Five Year Report. The report is designed to show available funds, estimated costs for new facilities to mitigate the impacts of growth, and to provide a financing model to address any funding gaps. A prudent report that Government Code 66001 requires and this District has never produced for any of its funds. The District has also gone out of its way to suggest the Spring Lake fund (28) is exempt from this

reporting requirement. I don't buy it. As tax payers, Spring Lake residents, deserve to know how the District plans to meet its obligation to provide neighborhood schools with the funds we have and the fiscal tools available (bonds/state matching) regardless of reporting requirements. Give us our Five Year Report.

Thank you, Brian Coward

Good Afternoon, My name is Kim Sterner. I am a parent, a Spring Lake resident, and a concerned citizen. I attended the last board meeting, and was disappointed to see that the item requested by multiple spring lake residents and Trustee McDonald regarding our builder fees is not included on the agenda tonight. I do however, look forward to it being added to a future agenda and addressed at a future meeting.

I am growing increasingly frustrated that the legitimate concerns of Spring Lake residents regarding use of our builder fees, and lack of a clear vision and plan for the expanding student population in Spring Lake to have the opportunity to attend a neighborhood school like kids in the rest of Woodland appear to be being dismissed in turn. We have a unique and incredible opportunity here to harness the energy and enthusiasm of a dedicated group of parents and community members to access resources and funds and make a plan for equitable access to neighborhood schools for all kids in Woodland as Spring Lake continues to expand. Neighborhood schools not only make the community surrounding them stronger, but make the City as a whole a healthier, and a more attractive place to settle down. This has the potential to increase the tax base of the ENTIRE city, benefitting ALL kids in the district. This group can be tapped to build bridges, rally the entire city to pass bonds, not only for new construction where it is needed based on the projected numbers, but also perhaps consolidate and rejuvenate schools where enrollment is declining making these schools better for the neighborhood kids who attend them.

Building a neighborhood School in Spring Lake is a no-brainer, a win-win for everyone involved. We have new development, the need based on the projected numbers from your studies, a dedicated community who wants to help in any way do what is just and equitable for the kids in their neighborhoods. It makes no sense to squander this unique opportunity to not only do right by the kids of Spring Lake, but also fulfill the vision that was sold to us when we purchased our homes in Spring Lake and put our down payments for access to neighborhood schools down through our builder fees.

Let's seize this opportunity and amend the district wide facilities assessment to include a neighborhood school in Spring Lake. This is a critical first step in creating equitable access to a neighborhood school for our kids. Let's work together to find creative solutions to fund the project--they are out there, and waiting to be accessed. Let's build a coalition across Woodland to address areas of declining enrollment and crumbling infrastructure with a cohesive vision for maximizing our limited resources and improving the quality of all of our schools. Let's have transparency, fiscal responsibility and accountability. You may not have been involved in creating this problem, but you do have the opportunity and the responsibility to be part of the solution. Let's look forward together, make a plan, and do the right thing and give all of Woodland's kids access to neighborhood schools. Thank you.

Kim Sterner

I am writing as a senior citizen living in Spring Lake who fully supports WAC efforts to influence the WJUSD Board to immediately put a plan in place to build schools in Spring Lake. I know of many seniors in SL who, like me, are not always able to attend public-invited WJUSD meetings and have not let their voices be heard. I encourage WJUSD to focus on productive and collaborative dialogue with

Thank you.

Roger Pehlker

Board President

Board Clerk

WAC. These are good people who care deeply about what is best for our community's school-age kids.

construction of new schools. WJUSD needs to urgently provide a clear plan to responsibly use these fees. The need for new neighborhood schools in SL could not be any more obvious. I ask that WJUSD especially reach out to senior citizens and Spanish-speaking families to ensure their voices are heard.

Homeowners in SL have been promised, and continue to pay for through developer fees, the