

WESTSIDE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
October 17, 2017

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. Flag Salute

Marguerite Johnson, Assistant Superintendent Educational Services

III. ROLL CALL

Steven DeMarzio, President– Present
John Curiel, Vice President – Present
Patricia K. Shaw, Clerk - Present
Dr. Linda Jones, Member – Present (Arrived at 5:10 p.m.)
Jennifer Navarro, Member - Absent

SUPERINTENDENT

Regina Rossall – Present

IV. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

None

V. OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Dunham, Andria Blua-Contreras, Alexis Burns Porter, Todd Porter, Jazmine Locke, Jasmine Sims, Jeri Holmes, Rondi Herrera, Gabrielle Rendon, Antoinette Griffin, Jennifer Brustuen, Margaret Lopez, Denise McWilliams, Tim Barker, Laura Duran, Beverly Adams, Autumn Deland

VI. M18-52 - The motion was made by Patricia K. Shaw seconded by John Curiel and carried 3/0 to adjourn to closed session at 5:02 p.m. to consider:

- a. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Gov't Code §54957.6)
- b. Existing/Anticipated/Pending Litigation (Gov't Code §54956.9)
- 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)
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VII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at 6:15 p.m.

VIII. CLOSED SESSION ACTION

None

IX. PRESENTATIONS

- A. Richard Olmstead, Kiwanis – Duck Race
- B. Sundown Site Presentation and Employee Recognition
- C. CAASPP Report – Marguerite Johnson

X. HEARING SESSION/STAFF REPORTS

A. Board Comments:

Linda Jones –Sundown, you are doing a great job. I am glad you are making progress on equity. I would like to extend my condolences to Bud Reams and his family, the Parks family and my prayers continue to be with the Anaverde Hills staff.

Patricia K. Shaw – I wish I could have attended Sundown as a student; what you are doing is off the charts.

John Curiel – Sundown, good job. I like your focus on literacy, keep up the good work. I attended Jennifer Parks’ memorial on Friday evening. I saw the love from her friends and family. It’s a big loss for this district; the school and her family, this is terrible and tragic. Our national leaders debate about firearms and whether or not it’s time to discuss access to firearms; are we going to put our heads in the sand and not have the discussion? We need to have a conversation to get this moving, enough is enough, when will it be the time to have this discussion?. I attended the Latino School Board Association Unity Conference. It was very informative and I found classes that are not normally offered at the CSBA Conference. I attended a workshops on the following: Dual Immersion Programs, I have information on setting this up, DACA and How Food and Emotions Impact Students and School.

Steve DeMarzio – Sundown, I do appreciate you implementing FastForWord. Implementing Standards-Based Grading might be difficult, we would appreciate any comments parents or staff have regarding this report card. We received a letter from Katy ISD, thanking us for the donation of school supplies. I attended the VEX Robotics competition at Joe Walker on Saturday, October 14, 2017.

B. Staff Reports

1. Assistant Superintendent Administrative Services – Shawn Cabey
 - a. Sundown, your attendance data is great.
2. Assistant Superintendent Educational Services - Marguerite Johnson
 - a. Sundown, very nicely done. I appreciate how you have taken district-wide programs and are making them work for your students. It’s so clear that you are attending to everything a student needs. I am confident that you are going to see the growth you are working toward.
 - b. Last week we had Parent/Teacher Conferences on Monday and Tuesday; we used those days to train our classified staff.
 - c. Our first report card meeting with parents was this morning at Esperanza. We had 18 parents attend. While they saw the value of the information, there were concerns. One concern was for students who were used to getting “A”’s and how would they feel if they don’t see those letter grades. At the sites, we have set up morning and evening meetings. Tomorrow after school, we will be meeting with Quartz Hill parents.
 - d. We had the opportunity to partner with CSEA on a diversity training for our office staff last Tuesday and Wednesday. AVSTA staff were also invited to attend these trainings.
3. Deputy Superintendent - Robert Hughes
 - a. I have always enjoyed the culture at Sundown, nice presentation.
4. Superintendent – Regina Rossall

Mrs. Rossall reviewed the following items with the Trustees:

 - a. You have shown a lot of commitment and I am very impressed with your presentation this evening.
 - b. Each school has written three of their own goals. They will be presenting these goals along with three Board Goals during their site presentation to the Board.
 - c. I would like to ditto what everyone has said about Sundown’s presentation.

- d. We did a survey about what kind of schools of choice parents would like; the draws were STEM and STEAM. I was surprised that parents did not pick a dual immersion school over STEM and STEAM schools.
- e. We have three brand new teachers at Anaverde Hills that each speak a different foreign language. If we can get them properly credentialed, they would like to offer a foreign language class for middle school students.
- f. I did attend about an hour of the parent meeting at Esperanza this morning. Parents did not seem to care how their student did on the SBAC, but are concerned about their students receiving an “A” on the report card, even if it was based on extra credit that had nothing to do with academic achievement. It was a little disheartening for me and I think for Chris Fitzgerald. We will see how it goes at the meeting on Thursday evening at Esperanza. They like the concept of standards-based grading but wanted their children to receive an “A” if they understand the concept. They like the report card, but want a report card that gives a letter grade. It will be interesting to see how the Sundown community feels. Marguerite and her staff did an excellent job with their School-Based Grading presentation.
- g. I would like to thank the entire district on the amount of generosity and concern that I saw with the loss of Mrs. Parks over the last few weeks. She was truly an outstanding teacher. I worked with her for eight weeks in my Brandman class to get her to come to Westside. Every one of our schools stepped out to help the Anaverde Hills staff. Our crisis team did a wonderful job meeting with students and staff. The staff did a great job with the vigil and participating in every event on behalf of Jennifer Parks. It reinforces how generous we are as a Westside family. It is wonderful to know that if there is a need, we all come together. I have been so impressed with the outpouring from staff and the community.
- h. On another sad note one of our CSEA staff loss her husband last week.

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 – Patricia Shaw and Robert Hughes
 - a. At the last meeting, WAVE gave out nine grants totaling about \$9,000.

XII. ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR - Continued

None

XIII. PUBLIC HEARING

None

XIV. BUSINESS SESSION

- A. Organizational/Governance
 1. M18-53 - Item 1. Approval of the agenda of the Regular Board Meeting of October 17, 2017, as submitted. The motion was made by John Curiel seconded by Patricia K. Shaw and carried 4/0.
 2. M18-54 - Items 2a – 2f. The motion was made by John Curiel seconded by Patricia K. Shaw and carried 4/0 to approve the consent agenda.
 - 2a Minutes of the Regular Meeting on October 3, 2017
 - 2b Fundraising Authorizations
 - 2c Personnel Report

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- 2d Purchase Orders
 - 2e Consultant/Contract Agreement Schedule
 - 2f Conference/Workshop Schedule
3. Item 3 - Discussion Item
- Board Governance

XV. BUSINESS

4. M18-55 - Item 4. The motion was made by John Curiel seconded by Patricia K. Shaw and carried 4/0 to approve the second and final reading of the Revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulation:
- BP/AR 3551, Food Service Operations/Cafeteria Plan
 - BP 7214, General Obligation Bonds
5. M18-56 - Item 5. The motion was made by Patricia K. Shaw seconded by John Curiel and carried 4/0 to approve the first reading of the revised Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:
- AR 3580, District Records
 - BP/AR 5113, Absences and Excuses
 - BP 6176, Weekend/Saturday Classes
 - BP 7212, Mello-Roos Districts

XVI. NEW BUSINESS

None

XVII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

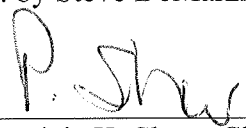
XVIII. CLOSED SESSION Continued

XIX. CLOSED SESSION ACTION

M18-57 - The motion was made by John Curiel seconded by Patricia K. Shaw and carried 4/0 to uphold the Records Review Committees recommendation for student number RR1718-01.

XX. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION at 9:46 p.m.

XXI. ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 9:48 p.m. by Steve DeMarzio, President.



Patricia K. Shaw, Clerk
November 7, 2017