

WASHINGTON COLONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, February 11, 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 6:31 p.m., by Board President, Pete Mathew.

II. Roll Call

All Present

III. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by board member Gary Chavez.

IV. Routine Items

A. Approve Agenda

The agenda for the February 11, 2014, Regular Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Liz Faccinto (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0), with the following revision:
- motion to move V.A.4, School Bus Grant; V.B.2, Speech and Language Services; and V.A.5, Consolidated Water System Funding Project to the front of the information/discussion section.

B. Adopt Minutes

The Minutes from January 14, 2014, Regular Board Meeting, were adopted on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Bob Dack (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0).

C. Public Comment/Board Comment

Public – None

Board – Pete informed the board of an upcoming CSBA workshop, March 4, which will address Local Control Funding Formula.

D. Correspondence

Mr. Bowden shared a letter from the Fresno County Office of Education informing the board that the County Superintendent concurred with the District's Positive Certification of the 2013-2013 First Interim Report.

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

Excerpts from the minutes of meetings held February 4, 1964; and February 9, 1990, were reviewed.

2. Financial Report(s)*

Written report.

3. 2013-2014 Budget Information**

Oral report.

4. School Bus Grant Program – Craig Bowden**

Mr. Bowden informed the board that the District has submitted an application to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District to be considered for a 50% match grant to replace one school bus.

5. Consolidated Water System Funding Project – Betsy Lichti**

Joey Campbell, Assistant Superintendent, Washington Unified School District, provided background on WUHS water issues. Tyler Hunt was introduced and will be guiding the process with water grant through state. Betsy Lichti was in attendance and is working on the project through Department of Public Health. The intent of the project is to look for water solutions to benefit the school districts and community. The proposed project would tie into WC well. WUHS is remodeling the kitchen facilities which requires fire/safety upgrade; this project would meet construction

requirements. Mr. Campbell shared that he has a basic JPA agreement for review to get started if districts continue discussion.

Tyler Hunt (AE Com – Engineering firm) stated that multiple wells at WUHS violate water standards. The funding grant awarded to WUHS addressed the water compliance issues. Mr. Hunt described multiple options and stated that drilling a new well is best choice. A test well has been drilled and shows a new well can be constructed. The current proposal is to construct a new well at WUHS, replace existing pump/controls at Washington Colony well to increase flow/pressure, construct a pipeline to connect the WC and WUHS wells. This would create a redundant system in the event one system goes down; provide fire protection system; and help set the stage to resolve some long-term issue without “forcing” community water system on the community. The timeline to complete the design phase is fairly short. Any up front costs associated with the project will be reimbursed through the grant process.

Betsy Lichti (California Department of Public Health) represented the agency enforces water policies on Public Water Systems. She confirmed there is currently a \$500,000 grant for all preliminary phases and design. WUHS eligible for up to \$3 million in construction funds. The CDPH wants water systems to have a reliable supply. WC currently has 1 good well. If it goes down WC would be in trouble. WUHS is in a similar position. This proposal would provide a back up water supply for both districts as well as shared solutions/costs. The design deadline is late May. Betsy briefly discussed next steps including: concurrence from districts to pursue the project, project design, construction application submission, and short term development of “water service agreement” and long term development of a JPA (share service, responsibility, how to share with others in community...I.E. churches, businesses, Easton Estates). Betsy is also working with Sue Ruiz and the Easton Community Services District and will work to minimize redundant action and projects. The timeline and available grant funding are sufficient to complete project and meet deadlines. Betsy reinforced that WC will have no financial obligation during the process. The end water system may save on some current fees, but many of the same testing phases will still need to be conducted. The proposed system will need to tie into current holding tanks at WUHS stadium and at WC to provide sufficient fire protection. Service connections along the “lateral” can be installed during construction and then “customers” would be able to buy in and connect according to the terms in the JPA agreement. The

proposed pipeline would be sufficient for entire community (including future development of vacant lots). Both districts were encouraged to develop a JPA draft agreement prior to construction (signed water service agreement short term with commitment from both districts) to have all documentation in place to move project forward.

The board gave their support for the project stating it builds a good foundation for the community. It was recognized that the schools are the community park and recreation centers. Mr. Bowden was directed to work with Mr. Campbell to provide required docs to move project forward.

Betsy indicated that an MOU between districts will provide sufficient documentation for now to move design project forward. She and her team must present and discuss the project with Washington Unified board members. If Washington Unified board members give their consent then she and her team will proceed with the joint project.

6. Policy Review

The following policy was reviewed for subsequent adoption:
Board Policy 5030, Student Wellness

7. Consolidated Application and Reporting System (CARS) –
Gina Daniels**

Oral report

8. Safe School Plan

Oral report

9. Superintendent's Report**

Mr. Bowden informed the board that, for the first time in recent years, he is not bringing any recommendations to issue initial layoff notices to staff. There is no financial, programmatic, or performance need that would necessitate the issuance of initial layoff notices. This was celebrated as a great accomplishment for the district and the staff. Mr. Bowden will relay this information to district staff as well.

B. Personnel/Students

1. ADA/Enrollment Report*

Written report

2. Speech and Language Services – Brett Gallagher**

Mr. Gallagher shared information with the board regarding the on-line speech services his company, Presence Learning, provides. A short video was shown and was followed by more detailed information about the product he provides. Mr. Bowden was directed to pursue a pilot program contract with Presence Learning to implement the program with a small group of students effective immediately. This will provide baseline data and information for district to discuss as options are considered for delivering speech and language services for the 2014-2015 school year.

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

A. Administration/Business/Governance

1. Warrants

Warrants paid for the period January 1 – January 31, 2014, reviewed and ratified on a motion by Liz Faccinto, Seconded by Mark Aguilar (Ayes: P, G, B, L; Noes: M; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0).

2. 2014 CSBA Delegate Assembly Election

The Board selected 3 candidates (Gilbert F. Coelho, Betsy Sandoval, and Norman Saude) to submit on the 2014 CSBA Delegate Assembly Ballot for Subregion 10-B (Fresno County) on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0).

B. Personnel/Students

1. Interdistrict Attendance Permit Requests

The Board ratified the Superintendent's actions on Interdistrict Attendance Permits for the 2013-2014 school year on motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0).

C. Contract/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 ratified on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Gary Chavez (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0).

b) Dellavalle Laboratory, Inc. – Distribution Operator Service

The agreement with Dellavalle Laboratory, Inc. to perform the duties of Distribution Operator for the period beginning January 1, 2014 and ending December 31, 2014, was ratified on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0).

VII. Closed Session

The Board met in closed session beginning at 9:08 p.m. on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Mark Aguilar (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0), pursuant to:

Education Code section 54957

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: Superintendent

The Board met in came out of closed session at 10:11 p.m. on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Mark Aguilar, (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0).

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:13 p.m. on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez (Ayes: P, M, G, B, L; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0).

Voting Legend: P = Pete Mathew, B = Bob Dack, G = Gary Chavez, L = Liz Faccinto, M = Mark Aguilar

Pete Mathew, Board President

Gary Chavez, Clerk