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WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
DISTRICT OFFICE
December 15, 2011
5:30 P.M.

All open sessions will be recorded. A CD of the recorded meeting is available upon request.

MINUTES

5:30 P.M. OPEN SESSION – District Office

1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:32 PM

By Board President – Nicole Crabb

Members Present

Nicole Crabb

Denis O'Connor

Barbara Warren

Wayne Bishop

Colonel Douglas Barron- Present

Member Absent

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PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

2.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. Guensler said that most of what he has to report on this month will be discussed later in the meeting, with the California State Budget being the “hot” topic.

Mr. Guensler stated that he attended the music program at Lone Tree School this week. Mr. Guensler said that it was an amazing program. Mr. Guensler said that he has attended 100's of elementary music programs over his career and this was in the top 5 that he has ever seen.

Mr. Guensler reported that the District Office was visited by two groups of carolers. The Wheatland Preschool site and Mrs. Garcia's Kindergartners with their buddies from Mrs. Stinson's horticulture class sang. It was a pleasure to have the students at the District Office.

Mr. Guensler shared a tri-fold with the Board with the recently adopted Board Vision, Mission and Goals. He stated that the brochure was given to every employee in the District and has been put at the front offices of our sites and programs for any parents that would like a copy. We also added it to our District website.

2.2 STAFF RECOGNITION

December Recognition

Cory O'Neal

2.3 ENROLLMENT

Current enrollment is 1259 students. This 10 students less than last month (2 went to the Opportunity Class). We currently have 149 students in the Preschool Program which is 3 more than last month.

2.4 PRESENTATION ON THE FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM– Karen Willis

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

There were no comments from the public.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

It was MSC (Bishop -O'Connor) to approve the Consent Agenda.

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

All items on the Consent Agenda will be approved with one motion, which is not debatable and requires a unanimous vote for passage. If any member of the Board, Superintendent, or the public, so request, items may be removed from this section and placed in the regular order of business following the approval of the consent agenda.

4.1 Approved Regular Board Meeting Minutes– November 17, 2011

4.2 Approved Personnel Listing

4.3 Approved Bills and Warrants

5. ORGANIZATION OF THE WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

A. Elections

Wayne Bishop will serve as Board President

Denis O'Connor will serve as Board Clerk

Barbara Warren will serve as the Trustee Representative to the Special Education Council

It was MSC (Warren-Bishop) to approve this action item

B. Time, Date and Place of Regular Board Meetings
All Regular Board Meetings will be held at the District Office

January 19, 2012	5:30 PM
February 16, 2012	5:30 PM
March 15, 2012	5:30 PM
April 19, 2012	5:30 PM
May 17, 2012	5:30 PM
June 21, 2012	5:30 PM
August 16, 2012	5:30 PM
September 13, 2012	5:30 PM
October 18, 2012	5:30 PM
November 15, 2012	5:30 PM
December 13, 2012	5:30 PM

It was MSC (Warren-O'Connor) to approve this action item

C. Appointed Superintendent as Secretary to the Board of Trustees
It was MSC (Bishop-Warren) to approve this action item

D. Authorized Superintendent and Designees to sign Warrants,
Contracts, etc on behalf of the Board.
It was MSC (Warren-Bishop) to approve this action item.

Mr. Guensler thanked Nikki Crabb for her service as Board President.
And he encourages the meetings with him and her involvement.

Mr. Bishop, at this time, took over the role of Board President.

6. ◇ ACTION ITEMS ◇ DISCUSSION ◇ INFORMATION

CODE: (A) = Action (D) = Discussion (I) = Information

Members of the public wishing to comment on any items should complete a yellow **REQUEST TO ADDRESS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** form in the reception area at the District Office. Request forms are to be submitted to the Board Clerk before each item is discussed.

6.1 (D) DISCUSSION REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF THE WHEATLAND ELEMENTARY CAMPUS

Mr. Guensler shared the results of the "Survey for Staff" regarding the re-opening of the Wheatland Elementary School. During the Powerpoint Mr. Guensler included some projected costs on some of the projects.

With a history of declining enrollment, Mr. Guensler offered another option to the Board if they decided not to re-open the Wheatland Elementary campus. The middle School teacher's room would be opened for a primary classroom. That teacher would travel to rooms of teachers on their prep. The music room would be moved and the music teacher would use a rolling cart for materials.

Mr. Wickliff shared some concerns about the costs associated with re-opening the school at this time. He stated that it was only two years ago that at a board meeting that everyone was assured that the District would be saving a lot of money. Nikki Crabb stated that the Board followed the recommendations of the Admin.

Wayne Bishop thanked Mr. Guensler for doing the survey and all of the communication. He thanked Mr. Guensler for giving several options.

Cory O'Neal voiced a concern with swapping teachers and roving teachers. She said that the FRC has two grants for Wheatland Elementary and Bear River. Both sites would be funded.

Jordan Williams said that we need to look at children first. She said that people are always resistant to change. We need to look at the cost of re-opening it but that it may be necessary to lower class sizes.

Ms. Crabb asked that an action item be placed on the January board agenda for a Board vote regarding the re-opening of the Wheatland Elementary School site. She said that if it is approved, that we will need to start the updates and planning. It was a consensus of the Board to place an action item on the January 2012 board agenda regarding the Wheatland Elementary School site.

Mr. Guensler said that if it is approved that he would like to hire a Principal as soon as possible to oversee the updates and move.

6.2. (D) DISCUSSION OF NEW STATE REGULATION REQUIRING TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN

6.3 (A) ADOPTED THE FIRST INTERIM REPORT, BUDGET REVISIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS

It was MSC (Crabb-O'Connor) to approve this action item. Nikki Crabb asked Tami Johnson if the District could use some of the money in Fund 35 for the updates to re-open Wheatland Elementary. Ms. Johnson said that she would find out if it is possible to use that money to re-open Wheatland Elementary. Nikki Crabb said that if that money could be used, it would not come out of the general fund. Ms. Crabb said that money is set aside for construction etc.

6.4 (A) APPROVED SELECTION OF ARCHITECT FOR FUTURE MODERNIZATION OF WHEATLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

It was MSC (Crabb-O'Connor) to approve *Image Works* as the architectural firm to be used for future modernization of the Wheatland Elementary School site. The Board approved this with the stipulation that the District is reassured that we are eligible and will qualify for reimbursement by the State through modernization funds.

6.5 (A) APPROVED APPLICATION FOR BUS REPLACEMENT – CDE – 100 – FOR SMALL SCHOOL DISTRICT AND COUNTY OFFICE OF ED FISCAL YEAR 2011-2012 - Craig Guensler
It was MSC (O'Connor-Warren) to approve this Action Item

6.6 (A) APPROVED THE SUNSHINE OF THE WHEATLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (WESTA) INITIAL PROPOSAL TO THE WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR
It was MSC (Crabb-Warren) to approve this Action Item

7. BOARD COMMENTS

Barbara Warren stated that it has been one year since she was elected to the Wheatland School district Board of Trustees. She said it has been a privilege to serve on the Board.

Nicole Crabb thanked Mr. Guensler for setting up the tour of Lone Tree and the PreSchool's. She said that the music program at Lone Tree was amazing. She also enjoyed the caroling at the District Office. Ms. Crabb said that we have a lot of great things going on in the District.

8. CLOSED SESSION –

**8.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
G.C. 54957.6**

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, the Board will meet in Closed Session to give direction to Agency Negotiator, Craig Guensler, regarding negotiations with W.E.S.T.A., CSEA #626, W.E.S.S. and unrepresented groups.

**8.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL
G.C. 54956.9 (b)**

Regarding existing or anticipated litigation pursuant to Government Code 54956.9. The Board will meet in closed session with legal counsel to discuss existing litigation (legal counsel on phone stand by).

9. RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION – 9:05 PM

9.1 DISCLOSURE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION. IF ANY-

There were no actions taken in closed session.

10. ADJOURNMENT- 9:10 PM