



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.
- 2. Written Public Comments Via Email:** Public comments may be submitted via email by 2:00 pm on the Board Meeting date to public.comment@wjUSD.org. Public comments submitted via email will be included in the meeting minutes, but will not be read during the meeting.

Attendees

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

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. Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting.

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 - 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 5:05 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:08 p.m.

1. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation - Significant Exposure to Litigation: One Case, Pursuant to subdivision (d) of Government Code Section 54956.9

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

This item was pulled from the agenda.

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

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

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:16 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board Vice 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 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 excluding items G.1.a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 4-24 and G.2.c. Approve Nominations for the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) 2023 Excellence in Education Awards.

Motion made by: Bibiana Garcia

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - Yes

Motion Passed

1. Business Services

a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 4-24

Motion was made to approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 4-24.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - Yes

Motion Passed

b. Approve Gifts to the District

2. Human Resources

a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 24-04

b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 24-04

c. Approve Nominations for the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) 2023 Excellence in Education Awards

Motion was made to approve the Nominations for the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) 2023 Excellence in Education Awards.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Abstain

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - Yes

Motion Passed

3. Board Meeting Minutes:

a. Approve August 21, 2023 - Special Board Meeting

b. Approve August 24, 2023 - Regular Board Meeting

4. Resolutions

a. Approve Resolution 3-24: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2023

Public Comment:

Laura Brubaker (Via Voicemail) expressed her support and appreciation for the approval of Resolution 3-24: Suicide Prevention & Awareness Month - September 2023.

b. Approve Resolution 4-24: Latino Heritage Month - September 15 - October 15, 2023

c. Approve Resolution 5-24: In Support of Constitution Week - September 17-23, 2023

d. Approve Resolution 6-24: High School Voter Education Weeks - September 18-29, 2023 and April 15-26, 2024

H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Recognition: WJUSD Recipients of the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) 2023 Excellence in Education Awards

The Board of Trustees recognized the following WJUSD recipients of the Yolo County School Boards Association (YCSBA) 2023 Excellence in Education Awards.

Individual Excellence Award:

- Bibiana Garcia, Woodland Joint Unified School District Trustee

Program Excellence Award:

- Woodland High School Agriculture Program - Program Leaders: Adilene Bermudez, Jerry Delsol, and Eric Dyer

WJUSD Classified School Employees of the Year:

Classified School Employee of the Year Award - Clerical and Administrative Services:

- Michelle Montoya, Office Coordinator I, Spring Lake Elementary School

Classified School Employee of the Year Award - Custodial and Maintenance Services:

- Jose Goche Velazquez, Custodian II, Plainfield Elementary School

Classified School Employee of the Year Award - Food and Nutrition Services:

- Teresa Velasco, Baker, Food Services

Classified School Employee of the Year Award - Paraprofessional Services: Lucila Gomez, Paraprofessional II, Freeman Elementary School

"Salute To Educator" Certificate:

- Elementary Grades K-6 Teacher: Julie Bourdet, Sixth Grade Teacher, Tafoya Elementary School
- Student Services Credentialed Educator: Erika Berber, Counselor, Freeman Elementary School

2. Recognition: 2023-24 Yolo County Teacher of the Year - Melissa Edsall, Douglass Middle School Teacher

Public Comment:

Gary Callahan and Ted Wimberg shared their support for Melissa Edsall and congratulated her.

The Board of Trustees recognized the 2023-24 Yolo County Teacher of the Year, Melissa Edsall.

3. Presentation: Resolution 4-24: Latino Heritage Month - September 15 - October 15, 2023

Trustee Deborah Bautista Zavala presented Resolution 4-24: Latino Heritage Month to members of the band Norteño Banda Dinastia Imparable.

4. Recognition: Gift to the District

The Board President read the list of donors and thanked them for their generosity.

I. STUDENT REPORTS

1. Report from High School Student Representatives

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

Cache Creek High School Representative Christopher Roa shared information about Cache Creek HS events.

Woodland High School Student Representative Brittan Ranns shared information about Woodland HS events.

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Barbara Ryan, Joanne Bowen, and Dorte Jensen expressed their support for Trustee MacDonald not being recalled and freedom of speech.

Anush Jorjorian, Director of Yolo Rainbow Families (Via Voicemail) expressed her concerns about comments made by Trustee MacDonald at the June 15, 2023 Regular Board meeting.

K. 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, Garcia, Richardson Fowler, 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 updates from a recent Collaborative for Woodland Youth meeting and the first Call to Action Community meeting. Trustee Richardson Fowler shared that the Yolo County School Boards Association 2023 Excellence in Education Awards ceremony will be held on Monday, September 25th and UC Davis will be highlighting honorees at an upcoming football game.

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:28 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

L. TEACHING AND LEARNING

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

The information item "State and Federal COVID-19 Response Funds Plan Update" was presented by Director of State and Federal Programs Danielle Sharp and Accounting Analyst Catalina Ruiz.

2. Action: Public Hearing and Approve Resolution 7-24: Resolution of Sufficiency of Approved

Instructional Materials

The Board President opened a Public Hearing at 7:42 p.m. Katie Hunter expressed her concern regarding some schools having access to more textbooks than others. The Public Hearing concluded at 7:48 p.m.

Motion was made to approve Resolution 7-24: Resolution of Sufficiency of Approved Instructional Materials.

Motion made by: Bibiana Garcia

Motion seconded by: Noel Rodriguez

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - Yes

Motion Passed

M. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Information: Review Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Summer 2023 Projects

Public Comment:

Katie Hunter expressed her gratitude for the hard work put into preparing schools for the start of school and suggested summer school be rotated to different schools.

The information item "Review Maintenance, Operations, and Facilities Summer 2023 Projects" was presented by Director of Maintenance and Operations Jim Helstowski.

2. Action: Approve the 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statements

Motion was made to approve the 2022-2023 Unaudited Actuals Financial Statements.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Emily MacDonald - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Sandra Mott - Yes

Motion Passed

3. Action: Approve Resolution 8-24: District's Gann Limits for 2022-23 and 2023-24

Motion was made to approve Resolution 8-24: District's Gann Limits for 2022-23 and 2023-24.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes
Bibiana Garcia - Yes
Emily MacDonald - Yes
Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes
Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes
Sandra Mott - Yes

Motion Passed

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

Public Comment:

Eric Garber (Via Voicemail) expressed his concerns regarding the spending of Measure Y funds.

Motion was made to approve the Scope Amendment No. 1 to Master Agreement for Architectural Services with HMC Group, LLC.

Motion made by: Sandra Mott

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Not Present
Bibiana Garcia - Yes
Emily MacDonald - Yes
Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes
Noel Rodriguez - Abstain
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes
Sandra Mott - Yes

Motion Passed

5. Information: Subcommittee Update on Potential School Site at Future Woodland Research and Technology Park

Public Comment:

Brian Coward (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.

Trustee Bautista Zavala provided a Subcommittee Update on a Potential School Site at the Future Woodland Research and Technology Park.

N. GOVERNANCE SUPPORT

1. Information/Action: District Response to 2022-2023 Grand Jury Request for Update regarding 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report

Motion was made to approve the District Response to 2022-2023 Grand Jury Request for Update regarding 2022-2023 Grand Jury Report.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Sandra Mott

Voting:

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Not Present

Bibiana Garcia - Yes
Emily MacDonald - Yes
Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes
Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes
Sandra Mott - Yes

Motion Passed

2. Information/Action: Resolutions for 2023-2024 School Year

The Board agreed to keep the current list of resolutions to be approved on the Consent Agenda. If a Trustee signs up to present an approved resolution, it will be added under Community Engagement or they have the option to present the resolution in the community.

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

P. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

**Q. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Tuesday, September 26, 2023
- Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. Open Session**

R. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 9:23 p.m.

Public Comments Submitted Via Email

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

My name is Brian Coward. I'm a father, husband, and Woodland resident. My public comment is for Item 'M.5. Information: Subcommittee Update on Potential School Site at Future Woodland Research and Technology Park'.

The Land Use Plan approved by the City is missing a school while the Board requested it be included. I brought this discrepancy to the Boards attention at the last Board meeting prior to City approval. It wasn't fixed. I've provided documentation. The Specific Plan will need to be amended. Yes, plans can be amended and the land use for this development should be amended as the Board directed.

The big lie. The District claims in the WRTP Specific Plan that; "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 lie had very real implication for this project, the WRTP, and I'll provide the supporting documentation from the Districts own documents.

The Developer Agreement between the Developer, City, and District established a 'Supplemental School Fee' to be collected by the City and used for Capitol Improvement Projects (CIP) throughout the City if WJUSD does not proceed with construction of a school by issuance of the 800th residential building permit. The consequences of the Districts lies about the inability to acquire the property and the need for a new school in the WRTP are detrimental to providing neighborhood schools to Woodlanders. We know the District has nearly twenty million dollars in funds (Fund 25, 28, & 35) that are specifically collected for the acquisition of school sites and that fee justification studies done to justify increasing fees on Woodlanders show the need. See attached WJUSD Fee Justificaton Study (April 6, 2020) and the accompanying Resolution No. 44-20 passed by the Board which increased the

fees collected for building new schools.

When will this Board hold this District accountable. The District is lying to you. Our community is going to suffer tremendously under this administration. We already are. If you won't get new District leadership then you must correct these incongruities. The District is taking our money to build schools, raising the fees every two years (where's the 2022 Fee Justification Study), and planning to produce nothing in this new development, the WRTP. Please request the District add item agenda discuss the following: Make an informed plan for capacity, education of finances, TOC agreement, understanding the actual capacity. These discussions must result in a neighborhood school being build in the WRTP.

Sincerely,
Brian Coward

Board President

Board Clerk