

WASHINGTON COLONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, September 9, 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 (Yellow Section)**

A. ***Approve Agenda***

The agenda for the September 9, 2014, Regular Board Meeting, was approved on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez, (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0) with the following change:

Move VI.A.1 2013-2014 Unaudited Actuals to the front of the Information/Discussion section.

B. Adopt Minutes

The August 12, 2014, Regular Board Meeting minutes were adopted on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar.

(Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

C. Public Comment/Board Comment

Public –

Joanne Sweet shared comments regarding the following:

- the salary proposal presented to the District represented staff feelings
 - that the Washington Colony staff is the lowest paid in area
 - LCAP has quality teachers as one goal
 - lost 2 teachers to another district due to higher salary
 - state requires 4% reserve and district states 10% as local minimum and actually grew reserve during difficult economic times
 - more funding to district in coming year
 - not asking for retroactive pay for last year
 - believe employee offer is reasonable and asking board to re-consider
- (Kim Davis handed out typed notes)

Eva Ruiz shared she is a long time community member and believes teachers are our most valuable assets. They bring students to school and teach them every day. They are the first shield when tragedy happens. She encouraged the board to think about the teachers and salary and the need to look at what teachers/other employees are getting paid.

Mrs. Sanchez stated her daughter needs to “get grades up” and is not included in the High Point class. She asked why her daughter was excluded from that program. She also stated that her daughter is in band and excluded from High Point. Mr. Bowden asked Mrs. Sanchez to call and schedule an appointment to discuss.

Carolyn Plaza stated she has 5 boys who have either gone through, or are going to go through the program, and has believed in unification for long time. She has grown up in Easton and wants a comprehensive K-12 program. She asked where the reserve money is going. It was noted that there is no 6th grade camp/fieldtrips/PE teacher/etc. It is possible that the district has outgrown the needs of what our school and our budget can do. We need to think about the grander scheme of things. Mrs. Plaza loves the fact that if we unified we will have higher paid teachers. We want teachers to buy-in and become our veterans who have become part of our community. We need to pay them what they are worth.

Eddie Ruiz stated he is a parent of students at Washington Colony and is on the board at Washington Unified. He attended to get information and is

not for/against unification. His experience at Washington Colony has been good and is happy with it overall. He has legitimate concerns having been on board at Washington Unified. He stated staff salaries are up, there are additional resources, and they have made infrastructure improvements at Washington Union High School/American Union/West Fresno. He stated that if any had questions he wouldn't mind being a buffer between the two boards. It was noted that there is a procedure for unification and he wouldn't have a problem talking to parents about it and getting resources. He also stated that he didn't have enough information about Washington Colony to say whether we should or shouldn't unify. He encouraged involvement from the community and reminded that we need to put our kids in the best possible position for future.

Board – None

D. Correspondence

A letter from Doug Janzen architectural firm was presented stating that the November State School Bond will not be placed on the ballot for voters essentially killing any chance for construction project funding in the foreseeable future. A letter from Fresno County Office of Education was also shared stating the District 2014-2015 LCAP and Adopted Budget was approved. Last, letters from Carolyn Plaza and Rene Mendoza regarding their request for the board to participate in a discussion about unification were presented.

V. Reports/Discussion/Information (Blue Section)

A. Administration/Business/Governance

1. Board History – C. Bowden

Written report

2. Financial Report(s)*

Written report

3. 2014-2015 Financial Information**

None

4. Review and Discuss Washington Colony Elementary School District Strategic Plan**

Sections 5 & 8 of the Strategic Plan were reviewed and discussed. Further discussion will take place in the future by engaging additional community and staff members, parents, and students.

5. Review/Discuss Dress Code - Gina Daniels**

Gina Daniels shared her desire to look at 1 particular section that dealt with collared shirts for the boys. Shirts with collars are more expensive and T-shirts are more reasonably priced. Mark Aguilar stated he personally likes T-shirts. Pete Matthew stated he doesn't have a problem with it. Bob Dack stated he doesn't have a problem with it and wondered if other parts of the dress code should be looked at as well. Mrs. Daniels stated that students would probably like to be a part of the process. It was noted that new families coming to Washington Colony have difficulty with the shirt collar rule. Gary Chavez likes the idea of loosening up that section of the code. Craig Bowden explained his understanding that there is the "letter of the law vs. the intent of the law" and the dress code committee that developed the code had good intentions. A more formal action item regarding the shirt collar section will be considered at one of the next board meetings and a more thorough review of the dress code will be taken under consider in the future.

6. CSBA Policy Workshop**

Mr. Bowden shared that the CSBA Policy Workshop policy update is a one 1 time service split over 3 days. District will maintain Gamut subscription. Cost breakdown is: maintenance fee totals \$1,300; manual maintenance fee per year totals \$1,900. Formatting and revising will be similar to what has historically been adopted. School board still approves as usual. The ongoing revision will be less as CSBA does much of the initial work. Mr. Bowden explained that updating board policies in this way will bring all policies current and will make it less time consuming to regularly update them. Total cost of the three day review process, including a representative to work directly with the board is \$3,800 plus travel.

7. Superintendent's Report**

None

B. Personnel/Students**1. ADA/Enrollment Report***

Written report – Mr. Bowden shared that initial enrollment is at 425, the highest starting total in 7 years. He is also closely monitoring enrollment and inter-district attendance requests in Kindergarten – 3rd Grades as there is a 24:1 ratio that the district must stay under to receive funding for those grade spans under the new LCFF funding structure.

2. **Suspension Report* - G. Daniels**
None

C. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment

1. **Washington Colony Ed Tech Plan****
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. **2013-2014 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report**

The 2013-14 Unaudited Actuals Report was approved on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

2. **Resolution for the Gann Amendment**

Resolution No. 14/15-04 *Resolution for the Gann Amendment* was adopted on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

3. **Warrants**

Warrants paid for the period August 1 – August 31, 2014 were approved on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

4. ***Developer Fee Study – Public Hearing***

The Public Hearing was opened at 8:56 p.m. Sue Ruiz asked for clarification about the collection of the fees. Pete Mathew explained the high school continues to collect and disburse funds to the district. Bob Dack asked whether the increase was a local decision or a state decision. Mr. Bowden clarified it was a state decision. The Public hearing was closed at 9:00 p.m.

5. **Adoption of School Facilities Fees**

Resolution No. 14/15-03 *Levying Inflation Adjustment for Fees on Residential, Commercial and Industrial Development to Fund the Construction or Reconstruction of School Facilities* was adopted on

a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

6. Temporary Interfund Transfer of Special or Restricted Moneys

Resolution No. 14/15-06 to establish temporary interfund transfers of special or restricted fund moneys was adopted Liz Faccinto, seconded by Bob Dack. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

7. Resolution 14/15-02 – Sustainability and the Design and Construction of High Performance Schools

Resolution 14/15-02 in The Matter of Sustainability and the Design and Construction of High Performance Schools stating the intent of the district to construct buildings that meet criteria for High Performance Schools was adopted on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

8. Contracts/Service Agreements

a) Presence Learning

The agreement between Washington Colony Elementary School District and Presence Learning, Inc. to provide speech and language and related services to students was ratified on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

b) Offer of Employment for Independent Contractor/Consultant

The Offer of Employment for Teen Choices Incorporated (HIV/AIDS Prevention Education and Sexual Health Education; *HEALTHY RESPECT* Program for 6th Grade students) was ratified on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

c) Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

The Agreement between Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and Washington Colony District for Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA) was ratified on motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Bob Dack. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

d) Fresno County Superintendent of Schools

The Agreement between Fresno County Superintendent of Schools and Washington Colony Elementary School District for School Psychological Services beginning July 1, 2014 and ending on June 30, 2015, was ratified on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

e) 2014-2015 Child Development Contract

Resolution No. 14/15-07 certifying approval to enter into a transaction with the California Department of Education for the purpose of providing child care and development services and to authorize the designated personnel to sign contract documents for Fiscal Year 2014-15, was adopted on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

B. Curriculum/Instruction/Assessment**1. Annual Public Hearing and Resolution on Sufficiency of Instructional Materials**

The Public Hearing was opened at 9:13 p.m. Mr. Bowden clarified that materials on the list are from prior years and not Common Core based. The Public Hearing was closed at 9:16 p.m. Resolution No. 14/15-05 *Resolution Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials* was subsequently adopted on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Gary Chavez. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

C. Personnel/Students**1. Interdistrict Attendance Permit Requests**

None

VII. Closed Session

The Board went into closed session at 9:15 p.m. on motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Gary Chavez (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0), and came out of closed session at 10:25 p.m. on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Bob Dack. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)

There was no report out from Closed Session.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 p.m. on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Gary Chavez. (Ayes: MA, BD, GC, LF, PM; Noes: 0; Abstentions: 0; Absent:0)