

WEST COVINA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

September 14, 2021

The Board of Education of the West Covina Unified School District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, September 14, 2021 in the Board Room of the Administration Building, 1717 West Merced Avenue, West Covina, California.

CALL TO ORDER The meeting was called to order by President Eileen Miranda Jimenez at 5:30 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENT
PERIOD REGARDING
CLOSED SESSION ITEMS There was no public comment regarding Closed Session items.

CLOSED SESSION The Board adjourned to Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. to consider:

- A. Public Employee Appointment/Complaint/Discipline/Dismissal/Employment/Transfer (Government Code Section 54957)
- B. Conference with labor negotiators (Government Code 54957.6)
Employee Organization: Teachers Association of West Covina
Employee Organization: California School Employees Association, Chapter #91. Negotiator: Michael F. Seaman
- C. Conference with Legal Counsel – Existing Litigation – Six Cases
Government Code Section 54956.9(d)(1), Case No. 217295; Case No. 215943; Case No. 205628; Case No. 205629; Case No. 217320; Case No. 217339

The Board adjourned Closed Session at 5:55 p.m.

OPEN SESSION Open Session reconvened at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call Present:

Members
Eileen Miranda Jimenez
Rose Lopez, Ed.D.
Michael Flowers
Juanita Cruz
Joe Magallanes

Ryana Aboul Hosn, EHS, Student Representative

Interim Superintendent
Juan Lopez

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Mrs. Miranda Jimenez reported the following out of Closed Session:

Moved by Ms. Cruz, seconded by Mr. Flowers, to approve the settlement agreement related to Case No. 217295.

Vote: Unanimous

Moved by Mr. Flowers, seconded by Mr. Magallanes, to approve the settlement agreement related to Case No. 215943.

Vote: Unanimous

Moved by Mr. Magallanes, seconded by Ms. Cruz, to approve the settlement agreement related to Case No. 205628.

Vote: Unanimous

Moved by Mr. Flowers, seconded by Mr. Magallanes, to approve the settlement agreement related to Case No. 205629.

Vote: Unanimous

Moved by Mr. Flowers, seconded by Mr. Magallanes, to approve the settlement agreement related to Case No. 217320.

Vote: Unanimous

Moved by Mrs. Miranda Jimenez, seconded by Mr. Magallanes, to approve the settlement agreement related to Case No. 217339.

Vote: Unanimous

PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing:
Education Protection
Account (EPA)

A Public Hearing was hereby declared open at 6:06 p.m. for the purpose of hearing public input on the Education Protection Account (EPA).

There being no further comment, the Public Hearing was declared closed at 6:06 p.m.

PRESENTATIONS

Cameron Griffin,
Representative for
Assemblywoman Blanca
Rubio, 48th District –
Presentation to the
Mental Wellness Program

Mr. Griffin was on hand to present a certificate and congratulate the members of the Mental Wellness Program for their amazing work and wished the District continued success in all they do.

Superintendent Search:
Leadership Profile
Presentation – Dr. Suzette
Lovely and Dr. Gary
Rutherford, Consultants
of Education Support
Services (ESS)

Dr. Suzette Lovely and Dr. Gary Rutherford presented the results of the public input as part of the search for a new superintendent. The Leadership Profile consisted of input from all stakeholders, students, teachers, employees, parents, administrators and community. What all groups had in common was the universal opinion that WCUSD is an excellent district and fixture in the community. Some of the challenges facing the new superintendent and District is communication, particularly at this unprecedented time, the governance team in transition and declining enrollment. What people would like to see in the new superintendent is one who communicates, is responsive and friendly, and someone who can market the District to the outside. The Board was very pleased with the results and accepted the Leadership Profile.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the audience addressed the Board regarding the use of facilities fees for local sports organizations.

BUSINESS SESSION

Approval of Agenda
and Consent Items
#46

Moved by Mr. Magallanes, seconded by Dr. Lopez, to approve the agenda and consent items for the regular meeting of September 14, 2021, with the removal of item #D7 from the Consent Calendar.

Vote: Unanimous

Minutes of Meeting
#47

By consent, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of August 24, 2021, as presented.

Board Member
Conference Attendance
#48

By consent, to approve conference attendance for Board Members Joe Magallanes and Eileen Miranda Jimenez to participate in the California School Boards Association Masters in Governance – School Finance Virtual Conference, October 1 – 2, 2021.

Board Policy – First and Second Reading #49	By consent, to approve, for first and second reading, and adopt the following Board Policies (BP) and Administrative Regulations (AR), as presented: BP 0415, Equity AR 1312.3, Uniform Complaint Procedures BP 1313, Civility AR 4112.42, Drug and Alcohol Testing for School Bus Drivers BP/AR 4158, Employee Security BP 5141.4, Child Abuse and Neglect (Reporting Procedures) BP/AR 5141.52, Suicide Prevention BP 5145.12, Search and Seizure BP 5145.9, Hate Motivated Behavior BP 6142.5, Environmental Education AR 6162.51, State Academic Achievement Tests AR 6183, Home and Hospital Instruction
Information Report: Agenda Preparation #50	Staff presented an overview of the process of building an agenda for the Board of Education Meetings. Beginning two weeks prior to the meeting, the steps were outlined for the Board, from the moment sites send in items to be placed on the agenda, Cabinet review and development of the agenda, Board President and Cabinet review, and printing and distribution of the agenda, including to the Board. Mr. Lopez invited individual members to join the planning meeting with the Board President.
Consultant Services Agreements #51	By consent, to approve the consultant services agreements, as presented.
Master Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) by and between The County of Los Angeles and the West Covina Unified School District (WCUSD) #52	By consent, to approve the MOA between the County of Los Angeles and WCUSD, as presented.
Out of State Conference #53	By consent, to approve the out of state conference, as presented.
Personnel Report #54	By consent, to approve and/or ratify the personnel recommendations, as referred on Reference Pages C1-C1f, as presented.

2021 – 2022 Purchase Orders #55 By consent, to approve and/or ratify Purchase Orders, as presented, on Reference Page D1.

Warrants #56 By consent, to accept A and B Warrants, as presented on Reference Page D2.

Amendment to Contract #57 By consent, to approve the amendment to the contract, as presented; further, to authorize budget transfers, purchase orders, and release of warrants in support of these contracts.

Resolution No. 002122-BS001: Amendment to Contract with ACC Contractors #58 By consent, to approve Resolution No. 002122-BS001 Amendment to Contract with ACC Contractors, as presented; further, to authorize budget transfers, purchase orders, and release of warrants in support of these contracts.

Notice of Completion #59 By consent, to declare the listed projects to be substantially completed and authorize District Staff to file the appropriate notice with the County of Los Angeles. Any retention funds may be released sixty days after the Notice of Completion is filed.

Resolution for GANN Appropriation Limit #60 By consent, to adopt the resolution to establish the District's appropriation limit.

The Board recessed from 7:28 – 7:32 p.m.

2020 – 2021 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report #61 Moved by Dr. Lopez, seconded by Ms. Cruz, to approve the 2020 – 2021 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report, as presented.
Vote: Unanimous

ADJOURNMENT There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting of September 14, 2021 was adjourned at 7:48 p.m. by President Eileen Miranda Jimenez.

Michael Flowers, Clerk
Board of Education