

**REGULAR MEETING BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
WISEBURN UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**February 8, 2018**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by JoAnne Kaneda, President, in the District Board Room in memory of Mrs. Alice Bryan, retired Sepulveda, Anza and Dana teacher who served in Wiseburn from 1968-1984. Call to Order

Members present: Roll Call  
    Roger Bañuelos                      Neil Goldman  
    JoAnne Kaneda                      Nelson Martinez  
   Israel Mora

Administrators present:  
    Dr. Thomas R. Johnstone, Superintendent  
    Dr. Chris Jones, Deputy Superintendent  
    Dr. Mary Ring, Assistant Superintendent                      (absent)  
    David Wilson, Chief Business Official  
    Mr. Vince Madsen, Director of Facilities Planning  
    Ana Montes, Director, Human Resources

The Board entered closed session at 5:00 p.m. and reconvened at 7:32 p.m. There was no reportable action during Closed Session. Closed Session

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Bill Denney.

Jessica Polsky from EMC Research and Michael Riemenschneider from Eastshore Consulting presented the Board with the results of the survey of the Wiseburn community to determine community interest and support for a modest General Obligations Bond on the June 5<sup>th</sup> ballot. The survey was a mixed hybrid survey that included both telephone interviews and online surveys. The survey indicated strong community support for both Wiseburn and Da Vinci Schools and the job that the District is doing overall. The survey also ranked favorability of specific projects and overall support. Overall, approximately 61% of the people surveyed indicated that they would be favorable to approving a modest bond of no more than \$39,000,000. Special Presentation

Liza Downer, Anza 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher/WFA President, shared that she was very impressed with the February 2<sup>nd</sup> Professional Development Day and most specifically the two hours spent at the Da Vinci Schools. She described the new high school facility as beautiful and impressive and she was amazed by the engagement and happiness of the students. She also expressed an interest in having the 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Anza and Peter Burnett take a tour of the high school building. From the Public

Dr. Goldman shared that he had had a great couple of weeks in attending activities at Wiseburn schools. He expressed that he has amazing pride in the Wiseburn Unified School District at all levels and shared how impressed he is with “the magic of our people.” From the Board

He shared that he missed the Winterim at Dana but he went to Dana on the Professional Development Day and he also came to Wiseburn High School to hear Dr. Matt Wunder’s remarks to Wiseburn teachers.

In closing, he expressed how appreciative he is of Wendy Tsubaki for making BoardDocs happen.

Mr. Martinez shared that he, Dr. Johnstone and Roger Bañuelos had attended the LACSTA meeting on January 29, 2018 in Cerritos, and the program that evening was a panel on the pros and cons of charter schools. The panel included former Wiseburn Superintendent, Dr. Don Brann, and the District's Charter Attorney from AALRR, Sukhi Ahluwalia. The charter panel was very interesting and informative.

From the Board  
(Cont'd.)

In closing, Mr. Martinez stated that he had attended the Dana basketball game at Bud Carson.

Mr. Bañuelos also commented on the LACSTA Charter meeting and shared how wonderful yet how complicated the Wiseburn Da Vinci charter relationship is. He shared that the process is well worth it and he shared that one of the keys to the success is the fact that Wiseburn is so open and transparent, and the relationship is the main key to our success.

Ms. Kaneda shared that she had attended the Senate Panel regarding the future labor force to support aerospace and how communities and universities can work together to address this issue. Ms. Kaneda shared that Boeing presented a \$100,000 check to Da Vinci Science for Project Lead the Way and it is a dream come true for her to be able to blend the passion of her work with her passion of serving on the Wiseburn Unified School District Board as President.

In closing, she shared that Boeing engineers would be supporting the Hackathon at Dana Middle School on February 24, 2018.

Dr. Johnstone shared a letter that he sent to Caldwell Flores Winters.

From the Superintendent

Dr. Johnstone shared the Da Vinci Petition Renewals timeline. The Board will be renewing the petitions of all four Da Vinci schools, Da Vinci Science, Da Vinci Communications, Da Vinci Design and Da Vinci Innovation Academy before the end of May.

Dr. Johnstone shared the outstanding news that Burnett School has been invited to apply for a California Distinguished School honors.

Dr. Johnstone shared that the Hawthorne State of the City will be on Wednesday, March 21, 2018.

In closing, Dr. Johnstone shared that his retirement celebration would be on the evening of June 1<sup>st</sup> and the TakePART Art Festival will be the following day on June 2, 2018 at Leuzinger High School from 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 11, 2018.

M17.571  
Minutes

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Martinez, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the Regular meeting held January 23, 2018.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to approve additional oversight and sampling services from July 2017 through November 2017 for **Encorp** for a total of \$25,260 for Phase II of the New Wiseburn High School Project. This increase to the agreement to be paid from Bond Fund 21.4.

M17.572  
Encorp

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Mr. Bañuelos, the Board voted unanimously to approve an increase to the agreement with **Teknion/Office Furniture Group** to proposal 63814D for a total of \$615 to correct clerical error to original board agenda item on June 8, 2017 and an increase for the addition of office chairs to proposal 63814F in an amount of \$1,000 for Phase I of the New Wiseburn High School Project in an amount not to exceed \$1,615. This proposal to be paid from Fund 01.0, One-Time State Mandate Funds.

M17.573  
Teknion / Office  
Furniture Group

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Dr. Goldman, the Board voted unanimously to ratify/approve attendance at the following meetings or conferences, including provision of substitute teachers as needed, and transportation by car at 50¢ per mile, or lowest reasonable air fare as appropriate:

M17.574  
Conference Attendance

1. Vince Madsen and Annie Aung at LACOE's "LACOE Facilities Network Meeting" in Downey on January 11, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$20 to be paid by the Director of Facilities Planning Discretionary Funds and included in budget.
2. Stefanie Rushatakankovit at UCLA's "UCLA CAN: Measuring Change in Autism Spectrum Disorder" in Los Angeles on January 11, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$20 to be paid by Special Education Funds and included in budget.
3. Vince Madsen at the KYA Group's "Next Gen Learning Environment and Sports Complex Symposium" in Covina on January 19, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$50 and to be paid from the Director of Facilities Planning Discretionary Funds and included in budget.
4. Dr. Aileen Harbeck at LACOE's "Local Control and Accountability Plans Striving for Excellence" in Downey on January 22, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$20 to be paid from the General Fund and included in budget.
5. Lindsey Wada at "Skeptical Thinking and Pseudoscience Arguments Against NSOME" in Lakewood on January 24, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$50 to be paid by Special Education Funds and included in budget.
6. Dianna Castellanos at Greater Long Beach Association of School Psychologists' "Best Practices in Dyslexia" in Long Beach on January 26, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$100 and to be paid from Special Education Funds.
7. Lisa Baggio at Club 21's "Tools for the Journey" in Pasadena on January 26, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$200 to be paid from One-Time Discretionary Funds and included in budget.
8. Dr. Tom Johnstone, Nelson Martinez and Roger Banuelos at LACSTA's "LACSTA Dinner Meeting – Charter Schools" in Cerritos on January 29, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$75 and to be paid from the General Fund and included in budget.
9. Vince Madsen, Annie Aung, Sammie Alvarado, Aracelia Fernandez, D'Ann Ika, Paula Meyer and Candace Allison at CASBO's Job Alike Workshop in El Segundo on February 2, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$500 and to be paid from the General Fund and included in budget.
10. Alicia Galindo and Todd Houzvicka at CSEA's "Bargaining Academy Training" in El Monte on February 8, 2018 at no cost to the District.
11. Dr. Tom Johnstone at Small School Districts Association's (SSDA) "Annual Conference" in Sacramento on February 19-21, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$1,000 and to be paid from the General Fund and included in budget.
12. Glafy Carr and Heidi Obermeyer at Riverside County Office of Education's "Landscapes of Learning for Geometry, Grades K-6" in Riverside on February 28, 2018 through March 1, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$2,000 and to be paid by Title I Funds and included in budget.
13. Dr. Tom Johnstone, Dr. Aileen Harbeck, Dr. Blake Silvers, Lisa Baggio, Andrea Kabwasa, Lisa Wilberg, Albert Paredes, Kim Jones, Jen Williams and Heidi Obermeyer at the COTSEN Foundation's "Leadership That Supports Sustainable Districtwide Instructional Excellence" in Lakewood on March 7, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$100 to be paid from the General Fund and included in budget.
14. Stefanie Rushatakankovit at the California Association of Behavior Analysts' "CalABA 36<sup>th</sup> Annual Western Regional Conference on Behavior Analysis" in Santa Clara on March 9-10, 2018 at an approximate cost of \$700 and to be paid from Special Education Funds and included in budget.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Dr. Goldman, the Board voted unanimously to approve/ratify the following classified employment/additional hours to be paid from the Classified Salary Schedule unless otherwise noted:

M17.575  
Additional Hours –  
Classified

District

1. Approve additional hours for ELPAC training and testing for the following employees at their appropriate Range/Step from Supplemental Funds, effective February 24, 2018 through March 30, 2018. Approximate cost to District \$2,900 and included in budget:

Luis Andrade – 50 Hours  
 Mary Penna – 10 Hours  
 Denise Galvan – 60 Hours  
 Carolina Martinez – 10 Hours  
 Erika Rojas – 10 Hours  
 Julie Espinosa – 10 Hours

M17.575  
 Additional Hours –  
 Classified (Cont'd.)

Anza

2. Maria Anduaga, Instructional Aide, approve up to 5 temporary extra hours per week to assist TEDDE teacher on a temporary basis until replacement is found, effective January 17, 2018 through March 23, 2018 and to be paid at Classified Range 6, Step C from the General Fund. Approximate cost to District \$800 and included in budget.

Burnett

3. The item related to Burnett Instructional Aides was tabled for further discussion.

Cabrillo

4. Jorge Castro, Instructional Assistant (CDC), approve up to 0.25 hours per day to cover closing shift as needed, effective February 1, 2018 through June 14, 2018 and to be paid at Classified Range 4, Step 3 from CDC Funds. No cost to District as CDC is a parent-pay program.

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Dr. Goldman, the Board voted unanimously to ratify funds for fiscal year 2016-2017 extended through the 2017-2018 school year to reimburse a parent for mileage at the prevailing IRS mileage reimbursement rate for one (1) weekly round-trip between student’s home and a Non-Public Agency Clinic, for 39 school weeks and 4 ESY school weeks for the purpose of accessing services required in the student’s IEP, in accordance with a Final Settlement Agreement and General Release for OAH Case No. 2016090924. The amount of reimbursement is not to exceed \$1,500 and to be paid from Special Education Funds.

M17.576  
 Mileage Reimbursement

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Dr. Goldman, the Board voted unanimously to ratify a one-time yearly stipend to Elizabeth “Dee Dee” Zirbel to provide special services in a combo class including TK, Kinder and Special Education, effective August 2017 through June 2018 and to be paid from the General Fund in two increments. Payment issued February 1, 2018 and July 1, 2018. This is a unique situation and is not expected to occur in future years.

M17.577  
 One-Time Stipend -  
 Zirbel

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Dr. Goldman, the Board voted unanimously to ratify up to 5 temporary additional hours for Lori Croft, Teacher, to provide Data Activity support, effective January 2018 through February 20, 2018 and to be paid at her appropriate Range/Step from STELLAR Grant Funds.

M17.578  
 Data Activity Support

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Dr. Goldman, the Board voted unanimously to ratify up to 1.5 temporary additional hours for Cynthia Mendoza, Teacher, to provide support to the FRAT Team in preparation for the February 2, 2018 Professional Development Day, effective January 18, 2018 and to be paid at her appropriate Range/Step from Professional Development Funds.

M17.579  
 FRAT Team Support

On a motion by Mr. Mora, which was seconded by Dr. Goldman, the Board voted unanimously to approve a Consultant's Agreement with Emilee Yaakola, as Art Drama Assistant, effective March 1, 2018 through March 30, 2018 in an amount not to exceed \$400 and to be paid from Gym Fees. M17.580  
Consultant's Agreement  
- Yaakola

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted unanimously to accept the resignation of Miriam Oliva, Instructional Aide, effective February 2, 2018. M17.581  
Resignation - Classified

On a motion by Mr. Martinez, which was seconded by Mr. Mora, the Board voted unanimously to approve and extend employment of Ms. Mayra Figueroa as a Speech Language Pathologist under a variable term waiver issued by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC), effective February 11, 2018. Salary and benefits continue at current rate. Ms. Figueroa will be on a Waiver for Speech Language Pathology Services Credential (Language/Speech/Hearing). M17.582  
Extend Employment –  
Speech Language  
Pathologist

The Board entered closed session at 9:01 p.m. and reconvened at 9:13 p.m. There was no reportable action during Closed Session. Closed Session

Mr. Mora moved and Dr. Goldman seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 9:14 p.m. Motion carried unanimously. Adjournment

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees will be held Thursday, February 22, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. in the District Board Room.

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Roger Bañuelos  
Vice President / Clerk of the Board

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Tom Johnstone  
Secretary of the Board