

West Park Elementary School District

Special Board Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2021

I. OPENING BUSINESS

- a. Call public Session to order by Board President Aida Garcia at 5:05 pm
- b. Roll Call : Aida Garcia-Present
Thomas Deubert-Absent
Mark Vivenzi-Present
Anna Benavidez-present
(1 Open seat)
- c. Pledge of Allegiance – Led by Aida Garcia
- d. Adopt Agenda;
The Board wants to table Action Items D through H, and move closed session to after VIII. Action Items. Board Member Benavidez motions, Board Member Vivenzi seconds the motion.
Vivenzi: Yes
Benavidez: Yes
Garcia: Yes
1 Absent
1 Open Seat
- e. Identify Closed Session Topics of Discussion; Mr. Vigil identifies the closed topics of discussion.
- f. Allow for Public to comment on closed session topics

II. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Mr. Dennis; understand the funding from the Covid money being sent back, why is that? The Board tabled it until new information and comparisons can be made. This will be brought back to the July meeting. We have until 2022 to bring it back.

Tony Silva; along with WPECA, met with the District on a quarterly basis normally (before Covid), since the pandemic started WPECA and the District met every other week. Teachers were having to pass out packets to community during fires, even when people shouldn't have been outside. Other Schools Teacher Unions fought hard to not even return to school for in person instruction, but our teachers wanted to come back because they know that's what was best for students. \$4000 per teacher is comparable to other districts, but the board does have the power to negotiate. Board Member Benavidez tells Mr. Silva that there was a stipend given at the beginning of the school year to staff working outside their contracted time and it was being looked into to see if it was done legally. Mr. Silva says that no certificated staff received that.

Mrs. Ortega; These funds were earmarked specifically for personnel. Students have gotten lots of things from the very beginning. All jobs changed due to Covid. Cafeteria prepped countless meals, maintenance provided weekly tents and disinfected rooms numerous times a day, technology set up all Chromebooks and hotspots for every student.

Mrs. Vivenzi; The staff is giving the public incorrect information, maybe they've been given the wrong information. Teachers are selfishly asking for money when that money could go to students.

Ms Carnahan; Went to WPESD, family still lives in the community. Now she is involved in higher education teaching elementary teachers how to teach. Hopes that WPESD board stands up for the teachers and offers stipends for the work they did outside of their job description. In Modesto, where she works, they gave stipends to everyone.

Mr. Bajada; Previously it was stated that there was no reason to give for the "no". It was just a "no" not a "more information is needed".

III. CONSENT CALENDAR

The Board asks for invoices that they had previously requested. Mr. Vigil provides them. The Board Asks questions on the list of possible Certificated Stipends we have available.

- When was the last time we had debate? – We had it before the pandemic, but not during the pandemic.
- Do we currently have ASP? – Yes, they are the ones running our summer camp
- When was the last time we had track? – 2019 it was last implemented.
- Do we currently have a reading program? – Yes it is now the Reading Core, previously it was 'Reading and Beyond'. Reading Core is for students that are behind in reading, but they run their own program.
- What is the GATE? – We don't call it gate anymore, now we call it enrichment.

The Board asks what was the truck rental for on the list on invoices? – Mr. Vigil says it was most likely the freezer truck we had to rent when one of our freezers went down, but he will look into it. The Board wants to table the Consent Calendar until the next meeting to get a breakdown on number 1. Board Member Vivenzi motions to table, Board Member Benavidez seconds the motion.

Vivenzi: Yes

Benavidez: Yes

Garcia: Yes

0 Noes

1 Absent

1 Open Seat

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Chromebooks for WPCA Graduating Seniors, R. Elizondo

Mr. Elizondo is not in attendance so this will be tabled until the July meeting when Mr. Elizondo has returned.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL: Inter-District Transfer 2022-6 through 2022-12

Board Member Vivenzi motions to approve, Board Member Benavidez seconds the motion.

Vivenzi: Yes

Benavidez: Yes

Garcia: Yes

1 Absent

1 Open Seat

- B. APPROVAL: Resolution 2021-8; Temporary Interfund Transfers of Special or Restricted Fund Moneys

Board Member Benavidez motions to approve, there was no second. Mr Vigil requests a reason why it wasn't seconded. The Board wants the transfers to be approved by the board not just the superintendent.

Public Comment: Mrs. Johnson asks to turn off the chat since it is getting really negative and disrespectful. The Board chooses to keep the chat open as to not censor the public.

Board Member Vivenzi asks why this resolution is coming as all transfers as a whole and not each individual one at a time. Board Member Vivenzi motions to table this until next meeting. Board Member Benavidez seconds the motion.

Vivenzi: Yes

Benavidez: Yes

Garcia: Yes

1 Absent

1 Open Seat

- C. APPROVAL: Education Protection Account (EPA) Proposition 30 Spending Plan
The Board requests more of a breakdown of where the money is going, such as Elementary and Charter. Board Member Vivenzi motions to approve, Board Member Benavidez seconds the motion.

Benavidez: Yes

Vivenzi: Yes

Garcia: Yes

0 Noes

1 Absent

1 Open Seat

- D. APPROVAL: Request to Open Salary Negotiations

Tabled for later meeting.

- E. APPROVAL: Request for New Position: WPCA Reading Specialist

Tabled for later meeting.

- F. APPROVAL: Request for New Position: WPCA PBIS/Liason Coordinator

Tabled for later meeting.

- G. APPROVAL: Request for New Position: WPCA Mathematics Teacher

Tabled for later meeting.

- H. APPROVAL: Pandemic Retention funds

Tabled for later meeting.

- I. APPROVAL: Resolution 2021-9 Preschool Authorized Signature

Board Member Vivenzi motions to approve, Board Member Benavidez seconds the motion.

Vivenzi: Yes

Benavidez: Yes

Garcia: Yes

0 Noes

1 Absent

1 Open Seat

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RE: CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

No comments at this time.

VII. CLOSED SESSION

Board Member Vivenzi motions to move into closed session, Board Member Benavidez seconds the motion.

Vivenzi: Yes

Benavidez: Yes

Garcia: Yes

0 Noes

1 Absent

1 Open Seat

Moved into closed session at 6:12pm

VIII. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

Board Member Vivenzi motions to come out of closed session, Board Member Benavidez seconds the motion. Return to Open Session at 7:00pm. No decisions were made in closed session.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS (Oral Briefings)

WPECA, R. Johnson

- Six teachers prepared for ELO immediately after regular year ended.
- All is going well, seeing students, hoping to get them prepared for next grade level
- Everyone else is enjoying their break.

West Park Charter Academy, R-G Vigil

- Mr. Vigil presents a brief slideshow on end of year activities for charter.
- They had a luncheon with the valedictorian and the salutatorian.

The Board asks what a learning period is – It's how the year is broken down for when to turn in attendance and work.

X. MISCELLANEOUS REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

a. Cash Flow Report and Revenue through May 2021;

Presented by Mr. Vigil, also presents enrollment/average daily attendance.

b. Maintenance and Operations; Presented by Mr. Vigil

- Continuing cleaning and disinfection
- Each asp classroom can seat 14 kids
- 2 lighted stop signs were installed

Board Member Benavidez points out that there is a table out by the blacktop that is broken and needs to be removed.

c. Technology Report; Presented by Mr. Vigil

- Tech is working to support ASP with Summer Program
- Cleaning up classroom cables

Board Member Benavidez says our district should get a translator for these meetings, or some sort of device or software that we can give to parents. There are other District websites that with one click it will turn their website into Spanish. Mr. Vigil believes we already have that capability but he will double check.

XI. DISCUSSION ITEMS/INFORMATION

- A. Certificated Positions at WPE for 2021/2022 School Year, R-G Vigil
There will be new position requests coming to the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.
- B. Educeri, R-G Vigil
Curriculum to help make lesson plans – adjust already made lesson plans to fit the classroom accordingly. Educeri is a Dataworks product.
- C. Public Hearing: 2021-2022 Proposed Budget West Park Elementary School District/West Park Charter Academy, R-G Vigil/Y. Padilla
Mr. Vigil presents the proposed budget for 2021/2022 School Year.
- D. Proposed Reserve Requirements WPE, R-G Vigil/Y. Padilla
Mr. Vigil presents the proposed reserve requirements.
- E. Public Hearing; LCAP: WPE and WPCA, R-G Vigil
Mr. Vigil goes over the LCAP for both Elementary and Charter. Board Member Benavidez asks when the surveys went out – they went out electronically and during packet pick up at the beginning of the year and mid-year. The Board Requests copies of the surveys. Board Member Benavidez thinks we need more Paraprofessionals, out of our Covid money we received. We will bring to the July Meeting.
- F. Resolution 2021-03 – Interfunding Transfer, R-G Vigil/Y. Padilla
Mr. Vigil presents the Resolution form last year showing the money that was transferred was transferred back to general fund from preschool.

*8:10pm – The Power went out. *

Board Member Benavidez asks about the possibility of getting a Wi-Fi tower for our community. Perhaps using Covid money. Mr. Vigil says we can look into it and see about using Covid funds, might not be available for that.

XII. RETURN TO CLOSED SESSION (as needed)

Closed session not needed

XIII. ADVANCED PLANNING

Next Special Board Meeting scheduled for June 30, 2021 – only for 3 items.

Next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for July 12, 2021

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Board Member Vivenzi motions to adjourn, Board Member Benavidez seconds the motion.

Vivenzi: Yes

Benavidez: Yes

Garcia: Yes

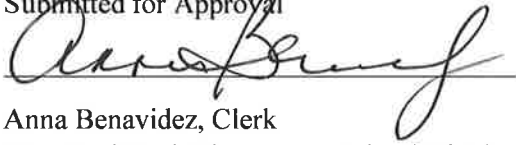
0 Noes

1 Absent

1 Open Seat

Meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm

Submitted for Approval

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Anna Benavidez", written over a horizontal line.

Anna Benavidez, Clerk

West Park Park Elementary School District, Board of Trustees
Fresno County, CA

7-13-21

Date