

West Park Elementary School District
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD TRUSTEES
Monday May 9, 2022, 5:30 p.m.

West Park Elementary School Cafeteria

CALL TO ORDER

Board President Vivenzi called the meeting to order at 5: 32 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board Members present:, Anna Benavidez, Aida Garcia Kimberly Vivenzi and Mark Vivenzi .
(1 OPEN SEAT)

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board president Vivenzi

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve by Board Member Anna Benavidez, 2nd by Board Member Aida Garcia
Final Resolution: Motion Carries

OATH OF OFFICE

Board President Kimberly Vivenzi congratulates newly elected Board Member Araceli Lopez
and welcomes her to be sworn in by Acting Superintendent Darrell Yates.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD RE: CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

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comments to no more than four (4) minutes pursuant to Board policy. Following public
comment on closed session agenda items, the Board will immediately recess into closed
session.

There was no public comment.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Ms. Garcia has some questions regarding the warrants. She has asked for invoices and follow up will be given by the District Office.

Mark Vivenzi: Motion to approve

Anna Benavides: 2nd

Kimberly Vivenzi: Yes

Aida Garcia: Yes

Araceli Lopez: Yes

Vote: 5/0

A. Routine business transactions, annual renewal of programs, bids, agreements, notices of public hearings, and proclamations:

1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes April 11, 2022
2. Special Board Meeting Minutes April 18, 2022
3. Warrants for April 2022
4. Payroll for April 2022
5. Cash flow report 2022
6. Revenue Report
7. Offer of Employment Classified / Certificated 2022-2023 School Year
8. Inter-District Transfer
9. Acceptance of Resignations

REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

A. Board Report

The Board does not have a report at this time.

B. Maintenance Report

(Presented by Ruben Rangel MOT Director)

Ruben has provided some pictures of improvements made during Spring Break. He gave an update on Green Lawn equipment for purchase. He is looking into grants that will cover the cost of having A/C Units in the cafeteria. West Park currently has Swamp coolers.

C. IT Report

(Presented by Randy Randolph)

Received funding for our E-rate this year. West Park will be reimbursed up to 90% of the internet costs which will come out to about \$35,000.

He also had the opportunity to interview the Charter Seniors and was very impressed by them and was excited for their future.

D. Cafeteria Report

(Presented by Darrell Yates)

Were still experiencing shortages. We're working closely with our vendors to ensure we provide our students with healthy meals. Boxed meals were going to be distributed the following Wednesday.

E. West Park Elementary

F. Charter Academy

(E. and F. Presented by Mr. Yates)

West Park is currently testing its students. CAASP and ELPAC are being completed.

Sports are complete and it was an exciting time here at West Park. Big Thanks to Coach Vela, Mr. Yang and Ms. Robles.

He will continue to send out communications regarding our 8th grade activities from West Park Elementary as well as Charter events.

He would like to showcase individuals each month moving forward.

He would like to recognize Christina Ortega.

“Circumstances and opportunities have found me on many occasions to be in Mrs. Ortega’s classroom, and each time I have been there, I have found a caring and inclusive environment of which Mrs. Ortega is the cause. Mrs. Ortega has not only prepared her students for the next year of their educational experience, but she is their true friend and my trusted colleague.”

Secondly, he would like to recognize Mr. Ruben Rangel.

“It’s amazing how much respect Ruben has earned in his brief tenure at West Park. Ruben is indeed a selfless leader, willing to devote as much of himself serving breakfast to kinders as he does organizing and managing our maintenance and operations team. West Park is indeed fortunate that Ruben made his way to us.”

Finally, Beatriz Rea.

“Beatriz is a rare individual indeed. Not only is she ready to take on any responsibility offered to her, but I have yet to find any limit to her abilities. As a first year testing coordinator, Beatriz has fully accepted the responsibility, growing in her capacity as a leader in the process. Beatriz is wise beyond her experience and capable beyond measure.”

There are many others who also positively impact the culture here at West Park. He looks forward to sharing those, in the months to come.

ACTION ITEMS

A. APPROVAL: 2022-2023 West Park Elementary School Calendar
Calendar has been tabled

B. APPROVAL: 2022-2023 West Park Charter Academy Calendar
Calendar has been tabled

C. APPROVAL: Chromebooks for WPCA Graduating Seniors

Public comment: (Hopie Pineda)

She is asking for the 8th graders to also be allowed to keep their Chromebook from West Park Elementary. If West Park Charter is able to do it for their senior students, then the Elementary should do it too.

Anna Benavidez: Motion to approve

Aida Garcia: 2nd

Kimberly Vivenzi: Yes

Mark Vivenzi: Yes

Araceli Lopez: Yes

Vote: 5/0

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Public Comment:

(Tony Silva WPECA Representative)

He strongly urges the Board to reconsider the non-re-election of 4 teachers.

Decisions were made without evaluations but possible retaliation by the previous Superintendent.

(Mrs. Ortega 2nd Grade Teacher)

Spoke about concerns and qualities of her partner, Eve McGuire. Asking the board to reconsider her employment. They have built a relationship and it doesn't happen overnight.

(Hopie Pineda Grandparent)

Addresses concerns with the lack of staff at West Park. She can't make sense of why West Park would let these teachers go without an evaluation, when West Park has teacher positions needing to be filled. She is also concerned with it being the Board President and/or the Superintendents responsibility to let other Board Members know

about training sessions provided by CSBA. They shouldn't pick and choose who they let know about these trainings.

(Robin Johnson Kindergarten Teacher)

Speaking on behalf of herself. Asking the Board to reconsider for the kids' safety. Connections are being made and the children need to feel safe.

(Devon Corrente Assistant to the Superintendent)

Stated that CSBA sends multiple emails daily on trainings to all Board Members and it cannot fall on the Board President or the Superintendent, as there are a wide variety of trainings being offered. The individuals who had training all reached out individually to her, asking to be set up for the trainings they wanted to attend. Devon offered to keep an eye out for any specific trainings Ms. Garcia would like to attend and could reach out to her if she came across anything related. Ms. Garcia thanked Devon for clarifying how this process works.

(Molly Garcia Parent and Community Member)

Stated that every one of them has been elected into these positions. They have to open emails, respond and say what they need. She remembers when her Mother was elected to become a Board Member, she wasn't provided any direction on where to get training. She had to go out and find it on her own. She congratulated new member Araceli Lopez, then asked her to please not wait on others to help her on how to do the job.

(Breanna Hamilton Parent and Community Member)

Expressed concerns regarding her daughter possibly being retained in the first grade. She has been asking for support from West Park and found out there is a Psychologist on campus. She is thankful for Mrs. Ortega and wants her daughter in her class next year. She would like the Board to overturn the non-reelection of teachers.

CLOSED SESSION

Board member Aida Garcia motions and Board Member Mark Vivenzi seconds the motion to go into closed session.

Closed session convened at 6:34 pm

Returned from closed session at 8:46pm. Approved by Member Mark Vivenzi and 2nd by Member Aida Garcia.

A. Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation

(Government Code Section 54956.9(d))

Number of cases: 1

- B. Public employee discipline/release/dismissal/resignation
(Government Code Section 54957)
Reconsideration of Non Re-election Notices to Probationary Teachers

- C. Conference with Labor Negotiators
(Government Code Section 54957.6)
District’s Negotiator(s): Garcia Hernandez Sawhney, LLP
Employee organization: West Park Elementary Certificated Association

- D. Public Employee Appointment/Employment
(Government Code Section 54957)
Position: Support Clerk
Position: Part Time Paraprofessional
Position: 6th Grade Teacher
Position: PE Teacher
Position: Superintendent

- E. Student Inter-district transfer request
(20 U.S.C. Section 1232g)

Report of Actions Taken in Closed Session

B. Under **Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release**, the Board voted to rescind the non-reelect notices sent to **two** teachers and will ask these **two** teachers to return next year. The vote was 3-1 with 1 abstention Trustees Anna Benavidez, Mark Vivenzi and Kimberly Vivenzi voted yes; Trustee Aida Garcia voting no and Trustee Araceli Lopez abstaining.

D. Under **Public Employee Appointment/Employment**, the Board voted unanimously to approve the following appointments:
Support clerk – Alyssa Acosta
Part-time Para educator - Amanda Hwang
6th grade teacher – Kaitlyn Stringfield
PE Teacher – Dejon Kelly
Trustees Anna Benavidez, Aida Garcia, Araceli Lopez, Mark Vivenzi and Kimberly Vivenzi all voted yes.

ADVANCED PLANNING

- A. Next meeting: June 13, 2022

ADJOURNMENT @ 8:48pm

Kimberly Vivenzi: Motion to accept

Mark Vivenzi: 2nd

Aida Garcias: Yes

Anna Benavidez: Yes

Araceli Lopez: Yes