

WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES - REVISED  
March 20, 2018

I. CALL TO ORDER

At 5:00 p.m. John Curiel, President, called to order the Regular Board Meeting of the Westside Union School District Board of Trustees.

II. Flag Salute

Patricia K. Shaw, Vice President

III. ROLL CALL

John Curiel, President – Present  
Patricia K. Shaw, Vice President - Present  
Dr. Linda Jones, Clerk – Present  
Jennifer Navarro, Member – Present  
Steven DeMarzio, Member – Present

SUPERINTENDENT

Regina Rossall – Present

IV. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

V. OTHERS PRESENT

Prof. Amaka Donn, Jennifer Subero, Lauri Massari, Rowdy Dyer, Korina Barefield, Samara Gugler, Rachel Tucker, Delilah Harris, Brian Schiller, Melanie Golyer-Blair, Trudy Valenzuela, Ana Penaloza, Seleana Alden, Brittany Tallasi, Laura Duran, Kristin Frye

VI. M18-152 - The motion was made by Steve DeMarzio seconded by Linda Jones and carried 5/0 to adjourn to closed session at 5:01 p.m. to consider:

- a. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov't Code §54957.6)
- b. Existing/Anticipated/Pending Litigation (Gov't Code §54956.9)  
2 Claims
- c. Conference with Real Property Negotiator
- d. Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release/Appointment Unrepresented Management (Gov't Code §54957)
- e. Pupil Personnel (Ed Code 35146 and 48918)  
2 Cases

VII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at 6:00 p.m.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION

- A. M18-153 - The motion was made by Patricia K. Shaw seconded by Steve DeMarzio and carried 5/0 to approve the Records Panel Review for Case No. RR1718-04
- B. M18-154 - The motion was made by Linda Jones seconded by Jennifer Navarro and carried 5/0 to approve the Expulsion of Student Case No.1718-06.
- C. M18-155 - The motion as made by Steve DeMarzio seconded by Patricia K. Shaw and carried 5/0 to approve Claim Number 1718-06. (Claim 1718-05 was pulled by Administration)

IX. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Leona Valley Site Presentation and Employee Recognitions – Jake Briggs and Shannon Rossall
- B. California Administrative Clear Credential Induction Program – Lauri Massari
- C. Standard Based Grades– Christina Fitzgerald
- D. Fiscal State of Westside Union School District – Shawn Cabey

X. HEARING SESSION/STAFF REPORTS

A. Board Comments:

Steve DeMarzio:

- Leona Valley – A disadvantage is your small size. An advantage is your small size. Dr. Rossall and Mr. Briggs, you are taking full advantage of your size and bringing the stakeholders “closer” to your school. I think Leona Valley is a jewel in Westside.
- Lauri Massari – Very nice in-depth presentation of California Administration Clear Credential Induction Program.
- Chris Fitzgerald– You gave a very engaging presentation on Standards Based Grading; it was outstanding. The teachers in this pilot program seemed to be at ease in this form of grading. I think standard base grading will be good for the teachers and students.
- Shawn Cabey – “Thank you” on the sobering details of our fiscal state.
- There is a lack of skilled labor right now. Women are pursuing fine careers in engineering. Another male dominated field is automotive technician and repair. Young women need to be exposed to these valuable skillsets so they can have more choices when pursuing a career and following their passion.
- Friday mornings seem to be the busiest days at school sites. I did a few site visits a couple of weeks ago, Hillview and Sundown. I also enjoyed visiting and volunteering at my granddaughter’s school, Quartz Hill.
- Gina Rossall is in the running to be appointed to one of the three seats open on the AV Hospital Board of Directors. Congratulations on being at the top of the list of several of the current board members.

Jennifer Navarro:

- Leona Valley - Great job on all your scores; whatever you are doing, keep it up. I love your positive reinforcement calls. I can’t wait to tour Leona Valley.
- Thank you to everyone who presented this evening. I feel a lot more prepared going out into the community especially with the Standards-based grading. I felt that I had a lot of catching up to do on this subject.
- I had a couple of site visits since our last meeting, Del Sur and Anaverde Hills. Thank you to the principals for showing me around. I was able to see a couple of student presentations while I was visiting.

Linda Jones:

- Leona Valley – Kudos on your goals and I think it makes a huge impact to have someone from your team at Leona Valley every day.
- Lauri, thank you for your presentation. I think that this a great program for our district; it keeps our administrators from having to travel to clear their administrator credential.
- Chris, you are doing an awesome job on standards based grading. I am impressed with your team.

- Thank you for your thoughts and prayers at the loss of my sister last week.

Patricia K. Shaw:

- Leona Valley – Good Job on your scores. Whatever you are doing with your 6<sup>th</sup> graders, you should share with the rest of the schools.
- Chris, thank you for your presentation on Standards-based grading, I was excited to hear about how the pilot program is going.

John Curiel:

- Leona Valley – You are doing a great job making the educational experience a positive one. Good job on your tests scores. Thank you. Keep up the hard work that you do.
- Chris, this Board is very serious about Standards-based grading and we will be moving in that direction for the entire district. I am appreciative of what you and your team have done and we want this to be a success. I believe that the test scores will prove it.
- I visited Joe Walker, Valley View, Del Sur, and the Lancaster Chamber meeting. It's not about what you can get but what you can do for your community.
- I applaud you, Gina, for volunteering for the new hospital board.

B. Staff Reports:

1. Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services – Shawn Cabey
  - a. Leona Valley, it was an awesome presentation, thank you.
  - b. Chris, it's really neat to see the fruits of your labor on Standards-based grading. I think what you are doing will make a big difference in student's lives.
  - c. If we could take a minute to remember Ron Bennett, CEO of School Services, he passed away suddenly this weekend. We owe him a lot.
2. Assistant Superintendent Educational Services - Marguerite Johnson
  - a. Shannon and Jake, thank you for all of your work at Leona Valley; it is appreciated.
  - b. I appreciate the work that Lauri put into the induction program.
  - c. Chris, the heart you bring to the table; it has been ugly, messy, and brutal giving some of these presentations. Please extend our thanks to your team.
  - d. Trudy Valenzuela, we truly appreciate all your support; we know it has not been easy, but all the training has paid off for these new teachers.
3. Deputy Superintendent - Robert Hughes
  - a. I thought all of the presentations tonight were very informative.
  - b. Leona Valley, the culture that you have created at both Leona Valley and Anaverde Hills is very cool.
4. Superintendent – Regina Rossall

Mrs. Rossall reviewed the following items with the Trustees:

  - a. Chris, thank you very much. I have been at many of your presentations. You are doing a great job; thank you for your patience. I appreciate all your team's hard work. I appreciate the Board confirming that this is your direction.
  - b. Leona Valley, thank you. I know that this has been a difficult year. Your presentation was well done and most of the Leona Valley teaching staff was here this evening. I know you are working hard to bring that community on board with you.
  - c. Shawn, nice job. We still need to be very conservative with our financing so that long term we can continue the educational programs that our students need.
  - d. Our HR folks have been out recruiting new teachers. We have some classified positions and possibly administrative positions open.

- e. We had one job fair in February, one coming up in April and several job fairs out of town and out of state.
- f. Marguerite, thank you for your administrative training the last couple of days.
- g. AVSBA Dinner is on Tuesday, March 27, 2018, at Lake Los Angeles School.
- h. On April 14, 2018, 8:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m., the Board will be conducting a workshop on Safety at the Wellness Fair at Joe Walker.
- i. All of our site recruitment fairs were held last week. Many of our parents would prefer that we go back to straight attendance zone schools. Many parents do not like schools of choice. There are some concerns that it skews the populations.
- j. Westside Wire will be coming out this week.
- k. Kindergarten Round-ups have started
- l. We are on Spring Break the next two weeks.

XI. PERSONAL APPEARANCES

- A. Westside Union Teachers Association Representative – Bob Dunham, President
- B. California School Employee Association Representative – Jeri Holmes, President
- C. Parent Teachers Association Representative
- D. WAVE Representative – Jennifer Navarro and Robert Hughes
  - Next meeting is Wednesday, April 11, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in Room 4 at the District Office.
  - McDonalds Dine-Out on Wednesday, April 11, 2018, from 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at Ave. N and 50<sup>th</sup> St. W. and Ave L and 30<sup>th</sup> St. W.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR - Continued  
None

XIII. PUBLIC HEARING

A hearing to receive public input on the Westside Union Teachers Association (WUTA) Reopeners to Westside Union School District for the 2018-19 school year opened at 9:16 p.m. and closed at 9:17 p.m.

XIV. BUSINESS SESSION

- A. Organizational/Governance
  1. M18-156- Item 1. Approval of the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of March 20, 2018, as submitted. The motion was made by Patricia K. Shaw seconded by Steve DeMarzio and carried 5/0.
  2. M18-157 - Items 2a – 2f. The motion was made by Patricia K. Shaw seconded by Linda Jones and carried 5/0 to approve the consent agenda.
    - 2a Minutes of the Regular Meeting on March 6, 2018
    - 2b Fundraising Authorization
    - 2c Personnel Report
    - 2d Purchase Orders - Revised
    - 2e Consultant/Contract Agreement Schedule
    - 2f Conference/Workshop Schedule
  3. M18-158 - Item 3. The motion was made by Jennifer Navarro seconded by Steve DeMarzio and carried 5/0 to approve the California Administrative Clear Credential Induction Program
  4. Item 4 - Discussion Item
    - Board Governance

XV. PERSONNEL

5. M18-159 - Item 5. The motion was made by Steve DeMarzio seconded by Patricia K. Shaw and carried 5/0 to approve the Westside Union Teachers Association (WUTA) Reopeners to Westside Union School District
6. M18-160 - Item 6. The motion was made by Patricia K. Shaw seconded by Linda Jones and carried 5/0 to approve to Sunshine Westside Union School District Reopeners to Westside Union Teachers Association (WUTA) and set April 3, 2018, as the date for public hearing to receive community input.
7. M18-161 - Item 7. The motion was made by Linda Jones seconded by Patricia K. Shaw and carried 5/0 to approve to Sunshine California School Employees Association (CSEA) Reopeners to Westside Union School District and set April 3, 2018, as the date for public hearing to receive community input.
8. M18-162 - Item 8. The motion was made by Patricia K. Shaw seconded by Jennifer Navarro and carried 5/0 to approve to Sunshine Westside Union School District Reopeners to California School Employees Association (CSEA) and set April 3, 2018, as the date for public hearing to receive community input.

XVI. BUSINESS

9. M18-163 - Item 9. The motion was made by Steve DeMarzio seconded by Jennifer Navarro and carried 5/0 to approve the Cottonwood Modernization Change Order No. 5 to Monet Construction, Inc.

XVII. NEW BUSINESS

Board Self Evaluation

XVIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

- XIX. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m. by the Board President.



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Linda Jones, Clerk  
April 3, 2018