

WASHINGTON COLONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Trustees

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Craig Bowden, Superintendent

Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, October 8, 2013, 6:30 p.m.

Washington Colony School, Room M-5
130 E. Lincoln Avenue
Fresno, CA 93706

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I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Board President, Mark Aguilar.

II. Roll Call

All present

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maria Rodriguez.

IV. Routine Items (Yellow Section)

A. Approve Agenda

The agenda for the October 8, 2013, Regular Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Pete Mathew. (5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent)

B. Adopt Minutes

Minutes of the September 10, 2013, Regular Board Meeting were approved on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Bob Dack. (5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent)

C. Public Comment/Board Comment

Public – Olivia Puentes addressed the board on behalf of her son regarding disciplinary action. She shared with the board, and expressed concern with, the following:

- he plays sports, gets good grades, etc.
- has been at Washington Colony for 3 years
- feels he is being “picked on at times”
- has received his 4th discipline notice already this year and feels that this is too much discipline and is being pushed to far
- was “held in office all day without eating lunch
- loves her son and wants him to do well

Mr. Aguilar reminded Ms. Puentes that there is a chain of command and reminded her that she would need to work with administration to resolve the issue. Mr. Mathew asked Ms. Puentes if the discipline was being handled at the classroom level and/or the administrative level. Ms. Puentes stated it is being handled at both levels. Mr. Aguilar shared that the board must consider both sides in the situation and thanked Ms. Puentes for sharing her concern. He then directed Ms. Puentes and the administration to work together to resolve the issue.

Board – Mr. Dack informed the board that he would not attend the November meeting. Mr. Chavez shared that the Traver Flag Football tournament over the weekend was a very nice tournament and enjoyed watching our team compete. He also shared that there are potential issues with the After School Program phone line. At times it is unanswered and there are times when the staff is not aware there are calls coming through or that there are messages from parents. He suggested possibly considering a cell phone for the staff if the phone system is not set-up to satisfactorily allow the staff to receive calls/messages from parents during after school hours.

D. Correspondence

None

V. Reports/Discussion/Information (Blue Section)

A. Administration/Business/Governance

1. Board History – C. Bowden

Excerpts from the minutes of meetings held October 1, 1983, and October 17, 1990, were presented.

2. Financial Report(s)*

Written report.

3. 2013-2014 Financial Information**

Oral/Written report.

4. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints*

Written report.

5. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Bowden shared information about the CLAS program. Approximately 100 people attended the Kick-Off dinner and approximately 35 of the 53 students are in program attendance each day. Students are already showing signs of increased civility and responsibility due to participation in the program.

Mr. Bowden also shared information about AB 484 which Governor Brown signed into law eliminating STAR testing in ELA, Mathematics, and History/Social Studies this year. Testing in 5th and 8th Grade Science will still be conducted in the spring. Mr. Bowden stated that he will continue to keep an eye on the situation as there is an outstanding issue regarding the Federal Government's reaction to this bill and whether or not Federal Title 1 funds will be disbursed. Updates will be given as further information is released.

B. Curriculum / Instruction / Assessment

1. Common Core State Standards **

Mr. Bowden shared that professional development is taking place specific to Common Core throughout this year. Some staff members are embracing the change in instruction very quickly while others are taking more time to digest and internalize the change and what is being asked of them. Administration understands this is

a major shift in instruction and will continue to support staff during this transition.

C. Personnel/Students

1. **ADA/Enrollment Report***
Written report.
2. **Suspension Report – G. Daniels**
None

*Denotes written information/report of a routine nature which will be addressed upon request of the Board

** Denotes an oral report which may or may not include written back-up.

VI. Action Items (Green Section)

A. Administration/Business/Governance

1. Contracts/Service Agreements

a) SchoolWorks

The Agreement between SchoolWorks and Washington Colony Elementary School District for Annual Eligibility Service/Financial Hardship Assistance from October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014, was ratified on a motion by Pete Mathew, seconded by Bob Dack. (5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent)

b) Adoption of Resolution Regarding Education Protection Account (EPA) Expenditure Plan

Resolution 12/13-14 *Regarding the Education Protection Account* was adopted on a motion Liz Faccinto, seconded by Gary Chavez. (5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent)

2. Warrants

Warrants paid for the period September 1 – September 30, 2013, were reviewed and ratified on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent)

3. Conflict of Interest Code

The *amended* Resolution 12/13-07 and accompanying Conflict of Interest Code which includes necessary sections and provisions of the Political Reform Act was adopted on motion by Pete Mathew,

seconded by Liz Faccinto. (5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent)

B. *Personel/Students*

1. Interdistrict Attendance Permit Requests

Superintendent's actions on Interdistrict Attendance Permits for the 2013-2014 school year were ratified on a motion by Pete Mathew, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent)

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m., on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez. (5 Ayes, 0 Noes, 0 Abstentions, 0 Absent)

Mark Aguilar, President

Liz Faccinto, Clerk