

## WASHINGTON COLONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, January 14, 2014, 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 6:32 p.m. by Board President, Pete Mathew.

## **II. Roll Call**

All present

## **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Liz Faccinto.

## **IV. Routine Items (Yellow Section)**

### **A. Approve Agenda**

The agenda for the January 14, 2014, Regular Board Meeting, was approved on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto, (Ayes: Pete Mathew, Gary Chavez, Mark Aguilar, Bob Dack, Liz Faccinto; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0) with the following revision:

- move action item VI.A.1, Audit Report, to the front of the agenda.

**B. Adopt Minutes**

The minutes for the December 10, 2013, Regular Board Meeting, were adopted on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez. (Ayes: Pete Mathew, Gary Chavez, Mark Aguilar, Bob Dack, Liz Faccinto; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

**C. Public Comment/Board Comment**

Public – Parent, Mary Smith, informed the board she attended to hear the plan regarding the new transgender law. She voiced she is really worried about it.

Board - None

**D. Correspondence**

Mr. Bowden distributed copies of email correspondence from Betsy Lichti, District Engineer, Fresno District, California Department of Public Health, regarding a request for representatives from Washington Colony to meet with representatives from Washington Union High School to discuss the potential sharing of water resources between the two schools. Ongoing water quality testing indicates a couple wells exceed a drinking water standard. The board directed Mr. Bowden to schedule a meeting to discuss and gather more information to bring back to the board for further consideration.

**V. Reports/Discussion/Information (Blue Section)****A. Administration/Business/Governance****1. Board History – C. Bowden**

Excerpts from the minutes of meetings held January 7, 1964, and January 17, 1990, were reviewed.

**2. Financial Report(s)\***

Written report

**3. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints\***

Written report

**4. AB 1266\*\***

Mr. Bowden distributed a an interim guidance summary from CSBA title “Interim Guidance Regarding Transgender Students, Privacy, and Facilities”. This guidance outlines suggested appropriate procedures and policies a district should follow when trying to address the provisions in Assembly Bill 1266, Pupil rights: sex-segregated school programs and activities (Transgender Students, Privacy, and Facilities). Mr. Bowden also distributed information from School Services of California, Inc.,

entitled “Referendum on Transgender Student Bill Headed to Full Signature Count”. The board discussed information from both sources and the potential options for district compliance, and concluded that AB 1266 is on hold pending the outcome of the referendum. Therefore, the board directed Mr. Bowden to bring this topic back to the board in March, once the final determination is made regarding a sufficient numbers of signatures necessary for the referemdum to move forward, for further consideration and discussion.

## **5. Superintendent’s Report\*\***

Mr. Bowden informed the board of the rapid shift in prioritizing technology in the district. In the last 4 months the STAR test has essentially been removed from the assessment window in California (except science for 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade), field testing the Smarter Balance Assessment Consortium assessment is now required (ELA and Math now scheduled for March, 2014), and the new Common Core State Standards explicitly include technology as an integral part of instruction. Due to this rapid shift, the district is directing as many financial and staff resources to inventorying, upgrading, updating, repairing, and replacing necessary technology to prepare for the upcoming field test and instructional implementation. New computer and ipad carts are also being added into the inventory to ensure there are enough devices to allow students to take the field test.

Mr. Bowden strongly recommended that the district begin a serious discussion to develop a short term and long term solution for instructional technology support. With the shift in technology reliance and integration into the instructional program, it behooves the district to consider staffing options to assist district personnel and students in effectively integrating technology into the instructional program. The board directed Mr. Bowden to gather more information and bring recommendations back to the board for further discussion and consideration.

## ***B. Personnel/Students***

### **1. ADA/Enrollment Report\***

Written report

### **2. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Camp\*\***

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### **3. Suspension Report\***

Written report

**\*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. Audit Report

The Board reviewed and accepted the Auditors Report for the period July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: Pete Mathew, Gary Chavez, Mark Aguilar, Bob Dack, Liz Faccinto; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

#### 2. Warrants

The board reviewed and ratified Warrants paid for the period December 1 – December 31, 2013, on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Bob Dack. (Ayes: Pete Mathew, Gary Chavez, Mark Aguilar, Bob Dack, Liz Faccinto; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

#### 3. Contracts/Service Agreements

##### a) Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

The agreement between the Fresno County Superintendent of School and Washington Colony Elementary School for Instructional Technology related services and training was tabled.

### B. Personnel/Students

#### 1. Authorized Signature Permit

Carmen Cruz was removed from the authorized signature permit list, and Rebecca (Becky) Ortiz was added to the authorized signature permit list on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Bob Dack. (Ayes: Pete Mathew, Gary Chavez, Mark Aguilar, Bob Dack, Liz Faccinto; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

#### 2. Offer of Employment

Offers of employment for the following District employee for the 2013-2014 school year were ratified on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Bob Dack. (Ayes: Pete Mathew, Gary Chavez, Mark Aguilar, Bob Dack, Liz Faccinto; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

## VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m. on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez. (Ayes: Pete Mathew, Gary Chavez, Mark Aguilar, Bob Dack, Liz Faccinto; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

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Pete Mathew, President

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Gary Chavez, Clerk

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