

Western Placer Unified School District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 18, 2020

WPUSD District Office/City Hall Building–Go To Meeting

600 Sixth Street, Lincoln, CA 95648

MINUTES

2019-2020 Goals & Objectives (G & O) 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.

All Open Session Agenda related documents are available to the public for viewing at the Western Placer Unified School District Office located at 600 Sixth Street, Fourth Floor in Lincoln, CA 95648.

Board Members Present via Teleconference:

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

Others Present via Teleconference:

Scott Leaman, Superintendent
Kerry Callahan, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services
Audrey Kilpatrick, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Gabe Simon, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services
Maria Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Matthew Nobert, Lincoln News Messenger

1. ANNOUNCEMENT: EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-30 TELECONFERENCE FLEXIBILITY

This meeting is being held pursuant to the procedures established in Executive Order N-29-20 issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020. All board members may attend the meeting by teleconference. This meeting will be a telephone conference call only. The public may listen/participate via instruction listed prior to section 4 of the agenda.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT: Should this Board Meeting encounter any security breach or inappropriate issues, the meeting will be ended immediately.

5:00 P.M.

3. CLOSED SESSION – WPUSD District Office – Go To Meeting Conference call with Board Members not on site.

3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Bargaining groups: WPTA & CSEA Negotiations

Agency Negotiators:

~Scott Leaman, Superintendent
~Kerry Callahan, Deputy Superintendent of Educational Services
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- 3.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION**
CAL200 et al. v. Apple Valley et al., S.F. County Superior Court Case No.
CPF15-514477

- 3.3 PERSONNEL**
Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release –

Mr. Leaman advised that the meeting had a change of location. Instead of being on the fourth floor, the Board was meeting on the first floor of the building due to the possibility of a power outage. The first floor has a backup power system. Mr. Leaman explained the process of the meeting. The President will introduce the items that are being presented. We will have the person presenting the item speak on the item, and then Mr. Long will ask if there are any questions. We will take comments during the comments portion. We will then close down the time for discussion. When board is discussing item please do not interrupt the Board discussing the item.

6:00 P.M.**4. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE –**

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

4.1 Page 10- CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

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No action taken

4.2 Page 11 - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – EXISTING LITIGATION

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No action taken

4.3 Page 12 - PERSONNEL

Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release -

No action taken

5. Page 14-75 - CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Certificated Personnel Report

5.2 Classified Personnel Report

5.3 Ratification of Contract with T-Mobile for Education and Western Placer Unified School District

5.4 Ratification of Contract with Box Tops for Education and Western Placer Unified School District – Scott Leaman Elementary School

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- 5.5 Approve Contract Between Renaissance Learning and WPUSD/Lincoln Crossing Elementary School
- 5.6 Memorandum of Understanding MOU – STAR Science Theater Art Recreation (STAR) and Western Placer Unified School District
- 5.7 Ratification of Contract with Placer County Office of Education and Western Placer Unified School District.
- 5.8 Ratification of Contract with Placer County Office of Education and Western Placer Unified School District
- 5.9 CARS/Consolidated Application (Spring Release)
- 5.10 Donation Approval for Technology – Distance Learning

Motion by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mr. Carras and passed by a 5-0 (*Ayes: Haley, Wyatt, Armitage, Carras, Long No: None*) roll call vote to approve consent agenda as presented.

6. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

There was no communication from the public

7. REPORTS & COMMUNICATION

- Lincoln High School Student Advisory – Mattie Ridgway – was not present
- Western Placer Teacher's Association – Tim Allen reported that the teachers, counselors, nurses and speech and language pathologists are gearing up for the start of the school year. Everyone is feeling very excited and nervous. The teachers have been working very hard to get ready to deliver instruction on line. Tim thanked the Ed. Services Department led by Kerry Callahan for putting together some amazing trainings. Flexibility and understanding are going to be a very important part for the next several weeks. Some teachers will be able to adapt very quickly while others may need more training. Compliments and kudos to everyone who has been working hard to prepare for the new school year. We are all excited and hopefully sometime this year we will be able to get back into the classroom safely.
- Western Placer Classified Employee Association – Jim Houck –was not present
- Superintendent – Scott Leaman
 - Excited about Thursday, the first day of school, which is always exciting. It will be strange to not see kids on our campuses
 - Everyone has worked hard to make Thursday as special as it can be. Some teachers have already had their opening day online
 - Wanted to thank the Assistant Superintendent team. Kerry Callahan has worked on the programing part. Audrey Kilpatrick has become a safety guru, and has acquired so many great devices and signs for safety. Gabe Simon has had to deal with many of the issue that have been brought up with COVID. It has been a challenge and everyone has worked hard.
 - Kids are going back to new facilities this year. Glen Edwards looks astonishing. Leaman Elementary is also opening this year. It is a wonderful, simple lay out. The High School is on track and will be opening soon.

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- When we pivoted to distance learning, we put out an application for assistance for hot spots. We have about 150 people currently who need hot spots. We will distribute tomorrow at the District Office.
- With the help of Rotary at the end of last year we received financial support to assist families with access (Per Kris Wyatt, Rotary has additional funds to assist currently as well)
- Our schools are open. Hours are 8:00am -4:00pm Monday – Friday.
- Thank you to everyone. There have been so many changes since March when we first closed our schools and everyone has been on this ride. Thank you to our parents for being patient with us and to our staff for working very hard and put in many hours on trainings and coming to school to do whatever was needed. Thank you to our Associations for being professional and flexible. The Board has been great during this situation.
- Looking forward to when we can welcome our students back to our schools.

8. ♦ACTION ♦DISCUSSION ♦INFORMATION**8.1 Information Page 77 – ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEASURE “A” AND MEASURE “N” CITIZENS’ BOND OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE–**
Adell (20-21 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)

Mike Adell introduced David Fear of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee who presented the Annual Report of Measure “A” and Measure “N” . Mr. Fear stated that as the committee Chair, he wanted to thank the members who have been faithfully attending the meetings this school year. He stated that they represent a variety of groups and interests in this community and have worked hard to see that the bonds passed by our community are being used for their intended purposes and that our fellow community members are well informed. He thanked Michael Adel, Hannah Ritchie, Tom Butcher and Julie Brown for their work and assistance to the committee in providing excellent reports. Mr. Fear stated that during their most recent meeting, the committee heard the results of the audit presented by the District Auditors, Crowe LLP, for both the Measure A and Measure N General Obligation Bonds for expenses dated between July 1, 2018 and June 30, 2019. The committee has reviewed project requisitions and project expenditures, finding that all expenditures follow the guidelines of Measure A and Measure N. The committee looks forward to continue to work with staff and to monitor the districts progress on the project. The Measure A and Measure N Bond Oversight Committee finds that the District is in compliance with the requirements of Article XIII A, Section 1(b)(3) of the California Constitution. This item was information only.

8.2 Discussion/ Page 78 – CONSIDER APPROVING RESOLUTION #20/21.2 –
Action AUTHORIZING THE ELIMINATION AND/OR REDUCTION OF
CERTAIN CLASSIFIED EMPLOYEE POSITIONS DUE TO LACK

OR WORK/LACK OF FUNDS– Simon (20-21 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)

Paul Long stated item 8.2 was pulled from the agenda for further review and discussion.

8.3 Discussion/ Action *Page 82 – **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED (WPUSD) AND WESTERN PLACER TEACHER’S ASSOCIATION (WPTA)**– Simon (20-21 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)*

Gabe Simon stated that this MOU is related to distance learning and was written through collaborative negotiations between WPTA and the District. The agreement outlines important information including instructional expectations and safety. Motion by Mr. Haley, seconded by Mrs. Wyatt and passed by a 5-0 (*Ayes: Armitage, Carras, Haley, Wyatt, Long No: None*) vote to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Western Placer Unified (WPUSD) and Western Placer Teachers Association (WPTA).

8.4 Discussion/ Action *Page 104 – **CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) BETWEEN WESTERN PLACER UNIFIED (WPUSD) AND THE CALIFORNIA SCHOOL EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION (CSEA): CHAPTER #741**– Simon (20-21 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)*

Paul Long stated item 8.4 was pulled from the agenda for further review and discussion.

8.5 Information/ Discussion *Page 111 – **PLACER COUNTY WAIVER** – Leaman (20-21 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)*

Scott Leaman reviewed the following information. On July 17, the Governor announced that the County needed to be off the watch list for 14 consecutive days, “unless you have a waiver” to reopen. At that time, the waiver had not been authored. The waiver was intended for elementary schools to reopen. Once the waiver was published, our thoughts were to apply for the waiver to serve some of our Special Needs population and English Learners at the elementary level. The perception may have been that the waiver was a one-page waiver that we just had to sign up for and schools could reopen. The waiver application has many items that we would need to respond to and/or address. It would then be sent to the State Department and to Placer County Health for review. Placer County Health would need to approve the waiver in order for our schools to reopen. Per Dr. Sisson, the waiver is set up to be filled out when you are on the watch list and we would then be responsible for testing within our District with specific testing guidelines. Placer County will be off the watch list on August 19, 2020. This will be day 1 of the 14 days needed to be off the

watch list in order to reopen. If a County has rates far above 100-200 rate and they will not get off the watch list, they would need to fill out the waiver in order to serve some sub populations. If we stay off the watch list for 14 days, we would not need to fill out a waiver. You only to fill out a waiver if you are on the watch list.

Mr. Leaman recommended that the Board wait to see where we are at the next Board Meeting and to see if we have completed 14days off the watch list. If our rates continue the downward slope, and we remain off the watch list, we do not need the waiver in order to open. We can talk about the waiver and the process if we are put back on the watch list. The Department of Public Health is also working on guidelines lines to serve the Special Education population without a waiver, so we may have this information by the next meeting.

Mr. Leaman stated that he meets with Placer County Health every week to discuss the issues we are facing. He also meets with the Placer County Superintendents once a week, to discuss what is happening at other districts. Currently, testing students and staff is an issue that is being worked on diligently. If a student gets a sniffle and is asymptomatic, we need to be able to test that student to see if he/she has COVID 19 or if it is just a sniffle. Due to the time, it takes to get results, currently 8- 10days, that entire class would be out because of a cold. We are working on testing and will have a report in September. There is a small sub group within Placer County that consist of three Superintendents that were selected to come up with a solution for testing and Mr. Leaman is a part of that group.

Kris Wyatt asked if Dr. Sisson feels or has she stated that we are going on downward trend and if we are going to stay there. Mr. Leaman stated, she does and she is able to see data that we do not see. She feels that it will hold.

Paul Carras stated that dealing with a waiver would be premature. We will know more on September 1 and maybe that clarity will help us make a decision as to what the next step is. A lot of school districts that opened up have now closed because of COVID 19. It could be just one student that affects the whole class. Waiting, from my perspective is the proper thing to do, clarity forthcoming.

The board agreed that it is practical to wait for additional information during the September 1, 2020 meeting.

9. BOARD OF TRUSTEES

9.1 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.

- School Safety
- Health

9.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Brian Haley had no report

Kris Wyatt wanted to thank Suzanne Fukui and Jan Bedwell who worked with Kris to provide a breakfast basket for every single school on the first day of school. Rotary is going to purchase a Keurig for Leaman Elementary who did not have one. Kris wanted to acknowledge the Sun City residents that paid for the technology and the Chromebooks that we are giving out. To the teachers, staff, children, students, parents, just breath, be kind and be patient as we go through this process starting on Thursday. Congratulations to all the teachers that have put in their time and effort and especially thank you to the District Office for all of the hours that they have put in to assure that we can get started on the first day.

Damian Armitage reported that this weekend he will be traveling to Arizona to drop his son off. A little bit of a delayed move in this year because as you can imagine colleges are having issues with transitioning to online learning and hybrid models. Wanted to recognize that not only will our teachers have huge challenges before them, but our parents will also have a huge challenge before them as they help their children, their students transition to online learning and he hopes that we are supporting them technologically if they have issues. A lot of them are also working from home so they are juggling their job and helping their children. Looking forward to a time when we are able to transition back to in person learning.

Paul Carras stated that he is in touch with other districts, and what is happening here is unique. The communication between all the parties does not necessarily happen in other districts. Kudos to everyone who has been involved, staff, classified, certificated. This is the reason this district functions in the way that it does.

Paul Long had no report

10. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The President will establish the following meeting(s):

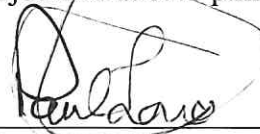
- **September 1, 2020 6:00 P.M.**, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Go-To -Meeting
- **September 15, 2020 6:00 P.M.**, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – Go-To -Meeting

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11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.



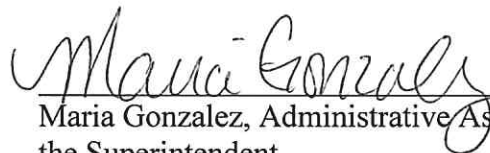
Paul Long, President



Paul Carras, Clerk



Scott Leaman, Superintendent



Maria Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent

Adopted: September 1, 2020

Ayes: Carras, Haley, Armitage, Wyatt, Long

Noes:

Absent:

Accommodating Those Individuals with Special Needs:

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