



MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees

Voting Members

Deborah Bautista Zavala, Vice President
Bibiana Garcia, Board Member
Emily MacDonald, Board Member
Noel Rodriguez, Clerk
Rogelio Villagrana, President

Absent

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

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin pulled closed session item D.1.a. Principal, Zamora Elementary School and item E.3.a. Principal, Zamora Elementary School. Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting.

Motion made by: Bibiana Garcia

Motion seconded by: Emily MacDonald

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

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.

Eric Garber (Via Voicemail) expressed his concerns regarding the Turn of the Century developer agreement and its impact on the future Tech Park.

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:07 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:09 p.m. Closed Session recessed at 6:11 p.m.

1. Public Employee Appointment/Employment, Pursuant to Government Code 54957:

a. Principal, Zamora Elementary School

b. Principal, Woodland High School

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

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

4. 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: Elodia Ortega-Lampkin, Superintendent and Lewis Wiley, Associate Superintendent, Business Services, Negotiating Parties: Woodland Joint Unified School District**

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

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:20 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 36-23: Precautionary Non-Reelection of Probationary Certificated Administrative Employee.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

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 40-23: Relative to the Dismissal of a Permanent Classified Employee.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

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

a. Principal, Zamora Elementary School

This item was pulled from the agenda.

b. Principal, Woodland High School

Motion was made to approve the employment of Gerald Salcido for the position of Principal, Woodland High School.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez
Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia
Voting:
Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes
Bibiana Garcia - Yes
Emily MacDonald - Yes
Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

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

Anya Garber (Via Voicemail) expressed her concern for a neighborhood school in the Spring Lake area.

Eric Garber expressed his concerns regarding the handling of public comments at Board meetings and the enforcement of the Brown Act.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez
Motion seconded by: Emily MacDonald
Voting:
Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes
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 13-23**
- b. **Approve Disposal of Surplus/Obsolete Equipment and Furniture**

2. Human Resources

- a. **Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 23-13**
- b. **Approve Classified Personnel Report, 23-13**

3. Board Meeting Minutes:

- a. **Approve February 23, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting**

4. Resolutions

- a. **Approve Resolution 37-23: Women's History Month - March 2023**

b. Approve Resolution 38-23: Arts Education Month - March 2023

c. Approve Resolution 39-23: National Vietnam War Veterans Day - March 29, 2023

H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Presentation: Resolution 37-23: Women's History Month - March 2023

Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala presented Resolution 37-23: Women's History Month to female high school athletes that won championships in their league.

2. Presentation: Resolution 38-23: Arts Education Month - March 2023

Trustee Noel Rodriguez presented Resolution 38-23: Arts Education Month to Jose Arenas, Director of Taller Arte del Nuevo Amanecer (TANA).

3. Action: Approve Gifts to the District

Motion was made to approve Gifts to the District.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

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Debbie Roe shared information regarding a recent Community Advisory Committee meeting.

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

Tammy McMillan expressed her concerns regarding Special Education.

Kristina Vannucci shared her concerns regarding gender equality for athletes.

J. REPORTS

1. Report from High School Student Representatives

Woodland High School Student Representative Jace Williams shared information about Woodland

HS events.

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

Pioneer High School Student Representative Xochitl Cazares Rodriguez shared information about Pioneer HS events.

2. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin shared district updates.

3. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

CSEA Vice President Rebecca Rossiter shared information regarding CSEA activities.

4. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

There was no report from WEA.

5. Report from Board Members

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

6. Information: Board Committee Updates

Trustee Rodriguez shared information from a recent Collaborative for Woodland Youth meeting.

K. TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Information/Action: State and Federal COVID-19 Response Funds Plan

The Information/Action item "State and Federal COVID-19 Response Funds Plan" was presented in a PowerPoint presentation by Director of State and Federal Programs Danielle Sharp, and Accounting Analyst Catalina Ruiz.

2. Information/Action: Summer Youth Advisory StrengthsFinder Camp

Motion was made to approve the Summer Youth Advisory StrengthsFinder Camp.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

L. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

Public Comment:

Kristen Russell (Via Voicemail) expressed her concerns addressing the need for repairs to existing

schools and the growth of the Spring Lake area.

1. Action: Approve Agreement for Polling and Municipal Advisory Services

No action was taken.

2. Information/Action: Public Hearing and Approve Annual Transportation Service Plan

The Board President opened a Public Hearing at 8:43 p.m. As no one came forward to speak on the subject, the Public Hearing concluded at 8:43 p.m.

The Information/Action item "Approve Annual Transportation Service Plan" was presented in a PowerPoint presentation by Director of Transportation Tony Peregrina and Associate Superintendent of Business Services Lewis Wiley.

Motion was made to approve the Annual Transportation Service Plan.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - No

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

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.

M. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Action: Public Hearing and Approve the Initial Proposal for the 2023-2024 School Year Reopener Negotiations from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) - Chapter #118 for the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) and CSEA.

The Board President opened a Public Hearing at 9:29 p.m. As no one came forward to speak on the subject, the Public Hearing concluded at 9:29 p.m.

Motion was made to approve the Initial Proposal for the 2023-2024 School Year Reopener Negotiations from the California School Employees Association (CSEA) - Chapter #118 for the Collective Bargaining Agreement Between the Woodland Joint Unified School District (WJUSD) and CSEA.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

N. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

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

Motion was made to extend the Provisional Appointment application deadline for Trustee Area Six to Monday, March 13, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. to maximize the number of applicants.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

2. Information: New Brown Act Rules Under AB 2449

The Information item "New Brown Act Rules Under AB 2449" was presented in a PowerPoint presentation by Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin.

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

P. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

Trustees Rodriguez, Bautista Zavala, and Garcia expressed their support for Trustee Villagrana regarding the negative public comments made about him. Trustee Villagrana expressed his commitment to continue to represent all students in the District. Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin stated that she takes direction from the majority of the Board.

Motion was made to extend the meeting to 10:05 p.m.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Q. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, March 30, 2023 - Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Open Session

R. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 10:01 p.m.

Public Comments Submitted Via Email

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

My name is Brian Coward. I'm a Woodland resident and member of the Woodland Accountability Community group. Our community brought a petition, four years ago, which showed the need for new schools where Woodland was growing and based upon the Districts own fee studies. We were told that a lengthy process of updating our facility master plan was necessary. That 'Districtwide Facilities Assessment' (DFA) was approved, by this board, without a new school in the plan. Trustee Villagrana, prior to approval of that assessment, you clarified with the consultant that there was no need for new schools and that existing elementary schools had capacity due to declining enrollment. You later voted yes on the DFA, ignoring your constituents' concerns.

There are many neighbors in our group who placed their faith in the District and Board that the professed need for a facility master plan update was necessary. I've come to realize those were empty words. The true vision of this District and Board have been revealed in the DFA. Woodlanders and the tradition of providing neighborhood schools for their children will be abandoned. Community, abandoned. Children's ability to walk or bike to school together, abandoned. Neighborhood Elementary schools which serve as critical community infrastructure, abandoned.

Trustee Villagrana, you represent Area 7 which includes Spring Lake. A trustee's responsibilities according to the California School Board Association are:

- setting direction
- establishing an effective and efficient structure, providing support
- ensuring accountability
- providing community leadership as advocates for children, the school district and public Schools

You have failed at every turn to advocate for the children in your area. At the last board meeting you stated; "I represent — I was elected from the seventh area but I represent all students in the district and the seventh area is a very big area." You felt the need to diminish your responsibility, openly, to represent the needs of area 7 children by stating you "represent all students". Your failures should necessitate your resignation, but since you haven't, I've been consulting with Yolo County Election Office officials who, unlike this District, have been very helpful in my inquiry into your recall. In that pursuit, I've discovered that it is only registered voters from area 7 that can recall you. So, as an elected representative, remember the constituents that you serve and your responsibilities according to your peers.

Finally, I prescribe to the proverb that 'Where there is a will, there is a way.' I ask this Board if it's not your will to amend the DFA to include a new school, hold District staff accountable for mismanagement and non-compliance with government code, to make a plan on how to achieve the necessary financing/land acquisition/construction of a new school where Woodland is growing you need to get out of the way.

Sincerely,
Brian Coward

Hola superintendente Ortega-Lampkin, presidente Villagrana y miembros de la junta,

Mi nombre es Brian Cobarde. Soy residente de Woodland y miembro del grupo Woodland Accountability Community. Nuestra comunidad presentó una petición, hace cuatro años, que mostraba la necesidad de nuevas escuelas donde Woodland estaba creciendo y en base a los propios estudios de tarifas del distrito. Nos dijeron que era necesario un largo proceso de actualización del plan maestro de nuestras instalaciones. Esa 'Evaluación de las instalaciones de todo el distrito' (DFA) fue aprobada por esta junta sin una nueva escuela en el plan. Síndico Villagrana, antes de la aprobación de esa evaluación, usted aclaró con el consultor que no había necesidad de nuevas escuelas y que las escuelas primarias existentes tenían capacidad debido a la disminución de la inscripción. Más tarde votó sí a la DFA, ignorando las preocupaciones de sus electores.

Hay muchos vecinos en nuestro grupo que pusieron su fe en el Distrito y la Junta de que la necesidad declarada de actualizar el plan maestro de las instalaciones era necesaria. Me he dado cuenta de que esas eran palabras vacías. La verdadera visión de este Distrito y Junta ha sido revelada en el DFA. Woodlanders y la tradición de proporcionar escuelas de vecindario para sus hijos serán abandonadas. Comunidad, abandonada. La capacidad de los niños para caminar o ir en bicicleta a la escuela juntos, abandonada. Escuelas primarias vecinales que sirven como infraestructura comunitaria crítica, abandonadas.

Síndico Villagrana, usted representa el Área 7 que incluye Spring Lake. Las responsabilidades de un fideicomisario según la Asociación de Juntas Escolares de California son:

- dirección de ajuste
- establecer una estructura eficaz y eficiente, proporcionando apoyo
- asegurando la rendición de cuentas
- proporcionar liderazgo comunitario como defensores de los niños, el distrito escolar y las escuelas públicas

Ha fallado en todo momento en abogar por los niños en su área. En la última reunión de la junta usted declaró; "Represento: fui elegido de la séptima área, pero represento a todos los estudiantes del distrito y la séptima área es un área muy grande". Sintió la necesidad de disminuir su responsabilidad, abiertamente, de representar las necesidades de los niños del área 7 al afirmar que "representa a todos los estudiantes". Sus fallas deberían requerir su renuncia, pero como no lo ha hecho, he estado consultando con los funcionarios de la Oficina de Elecciones del Condado de Yolo quienes, a diferencia de este Distrito, han sido de gran ayuda en mi investigación sobre su destitución. En esa búsqueda, descubrí que solo los votantes registrados del área 7 pueden recordarlo. Entonces, como representante electo, recuerde los electores a los que sirve y sus responsabilidades de acuerdo con sus pares. Finalmente, prescribo la expresión 'Donde hay una voluntad, hay un camino'. Le pregunto a esta Junta si no es su voluntad enmendar el DFA para incluir una nueva escuela, responsabilizar al personal del Distrito por la mala administración y el incumplimiento de código del gobierno, para hacer un plan sobre cómo lograr el financiamiento necesario/adquisición de terreno/construcción de una nueva escuela donde Woodland está creciendo, necesita salir del camino.

Atentamente,
Brian Coward

Board President

Board Clerk



One Year Anniversary - Highlights & Accomplishments
Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin
March 9, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

Communication and Outreach:

- Held Superintendent Meet and Greets at schools throughout our District to connect with families, hear their hopes and dreams for their students, and share our vision and goals for our District
- WJUSD has been featured in 75 news stories, including print, radio, and TV news media, in both English and Spanish
- We produced 52 videos and recently began adding student participation
- We have significantly increased our following and reach across all of our social media platforms
- We streamlined our communications with families by implementing a bilingual Superintendent's Weekly Update to keep our community informed
- We completely revamped all of our websites
- Through all of these channels we have highlighted our amazing teachers, staff, students, and District
- We launched an Anti-Bullying Campaign and a Student Attendance Campaign
- Increased student voice, created the Superintendent's Youth Advisory Council

Facilities, Maintenance, and Operations:

- Completed the Districtwide Facilities Assessment
- Completed the Capital Projects Plan
- Started the process to improve the HVAC at Woodland High School
- Started the process to issue the first series of bonds in Measure Y
- Completed the last wing of classrooms at Spring Lake Elementary and have started on the playfields
- Started the work for a new roof on the Warehouse building

Food Services:

- Hired a new Supervisor in Food Services

Hiring and Promotions:

- Hired a new Director of Fiscal Services (in-house candidate)
- Hired a new Director of Facilities (in-house candidate)
- Hired a Supervisor in Payroll (in-house candidate)

Transportation:

- Close to securing grant funds to procure electric buses

Human Resources:

- Successfully managed 30 dedicated/long-term subs
- COVID Test Kits - Currently have 36,000 test kits on hand and have distributed test kits for each school break
- Expanded our recruitment outreach - now posting jobs with Woodland Community College, Yolo Works, Indeed, and CASBO as needed and weekly on social media
- Organized a teacher hiring event on Saturday, March 4th
- Delivering Classified Professional Development and Implicit Bias Training this spring
- Delivered FRISK Training to the entire Administrative Team
- Successfully negotiated a 3-year successor contract agreement with CSEA and WEA that included a 10% increase to the salary schedule for 2 years and an increase to the District's benefit contribution
- Increased salaries and benefits in the same amounts as CSEA and WEA to our unrepresented, classified management, certificated administrators, and contract management positions
- Initiating a classification study to update ALL classified job descriptions

Educational Services:

- Piloting History/Social Science curriculum
- Building a data-driven culture through Professional Learning Communities
- This includes the rollout of the new DATA dashboard with teachers and administrators
- We continue to grow our Mariachi Program
- Grow and train our Paraprofessionals on Early Literacy
- Conducting a Systemic Equity Review
- Expanded our TK program to 9 classrooms
- Implemented the 2nd year of the Promesa Federal Grant
- Successful Summer School Programs (STEAM, Activity, CAMPS, student leadership)
- Restarted our African-American Parent Advisory Council and the Native-American Parent Advisory Committee
- Special Education Parent Advisory is more active
- GATE parent advisory is working on developing a GATE Plan
- Project to Inspire, and Family Literacy
- Planning in progress for expanding STEAM programs at 3 additional sites
- Establishment of Wellness Teams to include social workers
- Increased technology security measures through multi-factor authentication, single sign on portal, and we have recently completed a video surveillance assessment
- Expanded elementary after-school programs through ELOP
- Received the Community Schools Grant
- Special Education Para Educator and Inclusive Practices Committee
- Drafted a Special Education Family Handbook