

# WASHINGTON COLONY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

## *Board of Trustees*

, President  
Gary Chavez, Clerk

Mark Aguilar, Member  
Bob Dack, Member  
Liz Faccinto, Member

## *Secretary*

Craig Bowden, Superintendent

# Regular Meeting MINUTES

Tuesday, December 9, 2014, 6:30 p.m.

Washington Colony School, Cafeteria  
130 E. Lincoln Avenue  
Fresno, CA 93706

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## **I. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Secretary, Craig Bowden at 6:32 p.m.

## **II. Roll Call**

Present: BD, LF, MA

Absent: GC

Vacant: 1 seat

## **III. Pledge of Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mark Aguilar.

## **IV. Annual Organizational Meeting**

### **A. Election of Board President**

Bob Dack was nominated by Liz Faccinto and elected as Board President on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**B. Election of Board Clerk**

Mark Aguilar was nominated by Liz Faccinto and elected as Board President on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Mark Aguilar (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**C. Appointment of Secretary to the Board**

Bob Dack appointed Superintendent, Craig Bowden, as Secretary to the Board. A motion to ratify appointment was made by Bob Dack, seconded by Mark Aguilar. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**D. Authorized Signature Permit**

Bob Dack, Mark Aguilar, and Craig Bowden were authorized to sign orders in the name of the Governing Board on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**E. Regular Meeting Schedule for 2015**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month, at 6:30 p.m. in Room M-5, was voted to be the regularly scheduled meeting day/time/place for 2015 on a motion by Bob Dack, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**F. Voting Representative – Fresno County Committee on School District Organization**

Gary Chavez was appointed as “Voting Representative” for the Fresno County Committee on School District Organization, Mark Aguilar was appointed a alternate, on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Bob Dack. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**V. Routine Items****A. Approve Agenda**

The agenda for the December 9, 2014, Regular Board Meeting was approved on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**B. Adopt Minutes**

Minutes from the November 18, 2014, Regular Board Meeting, were adopted on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**C. Public Comment/Board Comment**

Public –

Elaine Merhten – Asked if any board members were attending CSBA. Mark Aguilar is the board member attending.

Jeff Brotnov – Reported that the Robotics club competition on November 22 at Duncan Polytech went well. The focus was education technology. Students presented the history from flannel board to the tablet. The team building competition involved completion of a task in an allotted time. The students really enjoyed themselves and are looking forward to next year.

Araceli Sanchez – Reported that she has been asking for help for her daughter since beginning of year. The school has low API scores and recently found out about the SES program. During a recent meeting with superintendent she was told the school was not allowed to offer program to students. She questioned why teachers do not know about this service and why she wasn't told about the program before last week. Mrs. Daniels explained that letter is sent at beginning of year, potential providers are discussed/contacted for service, and then one is selected. Services are then scheduled and provided. Bob Dack noted that he understands Ms. Sanchez's frustration and requested administration remind parents more often toward beginning of year of SES service availability. Mrs. Daniels noted that administration has met with mom multiple time, looked at grades, discussed needs and potential support opportunities.

Mark Marquez: Asked about where district is with LCAP implementation. Noted no meetings/updates to this point this year. He has been provided some curriculum and is trying to fill the gaps, but feels he is struggling with the teaching part this year. He noted he has received no training for the curriculum he's using. He stated he was hoping LCAP would provide a way to have input to what will be adopted and used next year. He feels we need to adopt curriculum and provide training to use the new curriculum. The new assessment counts and he doesn't want to put it in PI due to low math scores. Mr. Bowden informed Mr. Marquez that an LCAP update meeting is on the calendar for January 15 LCAP and that staff and community should anticipate information coming out soon. Mr. Bowden also noted that March is targeted as the beginning of the revision/writing stage for 2015/16.

Carolyn Plaza: Stated she has 2 students at Washington Colony, Austin and Joey. She is experiencing something new this year. Austin has been in Mrs. Davis' class since August. He's learning to behave better and understand consequences for his actions. She thanked Mrs. Davis for her

work with Austin and appreciates seeing him turning around and making progress. Joey is in Mr. Marquez's class. He now comes home and does math at home, and buys into math with Mr. Marquez. She has never known a better math teacher with better rapport. Her son loves coming to school and loves learning.

Board –

Mark Aguilar – Thanked staff for a great Christmas Program even with challenge of adults in the audiences talking during the performances.

Bob Dack – Stated his opinion that due to full board not being present he will consider suggesting to table any unification decision during action item. He noted that he is simply expressing his opinion. This is too important of a decision to make without a full board being present.

**D. Correspondence**

None

**VI. Reports/Discussion/Information**

**A. Administration/Business/Governance**

**1. Board History – C. Bowden**

Written report

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

Written report

**3. Superintendent's Report\*\***

None

**4. 2014-2015 Financial Information\*\***

Mr. Bowden noted that the Governor's budget would be released in January and budget perspectives workshops would follow. Invited that board to attend if at all possible. Information will be forwarded to board members.

**5. Unification Procedure and Process\*\***

Mr. Marquez – Stated his opinion that the district is in disarray and dysfunctional. He feels so depressed when he goes home and comes to work. Feels like staff are nipping at each other's heels at this point. Noted he recalls not one staff meeting this year. He noted it seems there is too much bad blood and apologized if he came off the wrong way. Mrs. Davis noted she feels the school runs because the teachers know what to do. She

noted that the situation makes her sad. She came to Washington Colony to teach and stays because she loves the kids. She stated that she still has to do her job regardless of what's going on.

Bob Dack – Noted that he understands the frustration and is not happy with the situation either. He doesn't like the animosity. He assured that the it will take some time and work with board and all involved to improve the some of the issues. Told those in attendance to give the some time to discuss and work to get some things in place.

Elaine – Suggested that the board consider having more than one meeting a month to discuss.

Carolyn – Stated the information handed out comes too late in the process. She noted that she didn't start the movement, but was asked to start it and represents a huge amount of people feel the same way.

Mark Aguilar – Stated he also understands the frustrations, but encouraged all to have more professionalism in discussion. It seems to him like it is becoming too personal.

## **B. Personnel/Students**

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

Written report

### **2. Suspension Report\***

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.

## **VII. Action Items**

### **A. Administration/Business/Governance**

#### **1. Warrants**

Warrants paid for the period November 1 – November 30, 2014, were reviewed and ratified on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**2. Unification with Washington Unified School District**

While considering taking action regarding unification between Washington Colony Elementary School District and Washington Unified School District, a motion was made by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar, to table the decision until a full board is present. Board member Liz Faccinto stated she is not in favor of unification and it will not be a cure all. Board member Mark Aguilar stated he is not comfortable making a decision without a full board being present. Board Member Bob Dack stated his discomfort with taking a vote with only 4 members currently seated on the board and only 3 at the meeting. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat). Frank Butterfield and Elaine Merhten stated they feel this is the wrong decision. Carolyn Plaza stated she feels that having all members present will not change the outcome of the vote since the board members seem to have their minds made up at this point.

**3. Nominations for CSBA Delegate Assembly**

Tabled - No action taken

**B. Personnel/Students**

**1. Interdistrict Attendance Permit**

None

**2. Authorized Signature Permit**

Maria Rodriguez, Craig Bowden, Gina Daniels, and were authorized orders in the name of the Governing Board for the respective fund sources they oversee on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**Closed Session**

The Board will met in closed beginning at 7:38 p.m.on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat):

*Education Code section 35146*

STUDENT DISCIPLINE

Cases: 1

*Government Code section 54957*

CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Agency Negotiator: Craig Bowden, Superintendent/Principal

Employee Organization: Washington Colony Teachers Association  
Unrepresented Employee(s): District Classified Employees  
Unrepresented Employee(s): District Management/Supervisory Personnel

*Education Code section 54957*  
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE PERFORMANCE EVALUATION  
Title: Superintendent

The board came out of closed session at 10:28 p.m. on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**Report out:**

During closed session the board took action to readmit student 12/13-01 to Washington Colony Elementary School on a motion by Liz Faccinto, seconded by Mark Aguilar. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

**VIII. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m. on a motion by Mark Aguilar, seconded by Liz Faccinto. (Ayes: MA, BD, LF; Noes: None; Abstentions: None; Absent: GC; Vacant: 1 seat)

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Bob Dack, President

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Mark Aguilar, Clerk