Western Placer Unified School District
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
April 16, 2013, 7:00 P.M.
Lincoln High School – Performing Arts Building
790 J Street, Lincoln, CA 95648

MINUTES

2012-2013 Goals & Objectives (G & 0) for the Management Team: Component I: Quality Student Performance; **Component II:** Curriculum Themes; **Component III:** Special Student Services; **Component IV:** Staff & Community Relations; **Component V:** Facilities/Administration/Budget.

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Board Present
Kris Wyatt, President
Brian Haley, Vice President
Damian Armitage, Clerk
Paul Long, Member
Paul Carras, Member

Others Present
Scott Leaman, Superintendent
Audrey Kilpatrick, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Facilities
Ryan Davis, Director of Human Services
Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to the Superintendent
Heather Steer, Facilities Planner
Jillian Loya, Student Representative
Carol Percy, Lincoln News Messenger

5:30 P.M. START

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Lincoln High School – Performing Arts Building

5:35 P.M.

2. **CLOSED SESSION** – Lincoln High School - Office Conference Room

2.1 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATOR
Purchase price, and payment terms for additional property adjacent to the Twelve Bridges Library, negotiated between representatives of Western Placer Unified School District and Sierra Community College District.

2.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION
Case No. SCV0032309, Western Placer Unified School District vs. City of Lincoln

2.3 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
Bargaining groups: WPTA & CSEA Negotiations
Agency Negotiators: Scott Leaman, Superintendent, Mary Boyle, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services, Ryan Davis, Director of Human Services Audrey Kilpatrick, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

2.4 PERSONNEL
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

2.5 INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL
a. Interdistrict Request Appeal 13/14 - 5
b. Interdistrict Request Appeal 13/14 - 6
c. Interdistrict Request Appeal 13/14 - 7
d. Interdistrict Request Appeal 13/14 - 8

7:00 P.M.

3. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE– Performing Arts Theater

The Board of Trustees will disclose any action taken in Closed Session regarding the following items:

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No action taken

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No action taken

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No action taken

3.4 PERSONNEL
PUBLIC EMPLOYEE DISCIPLINE/DISMISSAL/RELEASE

No action taken

3.5 INTERDISTRICT ATTENDANCE APPEAL
a. Interdistrict Request Appeal 13/14 – 5

Motion by Mr. Armitage, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by a 5-0 vote to deny transfer appeal.

b. Interdistrict Request Appeal 13/14 - 6

Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Haley, and passed by a 5-0 vote to deny transfer appeal.

c. Interdistrict Request Appeal 13/14 - 7

Motion by Mr. Armitage, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by a 5-0 vote to deny transfer appeal.

d. Interdistrict Request Appeal 13/14 - 8

Motion by Mr. Armitage, seconded by Mr. Haley, and passed by a 5-0 vote to separate appeals.

Motion by Mr. Long, seconded by Mr. Haley, and passed by a 5-0 vote to deny appeal transfer 13/14.8.

Motion by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by a 4-1 vote to approve appeal transfer 13/14.8-A, a no vote by Mr. Armitage.

4. SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS - Terry Ryland, TRR School Business Consulting will Review Horizon Charter School & Partnership for Student-Centered Learning Charter School

In December 2012, Horizon Charter School (HCS) along with its related Partnership for Student-Centered Learning Charter School (PSCL) was encountering public concerns, negative media coverage and administrative angst regarding certain programs and agreements related to the recently chartered PSCL charter school. In the spirit of transparency and a desire to determine the extent of any peculiarities or improprieties, TRR School Business Consulting was contracted by Horizon to provide an in-depth review of the lease and facilities agreements, the financial status of the charter schools, internal controls, processes and procedures and the overall fiscal health of the operations. Terri Ryland will be presenting the results and recommendations as a result of the review.

Terry reported she was brought in December 2012 to do an overall review of Horizon's finances. She shared that all contracts of $25,000 or more must go before the board for approval. She also reviewed the following areas with the Board of Trustees:

- Purpose of Review
- Lease Agreements
- Accelerated Learning Academy
- Tenant Improvements at 290 Tech
- ADA Audit
- Audited Financial Statements (AFS)
- Status of Corrective Action Plan
- Financial Condition
- Second Interim
- Trends in Apportionment
- Enrollment and ADA
- ADA to CBEDS Yield

- Categorical Funding
- Budget Transfers and Journal Entries
- Cash Flow
- Balance Sheet
- Staffing and Recommendations
- Operations: Business Office Staffing
- Operations: HR and Payroll
- Looking Forward
- What's Going Right
- Next Steps

Paul Long shared his concerns for the oversight of Horizon. Audrey Kilpatrick reported she has experience in reviewing Charter schools and plans to review and oversee the financials for Horizon.

5. CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Classified Personnel Report
5.2 Certificated Personnel Report
5.3 Approve Williams Uniform Quarterly Complaint Report.
5.4 Ratification of Agreement for Services with Padre Associates, Inc. for Geological and Environmental Hazards Amendment
5.5 Approve Student Discipline/Stipulated Expulsion for Student's #12-13-R,S,T,U

Motion by Mr. Armitage, seconded by Mr. Carras, and passed by a 5-0 roll call vote to approve consent agenda as presented Roll call vote: Haley, Long, Carras, Armitage, Wyatt

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Jenny Atkinson, TBMS teacher spoke on the fallout from the layoff notices, and how it's taking a toll on teachers and staff, as a teacher from TBMS, when pink slips came out it was on the heels of another tragedy at our school. She just wants to teach, anything you can do to help the teachers would be appreciated. She shared a poem about teaching.

Omar Lopez a high school student who spoke on behalf of Mrs. Duarte. He expressed how she trusts her students, and they're more than just students, she cares, he didn't think much about himself, and she has helped him with his potential and his direction, and he would hate to lose her as a teacher.

Alexa Rozell spoke as a student who loves her teacher, she is the best teacher, she has taught us more than any other teacher, she has made her who she is, and has made her love drama. This year she was excited to do drama, it has been her best year of drama. I can't imagine next year without Mrs. Duarte.

Destinee Perry expressed she loves Mrs. Duarte, and this is a bad decision, she is an outstanding teacher, she is able to connect with her students, and is an outstanding actress. She has never met a teacher like Mrs. Duarte. She is LHS Drama Mama, she has inspired and made people grow. She has inspired her. Please consider keeping her, and thanked her.

Mrs. Daniella Duarte, LHS Drama Teacher shared how much she loves her students, and what she does. She had contemplated not telling her students, but could not look at her students and not tell them she wouldn't be here next year. She expressed how proud

she is of her students, and knows this is what she was meant to do. She asked if there was anything that can be done to rescind pink slips would be appreciated.
Anna Medina, LHS student shared, she sees Mrs. Duarte inspires students, and shows them they can be somebody.
Ryan Hedrick, LHS student shared his support for Mrs. Duarte. He shared numerous reasons, students that have been taught by Ms. Duarte started a petition with 400 plus students names, she has helped him after school, and she makes all of us feel special.

7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

7.1 Lincoln High School, Student Advisory – Jillian Loya reported the following:
- Varsity softball team won
- Also had the pleasure of being in Mrs. Duarte's class, she is amazing, shouldn't be let go.

7.2 Western Placer Teacher's Association – Mike Agrippino had no report
7.3 Western Placer Classified Employee Association – Mike Kimbrough- 9.3
7.4 Superintendent - Scott Leaman reported the following:
- Graduation assignments are in place
- Doing everything we can to do to rescind layoff notices.

8. PUBLIC HEARING

8.1 HORIZON CHARTER SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Western Placer Unified School District will hold a public hearing at which the governing board will discuss the Renewal of the Charter for Horizon Charter School

Debbie Spray shared she is here to give support of the charter renewal because of the students. Some students are still struggling with the closure of their school. Having a 48 hour notice was irresponsible. Who is there to protect the students? She asked that the district look at the current Horizon administration and make sure they are complying with policies.
Rebecca Fong encouraged the board to not sign the petition. She is here to ask about tax payer's money that was wasted. Where did the money go? She shared concerns before approving the charter as is, read the law. She requested the board not renew charter without investigating the financials. What is Horizon going to do to recover that money? Where is that money coming from? They are pulling a tremendous amount of money in, and where is that money going? Can we go back to the retired CEO to recover money? It's wrong to keep this a secret, are you going to turn a blind eye? She demanded the CEO be replaced, and make sure the board is accountable and trustworthy. You need to make sure accountability is there. She requested calling the focus groups.
Craig Heimbichner, Horizon Superintendent shared a few points. He thanked Terry Ryland, and is delighted the parents were here to support the charter. He addressed the monies, public monies, and to recover. Charter Renewal that serves 2,700 students and enrollment is strong. Public monies, working with PCOE and working with the state, recover some of monies will also come through the state. All teachers are credentialed and highly qualified, state board instructional materials, not far off from a public school. Horizon is currently working with the Carver Model. Modifications have been made, and all contracts will go before

the board for approval. Horizon has implemented every single recommendation from Terry Ryland, Scott Leaman and Audrey Kilpatrick, that's a personal commitment.

Cynthia Woods Horizon Deputy Superintendent, shared she is looking forward to a positive year ahead and a growth in students across the 6 counties. She thanked everyone for working with Horizon. After questions from the Board of Trustees, the hearing was closed

8.2 CHARTER FOR PARTNERSHIPS FOR – CENTERED LEARNING CHARTER SCHOOL

Notice is hereby given that the Western Placer Unified School District will hold a public hearing at which the governing board will discuss the Renewal of the Charter for Partnerships for Student-Centered Learning Charter School

Mrs. Wyatt opened both charter hearings, which mirror each other. Scott shared the district has looked into issues that have arisen. As we go down this path, the charter law says we do receive 1% of ADA, there are areas that can be looked at, which can cause the charter to be shut down. This is a 5 year renewal. The district will continue to work on Horizon issues.

8.3 CONSIDERATION OF ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY

Education Code section 17211 requires that a public hearing be held prior to commencing the acquisition of real property for a new school site or an addition to an existing school site. The governing board of a school district shall evaluate the property at a public hearing using the site selection standards established by the State Department of Education pursuant to subdivision (b) of Section 17251.

This hearing is to evaluate the possible acquisition of 38.6 acres of property from Sierra Joint Community College District adjacent to our current Twelve Bridges High School site. In conjunction with School Site Solutions, Inc., staff has done the following to evaluate the acreage in question:

- Geohazards study which evaluated potential hazards on or adjacent to the property
- Completed a Pipeline Risk Safety Study, due to a natural gas pipeline being located within Twelve Bridges Drive. No safety hazards exist.
- Completed a new site plan showing how the entire property could potentially accommodate a comprehensive high school
- Completed a full legal description of the property
- Conducted a site tour with a Field Representative from California Department of Education
- Completed a Contingent Site Approval package for California Department of Education's review, in which all findings comply with all of the California Department of Education's standards.

A full site approval from California Department of Education will be pursued should we acquire the property, and a new school is being designed. Also at that time a new Environmental Impact Report would need to be completed.

8.4 Mrs. Wyatt opened the public hearing. Heather Steer spoke on the consideration of acquisition of property, there being no questions the hearing was closed.

9. ♦ACTION ♦DISCUSSION ♦INFORMATION

9.1 Action **ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. 12/13.26 REGARDING NEGOTIATING ING FOR PROPERTY FOR SCHOOL USE AND INSURING COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION – Steer** *(12-13 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)*

•The Twelve Bridges High School Site is located on a joint use 'learning center' that originally called for a City Library, a high school and a satellite branch of Sierra College. It has become public that Sierra Joint Community College District no longer wishes to pursue locating a campus on this site.

Motion by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by a 5-0 vote to approve Resolution No. 12/13.26 negotiating for property for school use and insuring compliance with California Department of Education.
Roll call vote: Long, Carras, Armitage, Haley, Wyatt

9.2 Action **POSITION DESCRIPTION: TEACHER ON SPECIAL ASSIGNMENT- PEER COACH – Boyle/Davis** *(12-13 G & O Component I, III, IV, V)*

•Last year, Western Placer Teachers Association (WPTA) and the District entered into a one-year MOU to pool swept Tier III categorical funds from Peer Assistance and Review (PAR) and Professional Development Block Grant resources in order to create two new positions –

- Teacher on Special Assignment – Peer Coach Elementary
- Teacher on Special Assignment – Peer Coach Secondary

These two new positions allowed the District to provide professional development support to its teachers as we targeted improved student learning, began to implement Common Core State Standards (CCSS), and prepared for Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium (SBAC) testing. The positions were filled by two WPUSD teachers and the program has been very successful.

Ryan Davis presented a job description on the position of Teacher on Special Assignment – Peer Coach. He discussed carryover monies that will be used to fund the position. Motion by Mr. Carras, seconded by Mr. Armitage, and passed by a 5-0 vote to approve position description of Teacher on Special Assignment – Peer Coach.

9.3 Discussion/ Action **RATIFICATION OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH CSEA REGARDING BUDGET REDUCTIONS INCLUDING FURLOUGH DAYS AND OTHER ITEMS – Davis** *(12-13 G & O Component III, IV, V)*

•The Western Placer Unified School District and the California School Employees Association Chapter #741 have signed a Memorandum of Understanding regarding furlough days, salary, and other items for the 2013/2014 school year. This MOU will greatly assist the District with achieving its required budget reductions for the 2013-2014 school year while saving positions and programs. This MOU is going to a ratification vote of the Unit Membership on Wednesday, April 10, 2013.

Ryan Davis presented the MOU with CSEA. He thank CSEA employees and expressed his appreciation for their sacrifices, they saved the district $177,000.00 dollars. Mr. Carras thanked Mike Kimbrough, CSEA President. Motion by Mr. Carras, seconded by Mr. Long, and passed by a 5-0 vote to approve the ratification of the MOU with CSEA regarding budget reductions including furlough days and other items.

10. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

10.1 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following are a number of agenda items that the Board of Trustees has been monitoring. They are NOT action items for tonight's meeting, but are noted here for continuing purposes and to ensure that when there are changes or new information they will be called up as Action/Discussion/Information.

- Relationship with Sierra Community College
- Twelve Bridges High School
- Lincoln Crossing Elementary South/Facilities Update

10.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mr. Haley had no report
Mr. Long had no report
Mr. Carras had no report
Mr. Armitage shared Open House for Farm is tomorrow night.
Mrs. Wyatt shared the suicide prevention committee is going great.

11. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The President will establish the following meeting(s):

- **May 7, 2013** 7:00 P.M., Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee – Lincoln High School
- **May 21, 2013** 7:00 P.M., Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustee – First Street School

12. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Kris Wyatt

Kris Wyatt, Board President

Damian Armitage, Clerk

Scott Leaman, Superintendent

Rosemary Knutson, Secretary to the Superintendent

Adopted: **May 7, 2013**

Ayes: **Haley, Long, Carras, Armitage, Wyatt**

Noes:

Absent:

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