

WEST COVINA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Education Meeting

April 12, 2022

The Board of Education of the West Covina Unified School District met in Regular Session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 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 Rose Lopez at 5:02 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 5:03 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 – Significant Exposure to
Litigation Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9(d2) –
Settlement with Employee No. UJ2300825

The Board adjourned Closed Session at 5:26 p.m.

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

Roll Call Present:

Members

Rose Lopez, Ed.D.

Michael Flowers

Juanita Cruz (absent)

Joe Magallanes (absent)

Eileen Miranda Jimenez

Payton Zarceno, Mt. SAC ECA, Student Representative

Superintendent

Emy Flores, Ed.D.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

Dr. Lopez reported the following out of Closed Session:

Moved by Mr. Flowers, seconded by Mrs. Miranda Jimenez, to approve the settlement agreement related to Employee ID #UJ2300825.

Ayes: Lopez, Flowers, Miranda Jimenez

Absent: Cruz, Magallanes

PRESENTATIONS

Monte Vista Elementary
School

Principal Damian Kessler was happy to present some of the amazing things happening at Monte Vista School. With the goal that students should be excited, Monte Vista not only focuses on academics, but on the various activities and opportunities students have to express themselves and enjoy school. Everything from Dual Immersion, Robotics, golf, coding, folklorico and yoga ensure that this No Excuses University is determined to have students achieve inside and outside the classroom.

GSGV Rotary
Presentation

Louanne Arredondo from Rotary International, along with representatives from Senator Susan Rubio and Assemblywoman Blanca Rubio's offices, along with the Women's Club, were there to recognize Orangewood Principal Janet Shirley and her staff for their part in sending a boy across country named Hudson words of encouragement after he was ridiculed after an incident with his prosthetic arms. The video sent to Hudson showed Orangewood's students sending words of encouragement for the young boy. Ms. Arredondo, along with the Board, gave thanks to Ms. Shirley for instilling the gracious attitude of giving to her students and staff.

Mamma Mia

West Covina High School Interim Principal Melissa Garcia was proud to introduce Michaela Olivas (daughter of Band Director Steve Olivas), who sang a song from their hit musical, Mamma Mia. Michaela gave a tearful rendition of The Winner Takes It All, leaving her audience near tears. The Board also congratulated Tyler Wigglesworth and Kim Segura, who were also on hand, for the amazing program and talent they have developed at West Covina High.

ITEMS FROM THE
FLOOR

A member of the audience addressed the Board regarding a concern at a school.

BUSINESS SESSION

Approval of Agenda
and Consent Items
#243

Moved by Mr. Flowers, seconded by Dr. Lopez, to approve the agenda and consent items for the regular meeting of April 12, 2022, with the removal of items #A5 and #A6 from the Consent Calendar.

Ayes: Lopez, Flowers, Miranda Jimenez
Absent: Cruz, Magallanes

Minutes of Meeting
#244

By consent, to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting of March 22, 2022, as presented.

Board Member
Absence
#245

By consent, to approve the resolution for compensation to Board Members Dr. Rose Lopez and Ms. Juanita Cruz in their absence at the March 22, 2022 Board of Education Meeting.

Board Member
Conference Attendance
#246

By consent, to approve conference attendance for Board Member Joe Magallanes to participate in the California School Boards Association's Masters in Governance Virtual Conference, School Finance Part 1 & 2, April 29 – 30, 2022.

Special Board of
Education Meeting
#247

Moved by Mrs. Miranda Jimenez, seconded by Mr. Flowers, to approve the date of May 2, 2022 to hold a Special Board of Education Meeting to develop relationship practices and establish district goals.

Ayes: Lopez, Flowers, Miranda Jimenez
Absent: Cruz, Magallanes

Resolution to Order
Absence
#248

Moved by Mrs. Miranda Jimenez, seconded by Dr. Lopez, to adopt a Resolution Ordering Governing Board Member Election on Tuesday, November 8, 2022.

Ayes: Lopez, Flowers, Miranda Jimenez
Absent: Cruz, Magallanes

Information Report:
COVID-19 Update
#249

Staff had a brief report, stating that everything continues to open up and cases have been minimal, even at zero for one week.

Information Report: Personnel Introductions #250	Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Mike Seaman introduced the new Director of Special Projects, Dr. Jenel Edlund, and the new Principal for the Mt. SAC Early College Academy, Dr. Ryan McDonnel. Both expressed their thanks to the Board and their eagerness to begin their assignments in West Covina.
Consultant Services Agreements #251	By consent, to approve the consultant services agreements, as presented.
Extended Study Trips #252	By consent, to approve the extended study trips, as presented.
Out of State Conference Attendance #253	By consent, to approve the out of state conference attendance, as presented.
A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan #254	By consent, to approve the A-G Completion Improvement Grant Plan, as presented.
Information Report: Community Advisory Committee (CAC) Programs #255	Special Education Director Lori Williams and her staff were on hand to present the contributions of the East San Gabriel Valley Special Education Local Plan (SELPA) Community Advisory Committee, (CAC). She highlighted three parents that have made a huge impact on the program; Tavia Lawson, Julie Lopez, and Kristy Reil. These amazing women have helped support the CAC for several years and are also parents of students with special needs. The Board expressed their admiration to all of them and their contribution to our most needy children.
Personnel Report #256	By consent, to approve and/or ratify the personnel recommendations, as referred on Reference Pages C1-C1f, as presented.
University Student Fieldwork/Practicum Agreement #257	By consent, to approve the university student fieldwork/practicum agreement, as presented.
2021 – 2022 Purchase Orders #258	By consent, to approve and/or ratify Purchase Orders, as presented, on Reference Page D1.
Warrants #259	By consent, to accept A and B Warrants, as presented on Reference Page D2.

Gifts to the District
#260

By consent, to accept the gifts, on behalf of the district, as presented.

One-Year Contract
Milk and Dairy
#261

By consent, to approve a one-year contract to Driftwood Dairy for milk and dairy; further, to authorize budget transfers, purchase orders, and release of warrants in support of this contract.

West Covina High
School Synthetic Track
and Turf Surfacing –
FieldTurf (A Tarkett
Company) and Beynon
Sports (A Tarkett
Company)
#262

By consent, to approve the Track and Turf Surfacing at West Covina High School, as presented.

Award of Contracts
#263

By consent, to approve the award of contracts, as presented; further, to authorize budget transfers, purchase orders, and release of warrants in support of these contracts.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Regular Meeting of April 12, 2022 was adjourned at 7:55 p.m. by President Rose Lopez.

Juanita Cruz, Clerk
Board of Education