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WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
DISTRICT OFFICE
August 19, 2021
4:30 p.m.

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

MINUTES

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 4:32 PM – Board President Nicole Crabb

Members Present

Nicole Crabb – Board President
Ronna Eaton – Board Clerk
Robin Bogdanoff – Board Member
Ish Medina – Board Member
Raegan Waltz – Board Member

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION – Zoom Begins

2.1 Superintendent Update – Craig Guensler

- Superintendent Guensler introduced Lt Col Bobby Hale. He will be our new liaison with Beale and he'll be a big part of the board. Craig welcomed him and thanked him for being here.
- Superintendent Guensler took the opportunity to thank everyone for getting things up and running for the New Year. We've hired a few new teachers and are still in the process of hiring para educators.
- The two busses ordered last year arrived this week. Both are fully air conditioned and almost all of our busses have air conditioning now.
- We had a staff development day with a couple of snags with presenters not being able to present virtually, but it was handled well. Chad and the principals did a good job of organizing the day.
- Board President Crabb, Board Member Waltz and Superintendent Guensler visited the school sites and every classroom yesterday. He said it was nice to see the students in the classrooms and on the playgrounds. They observed lots of learning taking place. He gave Raegan and Nikki a chance to report on anything they saw. Raegan said it was nice to see the campuses full and lively again. Nikki thought the best part was seeing and watching the kids play. The laughter and normalcy was great to see. She thanked Craig for taking them to the schools.

- Yesterday we had some bus issues with Vassar Gate having only ingoing but not exiting traffic. It's been fixed now, so we shouldn't experience late busses again.
- The next board meeting will be on September 9th. It will be a week earlier than normal due to financials being due to the county before September 15th.
- Craig presented the Air Quality Index Chart and the rules we follow since we received a lot of questions and calls from parent about this because of the fires.

2.2 [Enrollment](#) – Craig Guensler

- There are 1376 students enrolled which is 74 more than last year at this time. The numbers are up and it's good and the reason why we've hired a couple of new teachers.

3. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC** (on items not on the agenda)

The Public may address the Board on any matter pertaining to the school district that is not on the agenda. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person is limited to five (5) minutes. If a large number wish to speak on a specific item, the Board may limit total input to twenty-five (25) minutes on any item. The Board is not allowed to take action on any item, which is not on the agenda except as authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2.

Annette Goodly thanked Lt Col Hale for stepping in as the military representative. She wanted to let people who do not know, she's here to help and support families to transition with the new schools so children will have a successful school year. She said there are a lot of activities coming up, but she'll share more of the details as they get closer. She also reported the Beale Spouses Club has a teacher's grant for \$500.00. She'll send the information to Craig so he can pass it on to the teachers.

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

All items on the Consent Agenda will be approved with one motion. 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 [Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes – June 17, 2021](#)
- 4.2 [Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes – August 2, 2021](#)
- 4.3 [Approve Payroll Register](#)
- 4.4 [Approve Personnel Listing](#)
- 4.5 [Approve Bills and Warrant](#)

It was MSCU (Waltz-Bogdanoff) to approve the Consent Agenda

5. **◇ ACTION ITEMS ◇ INFORMATION**

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

- 5.1 (A) [**AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, CRAIG GUENSLER, TO FILE THE ANNUAL STATEMENT OF NEED FOR EMERGENCY 30-DAY SUBSTITUTE TEACHING PERMIT – Craig Guensler**](#)

It was MSCU (Eaton-Medina) to approve this Action Item

**5.2 (A) APPROVAL OF THE 30-DAY SUBSTITUTE CBEST WAIVER –
Craig Guensler**

It was MSCU (Eaton-Medina) to approve this Action Item

**5.3 (A) AUTHORIZE THE SUPERINTENDENT, CRAIG GUENSLER,
TO FILE THE ANNUAL DECLARATION OF NEED FOR
FULLY QUALIFIED EDUCATORS – Craig Guensler**

It was MSCU (Eaton-Medina) to approve this Action Item

**5.4 (A) APPROVE OUT OF STATE TRAVEL TO INDIANA FOR FFA
QUALIFIERS (2 Students) – Craig Guensler**

It was MSCU (Medina-Eaton) to approve this Action Item

**5.5 (I) COVID GUIDELINES AND MASKING REQUIREMENTS –
Craig Guensler**

- Craig shared a power point presentation. He started by talking about the changes with COVID 19 since last year. According to the State and health department the Delta variant is more contagious than any other variant. Also, according to the health department those infected by the delta variant who are unvaccinated have higher odds of hospitalization. He shared other information from the Health Department that shows that the State continues to make gains in vaccinating Californians however the state is experiencing a high rate of infection due to the Delta variant.
- August 11th the State ordered all teachers and staff must verify they are fully vaccinated. If they are not by October 15th they will have to be screened once a week for COVID testing. The district is currently collecting vaccination copies from employees and are looking for a testing vendor to work with.
- Superintendent Guensler reminded everyone the mandate is coming from the State. It is not a district mandate. Our current protocol is to offer a mask to all students who do not have them and ask them to wear it when they are indoors. Teachers are required to offer and encourage students to wear a mask. If the student does not wear one they will not be excluded and no discipline will be given. Superintendent Guensler asked that parents and guardians stop attacking staff in person and on social media about the masks. They are doing the best they can to follow the protocols and keep students safe.
- Parents, guardians, teachers and community members were given an opportunity to share their frustrations, ask questions or comment on how the start of school went.

6. BOARD COMMENTS

Board member Eaton felt like staff members were being attacked in tonight's meeting. She didn't feel like a board meeting was an appropriate place to bring forward complaints about staff. Craig explained the appropriate chain of command for concerns in the classroom or with an employee. Board Member Medina wonders how long we'll be doing the Zoom Meetings. Craig thinks Zoom meetings will be with us into the future. It's convenient for parents and staff. We'll need to work on getting the board room ready to return to electronically.

7. CLOSED SESSION

7.1 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. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

8.1 DISCLOSURE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY.

9. ADJOURNMENT