

## WASHINGTON COLONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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# Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, March 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 6:30 p.m. by Board President, Pete Mathew.

## **II. Roll Call**

All Present

## **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Pete Mathew.

## **IV. Routine Items**

### **A. Approve Agenda**

The agenda for the March 11, 2014, Regular Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto (Ayes: ma, pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0) with the following addition (due to emergency situation that arose after board agenda was posted):

**\*\*Life/Fire/Safety Emergency; item V.A.9**

**B. Adopt Minutes**

Minutes from the February 11, 2014, Regular Board Meeting, were adopted on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: ma, pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

**C. Public Comment/Board Comment**

Public – Carly Ervin gave the board an update on the music program. She is currently working with 5-8 grade band preparing students for the upcoming spring concert March 25, at WUHS. There are approximately 81 students involved in band. The concert will include a combination of students from American Union, Pacific Union, and West Park. Mrs. Ervin also works with students in K-4 grades in general her music program. K-3 students are working on basic music/rhymes/beat, etc., while 4<sup>th</sup> grade students are using recorders learning general rhythm/music notation, etc. Mrs. Ervin asked the board to consider taking on a larger portion of her contract next school year. She stated that 1 more morning per week would allow her to increase music instruction in K-3 to 30-40 minutes each, incorporating dance/movement. Three additional mornings would double the amount of music education each class receives each week.

Board - none

**D. Correspondence**

Mr. Bowden shared communication from State Superintendent of Instruction, Tom Torlakson, informing that the testing waiver submitted to federal government has been approved. This paves the way for the state to implement the new Smarter Balanced assessment model and places a hold on the scores impacting school district API score for a period of time.

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

Excerpts from the minutes of meetings held March 3, 1964; and March 20, 1990, were presented.

**2. 2013-2014 Budget Information\*\***

No discussion

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

Written report

**4. Local Control Funding Formula/ Local Control Accountability Plan\*\***

Mr. Mathew and Mr. Bowden provided an update from the CSBA LCFF presentation at FCOE. It was noted that, while there was no new information added, emphasis was placed on engaging our school community in the development process of the LCAP. “Transparency” in discussions was highlighted throughout the presentation as a main component to successful plan implementation. The board noted the potential hit to staff moral with the increase pressure and requirements, the multiple plans that have to coordinate with each other, and the impact on instruction/learning that will take place. The board urged the administration to be mindful of staff moral to ensure we keep the momentum we have going.

#### **5. Strategic Plan Review\*\***

A brief review of the current strategic plan was conducted. The board indicated it’s desire to review and update at the next regular board meeting. The intent is to use the plan to develop short term/long term goals (1 yr, 2 yr, 3 yr). It will also be used to evaluate action steps toward meeting goals. When originally developed, the plan helped maintain focus on initiatives and will continue to do the same thing.

Next steps identified by the Board are to look it over and bring back ideas to the next meeting. This plan will become the basis for all decisions and “other plans” that are being developed as we move forward.

#### **6. Consolidated Water System Funding Project\*\***

Pete Mathew and Craig Bowden attended the Washington Unified board meeting to provide WC support to the project. Mr. Mathew encouraged building the largest system possible for future growth/pulling water from deeper wells.

The Board recommended regularly meeting with Tyler Hunt and the design team to ensure district/community wishes are met. The board designated Bob Dack to represent the district to meet and confer with the design team to review the plans and help set the direction of design. It was noted that there should be more than enough funding in the grant to build a large enough system to satisfy demand.

#### **7. AB 1266\*\***

The board discussed the elements/requirements of AB1266 and gave direction to Mr. Bowden to follow education code provisions and make “reasonable” decisions based on unique needs for each student, should a request be brought to the district. The board also directed Mr. Bowden to look for further guidance from CSBA on policies and procedures to provide further guidance and clarification.

#### **8. Superintendent’s Report\*\***

Mr. Bowden informed the board that the Rural Network/Central Valley Educational Leadership Instituted (Fresno State) will visit Washington Colony March 18. The day will include classroom visitations, debriefing, and collaboration time.

Mr. Bowden also informed the board that Washington Colony will run Summer School June 16 – July 14. Mr. Jennings and Mrs. Garcia, who have both recently completed their administrative credentials, will be site administration and oversee summer school. The enrichment portion through will conducted via After School University hosted Solunet on the Fresno State University campus. Intervention/support for struggling students will be hosted on the Washington Colony campus.

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

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

Written report

### **2. 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. 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Budget Report**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Interim Budget Report for the period ending January 31, 2014 was approved on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: ma, pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

#### **2. Warrants**

Warrants paid for the period February 1 – February 28, 2014, were reviewed and ratified on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: ma; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

#### **3. Safe School Plan**

The 2013-2014 Washington Colony Comprehensive School Safety Plan was adopted on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Gary

Chavez. (Ayes: ma, pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

**B. Contracts/Service Agreements**

**1. Presence Learning**

The agreement between the Presence Learning and Washington Colony Elementary School for Speech and Language and related services for a “pilot” group of students for the remainder of the 2013-2014 school year was ratified on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Bob Dack. (Ayes: ma, pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

**C. Personnel/Students**

**1. Interdistrict Attendance Permit Requests**

None presented for action

**VII. Closed Session**

The Board will meet in closed session beginning at 10:26 p.m., on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Mark Aguilar, (Ayes: ma, pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0) pursuant to:

*Education Code section 54957*

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Title: Superintendent

The Board came out of closed session at 11:39 p.m., on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Gary Chavez, (Ayes: ma, pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

**VIII. Reconvene**

**IX. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 p.m. on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez (Ayes: ma, pm, bd, lf, gc; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent: 0)

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Pete Mathew, Board President

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Gary Chavez, Clerk