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**WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees**  
**DISTRICT OFFICE**  
**November 17, 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

Ish Medina

Barbara Warren

Colonel Douglas Barron- Present

**Member Absent**

Wayne Bishop

**1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**2. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION**

**2.1 SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Mr. Guensler discussed the California voting Rights Act (CVRA). This act requires school districts to evaluate their current election process. Mr. Guensler spoke with a consultant and she does not believe that the Wheatland School District has any areas of concern. The consultant will be sending information to Mr. Guensler.

Mr. Guensler reported that the District received an additional \$230,970 for Impact Aid 2009. He also reported that we found out today that for the first payment on Impact Aid 2012 we were only paid 65% of lot. The District received \$708,763, however, if they would have the full 100% of lot we would have received \$1,090,404. The Board requested that a call be made to Washington, D.C. to find out if additional payments will be received in the current fiscal year. The District will also continue to lose money for Table 9 due to the demolition of houses on the base.

Mr. Guensler reported that the Legislative Analyst released his office's *California Fiscal Outlook* report that includes a \$3.7 billion shortfall. The 2011-2012 budget included provisions that would trigger midyear reductions if revenues didn't reach the optimistic levels upon which the budget was based. Mr. Guensler shared the \$2 billion in trigger cuts which include K-12 revenue limits; Pupil Transportation (including Special Education); Child Development Programs, Community Colleges, University of California, and California State University. Mr. Guensler stated that he and Tami Johnson will be watching this closely.

## **2.2 STAFF RECOGNITION**

### **November Recognition**

Tami Johnson

Chad Swaim

## **2.3 ENROLLMENT**

There are currently 1269 students. That is 7 more students than was reported last month. The Preschool Program has 146 students enrolled.

## **3 COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**

Marianne Miller said that although moving is not easy, that many teachers are looking forward to the re-opening of the old Wheatland Elementary. She said that more and more students have special needs and the class sizes are bigger. She said that she hopes that the classrooms are ready ASAP, so that the staff has time to move their things in. Mr. Guensler said that unfortunately, with the move not starting until students are out at the end of school, it will more than likely be summer before move can happen.

Johnnie Thompson said that she wants to move back to the old Wheatland Elementary campus. She stated that she has thirty students and she agrees that there is an increase of students with special needs. She said that she is hoping for smaller class sizes.

## **4 CONSENT AGENDA**

It was MSC (O'Connor-Medina) 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– October 20, 2011
- 4.2** Approved District Surplus
- 4.3** Approved Bills and Warrants
- 4.4** Approved Personnel Listing

**5. ◇ 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.

**5.1 (D) SET ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

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

The Board set the date and time for this year's Organizational Meeting for December 15, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. at the District Office.

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

Mr. Guensler distributed an update on the cost estimates for re-opening Wheatland Elementary. Mr. Guensler stated that after the Winter Break, that he will schedule a meeting with the teachers. He said that he wants them involved in the planning and implementation of the move and the priorities of the updates/repairs. He said that he will also have a community meeting. He is suggesting a K-3 at that site. It would leave room for growth at both sites. Mr. Guensler said that ideally he would have the Principal, Secretary and Custodian in place by May.

Barbara Warren stated that she feels that the Kindergarten teachers should be consulted about where carpeting in their rooms should be installed. Mrs. Crabb questioned the upkeep of carpet in the classrooms. Mr. Guensler stated that Gary and the other maintenance crew said that it would be easier to maintain with carpet than linoleum. Melissa Luevano stated that even though carpet is quieter, it needs to be cleaned more than once a year.

Nicole Crabb stated that she wants to make the decision ASAP. She said that she is committed to smaller class sizes and that the Board was lead to believe that the Bear River campus could handle the K-8 with room for growth. Denis O'Connor said that he wants to make sure that we are making the best use of the money and that we stay within a budget.

Mr. Guensler stated that he is aware of the parking issues. He said that he will require all staff to park in the back parking lot. Mrs. Crabb said that it was proposed that the large grassy area near the preschool would eventually be paved for the bus turn around and parking. Mr. Guensler said that it is something that they might want to look into again down the road.

**5.3 (D) DISCUSSION OF NEW STATE REGULATION REQUIRING TRANSITIONAL KINDERGARTEN**

**5.4 (A) PUBLIC HEARING AND SUNSHINE OF THE WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT INITIAL PROPOSAL TO THE WHEATLAND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (WESTA) FOR THE 2011/2012 SCHOOL YEAR**  
It was MSC (Medina-O'Connor) to accept the initial proposal of from WESTA.

**5.5 (A) APPROVED A LEAVE OF ABSENCE FOR CONFIDENTIAL EMPLOYEE**  
It was MSC (O'Connor-Warren) to approve this action item

**5.6 (A) APPROVED FOR REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS – ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES**  
It was MSC (Warren-Medina) to approve this action item.

**6. BOARD COMMENTS**

Barbara Warren asked Mr. Guensler about placing mini blinds on the windows in the multi at the district office. She said that she feels that it is a safety issue. Mr. Guensler said that he will check on the cost of the mini blinds. She also said that she enjoyed her visit to the Bear River classrooms.

Mrs. Crabb said that she attended an advisory meeting at Wheatland high School. They discussed the writing skills of many of the students. She said that two of our staff members stated that our District does not concentrate on writing skills.

**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.

**7.2 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

No action was taken in closed session.

**8.0 RETURNED TO OPEN SESSION – 8:20 PM**

**8.1 DISCLOSURE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION. IF ANY-**

There were no actions taken in closed session.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT- 8:25 PM**

