

Western Placer Unified School District

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees

August 17, 2021

WPUSD District Office/City Hall Building–3rd Floor Conference Room
600 Sixth Street, Lincoln, CA 95648

MINUTES

2021-2022 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.

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Board Members Present:

Kris Wyatt, President
Damian Armitage, Vice President
Criste Freymond, Member
Jason Price, Member

Board Members Not Present

Brian Haley, Clerk - Resigned

Others Present:

Kerry Callahan, Superintendent
Scott Pickett, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services
Audrey Kilpatrick, Assistant Superintendent of Business & Operations
Cliff De Graw, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services
Mike Adell, Director of Facilities
Maria Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent
Ariana Dolan, Student Advisory
Matthew Nobert, Lincoln News Messenger

Per CDPH Mask Guidance: Masks are **required for unvaccinated individuals** in indoor public settings and businesses (examples: retail, restaurants, theaters, family entertainment centers, meetings, state and local government offices serving the public).

CDPH FAQ: "Businesses may deem a customer, guest or attendee to have self-attested to being vaccinated, or to have met an approved masking exemption, if the business has prominently displayed signage prior to entry explaining the requirement for unvaccinated individuals to wear a mask and the individuals enters the business premises without wearing a mask."

5:30 P.M. START

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL Call** – WPUSD District Office/City Hall Bldg. – 3rd Floor Conference Room
2. **COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC**
There was no communication from the public

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5:35 P.M.

3. CLOSED SESSION – WPUSD District Office – 4th Floor Overlook Room

3.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

Bargaining groups: WPTA & CSEA Negotiations

Agency Negotiators:

~Kerry Callahan, Superintendent

~Scott Pickett, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services

~Cliff De Graw, Assistant Superintendent of Personnel Services

~Audrey Kilpatrick, Assistant Superintendent of Business and Operations

3.2 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION -

Legal counsel pursuant to government code section 54956.9- anticipated litigation regarding COVID-19

3.3 PERSONNEL

Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release

7:00 P.M.

4. ADJOURN TO OPEN SESSION/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – District Office/City Hall Blvd., - 3rd Floor Conference Room

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

4.1 *Page 9* - CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR

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No action taken

4.2 *Page 10* - CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

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No action taken

4.3 *Page 11* - PERSONNEL

Public Employee Employment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release

No action taken

5. *Page 13-87* - CONSENT AGENDA

5.1 Certificated Personnel Report

5.2 Classified Personnel Report

5.3 Ratification of Contract between County of Placer and Western Placer Unified School District

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- 5.4 Ratify Contract between Achieve3000 and WPUSD/Twelve Bridges High School
 - 5.5 Ratify Contract between Lifetouch and WPUSD/Scott M. Leaman Elementary School
 - 5.6 Ratify Contract between Props Tree & Landscape, Inc. and WPUSD
 - 5.7 Ratification of Contract between Jostens and WPUSD/Lincoln High School
 - 5.8 Approve Contract between Kyocera Document Solutions and Western Placer Unified School District
 - 5.9 Approve Contract Between Pacific Office Automation and WPUSD/TWELVE Bridges High School
 - 5.10 Disposal of Surplus Items
 - 5.11 Acceptance of Twelve Bridges High School Project, Approval of Adjusted Guaranteed Maximum Price, and Approval of Notice of Completion
 - 5.12 Consider Approving Revised Job Description for Intervention Services Provider
 - 5.13 Overnight Field Trips
 - 5.14 Approval of 2021-22 Contract with Sierra College for dual enrollment – IT90, AGRI 196
 - 5.15 Ratification of Contract Amendment –MAXIM Staffing Solutions

Motion by Mr. Price, seconded by Mr. Freymond and passed by a 4-0 (*Ayes: Price, Armitage, Freymond, Wyatt 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 – Ariana Dolan stated the following:

- School starts in two days. They have been meeting with Leadership to gear up for school to start
- Meeting with ASB officers to discuss upcoming football games, rallies and spirit days.
- New freshman orientation was last week and they showed them around and gave all the new teachers a tour on Friday

➤ Western Placer Teacher's Association – Tim Allen submitted and read the following statement : Dear Board Members, Superintendent Callahan, and members of the Lincoln community, My name is Tim Allen and I am a 15-year chemistry teacher at Lincoln High School. I'm a proud Fighting Zebra who has taught most of an entire generation of kids, always with the same goal in mind: to improve the lives of young people in this area. As any veteran teacher would say, my greatest honor comes when a former student says that I helped open doors for them, that somehow, even in some small way, I made a positive impact. I also happen to be the elected president of the Western Placer teachers association, better known as "WPTA". I am currently in my second year of my second two-year term, which technically makes me a "senior". WPTA is affiliated with CTA, which is a branch of the national education Association. We represent the district's nearly 350 teachers, counselors, nurses, and speech and language pathologists— almost all of them are members of our Association. As part of my duties as President, I have the opportunity to address our school board and the public a few times a month. Tonight I

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would like to focus my remarks on two subjects. The first is about the excitement around starting a new year, and the second is about the safety and security of EVERYONE in our schools. So as you know, the year begins on Thursday morning. Our members have been working tirelessly this summer, and especially these past two days, to get our classrooms and students ready for something as close to back to normal as possible. Today I attended a workshop with over 70 colleagues from LHS, and the excitement was palpable. After an arduous year, the Board and this community should know... we will do everything we can to make students feel welcome and safe. Just like our custodians, office workers, cafeteria workers, administrators, district office staff, and volunteers, we promise to do our best to improve the lives of the children of this community. After all, that is why we are all here. Now, providing an enriching, engaging and educational program means we must keep people safe. WPTA confirms the reality that the district must follow state mandates and protocols. We also appreciate the open and collaborative working relationship that superintendent Callahan has clearly established in her first weeks on the job. Last week, our bargaining team, led by chief negotiator Tara Jeane, spent all day creating a memorandum of understanding parentheses (MOU) which spells out the working conditions for the start of this year. I would like to say thank you to Tara, and her team, and I'd also like to recognize Cliff De Graw for hitting the ground running in his new position. Thank you Cliff- I can already tell that we will work well together! Before I close, I would like to take a moment to discuss the governors August 11 order regarding the Covid vaccine. I am fully vaccinated, and most of WPTA is, but this mandate has brought very serious concern to some of my members. In recent days, The district has confirmed its stance on the importance of personal choice. And I echo that stance, but let's not forget the fact that we are all in this together. Through the month of September we must work with the district to make a plan to address the valid concerns of both vaccinated and unvaccinated staff. I must say that I do hope people will continue to consider just how safe and effective these vaccines are, especially at preventing hospitalization and death. After all, and as I said before, our educational program rests on the safety and security of all the people in and around our schools. Now... sharpen those pencils and let's have a great start to the year! LHS and he is also the President of the Western Placer Unified School Teachers Association. In two days we are starting school and our goal it keep all safe. The district must follow state guidelines. Last week our bargaining team spent time working on our MOU. The governors mandate issued on July 11, has caused concerns within our Members lets not forget those who are concerned and work with them.

➤ Western Placer Classified Employee Association – Jim Houck –was not present

➤ Superintendent – Kerry Callahan

- Echo what Tim shared in terms of negotiations and coming up with our MOU. Appreciated Cliff and our negotiations teams.
- WPTA and CSEA are committed to getting our students back in school safely
- New administrator orientation was held for new and new to position for current employees who moved into new roles
- New teacher orientation was last Friday, we about 41 new teachers
- Had opportunity to meet with our food services staff today who are going to offer food to all students at no charge regardless of socioeconomic status. Our food services team is amazing.

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- We have been handing out chromebooks to our students and we still allow for bring your own device. Our Library staff, Educational Services and Business has been working on the distribution.
- We did a Protocols Overview with our classified and certificated staff this week to overview our staff protocols as we start the school year

Mr. Price asked about the chromebooks and if we are replacing books with chromebooks, i.e. online. Mrs. Callahan stated that some of the publishers charge more for online than for textbooks. The goal is to go online in the future.

8. ♦ACTION ♦DISCUSSION ♦INFORMATION

Susan Martineau- spoke regarding inalienable rights, the US Constitution and the California Constitution. She spoke about her and her child's choice to not to be vaccinated nor follow the mask mandate. She stated the mandates are illegal and null and void. She advised the Board Members of their Oath of Office and stated she does not need and exemption to not wear a mask because it is her birthright.

Chad Clark – a parent from Lincoln Crossing Elementary stated his displeasure with the school board for its decision to force muzzles over the faces of our kids. He stated the Board now has eighteen months of data that shows that mandates are worthless. He stated statistics of the virus and children with the virus compared to the flu. He further advised the Board that we do not know the consequences our children will face from this but he suspects they are dire in one way or another. He reminded the Board that they in elected positions and the he nor the parents present would forget that.

Casey Donnel – advised the board that hospitals are flooded with children around the country with COVID, RSV, numerous flu strands, bronchitis and pneumonia cases in the middle of summer. She stated this is due to the immune systems being denied necessary exposure to nature which is vital to a robust response. She further stated a 2015 study between a surgical mask and a cloth mask concluded that results caution against the use of cloth mask. She feels that California schools decided to ignore the science that bears all transmission and distancing and slap mask on kids to fill classrooms. She spoke about medical exemptions and physician being told not to approve them.

Matt Lingenfelter – shared that he lives in Lincoln and is a recent transplant from Yuba City who served his country for 5 years in the United States Marine Corp and is currently a police officer. He disagrees with mask mandates and disagrees with taking choice away from parents. His children will not be wearing mask this year at school. He advised the Board it is their job to support students and their education not to make decision that parents should be responsible to make. He feels the board should have pushed back on the mandate. He hopes to see a change and if there is not going to be a change then he thinks a lot of parents here and in the community are going to have something to say about that. He also stated that the board needs to stand up to these mandates and let parents raise their children

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Brandon Wood – stated he is a parent of three children at Leaman Elementary and he does not think the mask mandates are correct and believes it should be individual choice. He stated he has problem with anyone choosing to be vaccinated, choosing to wear a mask and people should stay home if they are scarred. He further stated the rules coming down infringe on their personal decisions on how to raise their children and it has nothing to do with education, which is what the board is for. He asked the board to stay out of their personal life and let him make the decisions for his children. His children will not be masked at school. He knows a lot of parents want their kids to wear mask, let them wear a mask. It should be optional.

Amy Ridgway – shared that she has several children that have been through WPUSD. She had a senior last year who was on quarantine three or four times. Schools are left to educate the kids, teach manners and deal with the home issues and behaviors that come from the home issues. It is an important decision for the board regarding 7000 plus kids. Mask are important because kids cannot get vaccinated and mask won't kill the kids but COVID has been known to actually do that. COVID is preventable and it should be unacceptable to both the district and all parents in general to let any kid get it if we can do a small thing by simply mandating a mask. It is as simple as a piece of cloth that might help, what's the risk?

Vera Klinge - shared that she is a teacher, not in this area and in teacher her students they discuss the declaration and constitution. She shared whenever any government becomes destructive of these rights, it is the right of the people to alter it or to abolish it and to institute new government laying its foundation on the principals and organizing it powers as to them shall seem most like to affect their safety and happiness. It is really hard to instruct masked and it should be a personal choice. For those of us that prefer not to, I want us to be in the place where we can communicate with each other. The freedom is for us, the people to choose to make a personal choice, to have it and to not have it.

Mrs. Callahan stated that she asked our attorney, Michelle Cannon, from Lozano Smith to join us this evening because there have been some questions from the public regarding the districts legal obligation to adhere to the mandate. As stated earlier, speaking for herself; she does feel strongly that personal choice should be considered. Our opinions and what we are legally obligated to do, are two different things. Sometimes they coincide and sometime they do not. As a district, we could be held very significantly liable financially as well as criminally or civilly for not complying with the mandate that have been set by the State of California. The protocols that were put out to the public on Friday, and were reviewed with staff yesterday and are in the board packet for the board are here for your discussion and information. If there are any questions that you might have of Michelle Cannon, our attorney to provide some information as to the mandate.

Mr. Price asked for clarity around statements that we enacted these mandates. We did not initiate these mandates. We did not decide and vote on these mandates. These are State required part of the Public Health mandates that are blanketed across every school district.

Mrs. Callahan – due to members of the audience making comments to Mr. Price, Mrs. Callahan reminded the audience that this is a public meeting where this is the boards meeting and the public has had its opportunity to speak its comments. The board now has

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the opportunity to conduct its business. Mrs. Callahan asked Michelle Cannon to answer questions from the board.

Michelle Cannon stated that the current mandates are put out by the CDPH. Earlier this year the mandates that they were putting out were based on the state of emergency by the governor. This summer the state public health officer issued the order that make the CDPH guidelines mandates at this point. He has the authority to do that under the California health and safety code, which grants him the authority to make those orders when there are public health concerns.

Mr. Price asked about the mandate that has been passed down by CDPH, and if she could relate that in weight in terms of law. Is there less or more or equivalent strength in a mandate as there would be a law passed through legislation.

Michelle Cannon stated that even though they are mandated through separate process, in CA they have equal weight of law.

Jason Price asked Mrs. Cannon if she worked for other districts to which she answered, yes. He then asked her if she is seeing other districts being more defiant or creative regarding the mandate. What he knows to be true is that when the mandates were handed down to us, our Superintendent and the board sent a letter to CDPH asking for local control and then they also voted to send a similar letter with a unanimous vote, asking that we be given the ability to control some of the regulations or stipulations

Michelle Cannon stated that the district is in the same boat their clients across the state are in. They work with some of the biggest districts in the state from LA unified to smaller districts is Siskiyou County. They all are struggling with the same issues, is the best we can do for our kids or do they have any flexibility. All school attorneys that work with education, are in agreement that these are mandates and a lot of the clients don't like them, but until someone does something to change the mandate or the law, the school districts are required to follow.

Mr. Price asked what power a school district has to change a mandate like this. He also asked if any districts have challenged the mandate by way of lawsuit.

Michelle Cannon stated the same power we all have which is you can change a mandate through litigation by challenging it, changes in an election where someone different is sitting in the governors chair, different legislature sitting in the different offices. She stated that there are a couple of schools in southern California/Orange County area that have challenged the mandates but they do not include the most recent mandates. Multiple of the governor's order and guidance are being challenged in courts. They are at the early level and there have not been any court decisions yet. On the lawsuits they are arguing the governors order and that the CDPH mandates are illegal and unconstitutional or outside the law. If those orders or mandates are struck down, they will be struck down throughout the state.

Mr. Armitage asked how expensive it would be to sponsor a lawsuit like the one down south.

Michelle Cannon stated that anytime you are challenging a state mandate or law, if it is going to go up to the appellate level, it gets into the six figures when you are talking about an appellate level. They can go all the way up to the California Supreme Court. If someone is not happy with that California Supreme Court decision then it would get appealed to the US Supreme Court.

Mr. Price asked have other districts outside of CA made it further than their state case. He also asked if she could give some sense of the exposure to the school district if we did not enforce or follow the mandate.

Michelle Cannon stated she was not aware of any COVID related cases making it outside of the state to the US Supreme Court. She stated that it would depend on if there was an injury to student or staff. They range from regular tort damages, which allow for personal injury damage for someone not following the law or being outside the standard of care, to other criminal penalties. There are also health and safety codes, with criminal penalties and jail time. Also on a side note, under Cal OSHA there are regulations in place were if employees are injured in the work place and the current mandates have to do with masking and quarantine, Cal OSHA can come in and assess fines and penalties. Those are available up to \$250,000. The fines would be assess against the school or the employer who is not enforcing the regulations that are required.

Mr. Armitage stated a valid question was asked about the enforcement of students coming to school without a mask.

Mrs. Callahan stated that there are some districts who are suspending students for not wearing a mask at school. The local enforcement is still an expectation of enforcement. We will not be allowing students unmasked in classrooms unless they are actively eating, drinking or they have an exemption from a medical professional. It is our responsibility as a school district to adhere to the legal mandates that are bestowed upon us. There is legal action right now questioning the legalities of the mandate and whether or not this is acceptable. It was shared that six figures would be needed to potentially join a lawsuit to question the legality. The board is making a decision to comply with the mandate and understanding that we could all be individually liable. An independent study program is being offered to students.

7:57 a five-minute recess was called by the board due to audience members interrupting the meeting.

8:01 Kris Wyatt returned with board members and reconvened

Mr. Price asked Mrs. Cannon a question to help the group understand. He asked for a couple of examples of how/if the mandates could be removed and how long the process would take. He also asked Mrs. Cannon what difference is there from a district governed school vs a charter school.

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Michelle Cannon stated the Governor or CDPH could take away the mandate at any time. There is also through legal challenges, which any citizen of the state can bring forward. Legal challenges are never fast because they get appealed. If the Governor is recalled and if he is replaced by someone else, this could change. For every election, there is a requirement to certify the election, which takes time. There may be a 38-day requirement after September 14, which would be the beginning of November. The new governor would be seated after the election is certified. That person can start to make changes to political appointees, which are the folks making these decisions. That could take a few more weeks. Mrs. Cannon stated that the same requirements apply to charter and private schools

Matt Lingenfelter – asked to make an additional comment and shared he understands the fear that comes with that and the uncertainty that comes with that. Regardless of those fears, we still have an obligation to uphold the constitution and not mandates. We are not ruled by kings or lords. We are free people and we can do as we please and we can raise our children as we please and it is up to you, you are the ones that we are all looking at for guidance. He further stated to the board, show us your constituents, that there is right and wrong and the choice is the right thing to do. Give us the choice and let us raise our children the way we want.

Casey Donnel – had some concerns regarding special education students and exemptions for them.

Mrs. Callahan explained the process of a student testing positive in the classroom, independent study, close contacts and quarantine timelines. She also stated that in terms of exemptions for students in special education there are some different parameters in their IEP's. We are also working with our legal counsel about working in conjunction with families when it is in the child's best interest. We are going to support families that have a reasonable need for an exemption that we see from a school setting.

Susan Martineau- stated she wanted to apologize, she is angry, and want their rights protected.

Mrs. Freymond stated that she understands that parents are angry and stated that she is angry that we are put in this position as a Country and as a State. She supports 100% mask choice. Her daughter was delay a whole year because she could not take her science course with a lab. She is angry as well as a parent. She is a parent first and foremost, then a board member. She wanted to let them know her stance.

Mrs. Wyatt stated that we are going to continue to have more discussion about this and the protocols are a road map and not set in stone. The fact that we are starting school on the day we are supposed to start and there is anger and frustration because of the mask, we still have an obligation to get 7000 kids in school. Your right is not the same right as someone else, or what they want. There is a lot we are listening too. It is not just one side, there are a whole bunch of other sides. We will continue to talk, discuss the concerns. We didn't get to vote on the mandate. She wears a mask on our school campus because it is her obligation to the children in our school.

8.1 Information/ Discussion *Page 100 – WPUSD COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS*
– Callahan (21-22 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)

Kerry Callahan stated the Western Placer Unified School District Covid-19 Safety Protocols: A Road Map for WPUSD Schools which was sent out to families on the August 13, 2021 Family Update. The protocols are also posted on the District website and in this board packet.

8.2 Action *Page 121 – APPROVE RESOLUTION NO. 21/22.4 – ANNUAL ADJUSTMENT OF COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT MELLO-ROOS RATES FOR CFD#1 AND CFD #2 – Adell (21-22 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)*
Roll call vote:

Mike Adell presented resolution no 21/22.4 for approval. Mike stated that annually we adjust the fee rate calculations for CFD #1 and CFD #2 based on the California Construction Cost Index. There was an increase this year. This will only apply to new construction. Mr. Price asked if this increase was larger than previous years. Mr. Adell stated that this we have been 4.4 % to 2.8% this year. Motion by Mr. Armitage and seconded by Mr. Price and passed by a 4-0 (*Ayes: Armitage, Freymond, Price, Wyatt No: None*) vote to approve Resolution no 21/22.4 – Annual Adjustment of Community Facilities District Mello-Roos Rates for CFD #1 and CFD #2

8.3 Action *Page 124 – VARIABLE TERM WAIVER REQUEST FOR GLORIA GONZALEZ – De Graw (21-22 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)*

Cliff De Graw presented the Variable Term Waiver Request for Speech and Language Therapist who has completed her credential program and her credential award is pending. The Variable Term Waiver request is needed to be approved by the board to authorize the applicant to work in the position Motion by Mr. Price and seconded by Mrs. Freymond and passed by a 4-0 (*Ayes: Armitage, Freymond, Price, Wyatt No: None*) vote to approve the Variable Term Waiver request for Gloria Gonzalez

8.4 Action *Page 133 – CONSIDER APPROVING JOB DESCRIPTION FOR COLLEGE AND CAREER TECHNICIAN AND CHANGES TO CLASSIFIED SALARY SCHEDULE – De Graw (21-22 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V):*

Cliff De Graw stated as part of the ongoing review of staffing needs by the District there exists a need to create a new Collee and Career Technician position, approve a newly developed job description for the position, and adjust the Classified Salary Schedule to include this new position. Motion by Mr. Armitage and seconded by Mr. Price and passed by a 4-0 (*Ayes: Armitage, Freymond, Price, Wyatt No: None*) vote to Consider Approving Job Description for College and Career Technician and Changes to Classified Salary Schedule

Mrs. Wyatt stated that this position is very much needed at the high schools

8.5 Action **Page 137 – ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD MEMBER
RESIGNATION AND PROCESS FOR FILLING VACANCY –
Callahan** (21-22 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)

Mrs. Callahan reported Brian Haley has resigned his position on the school board. He reviewed the vacancy process timeline. There was some discussion on the process of the questions for the applicants. The applications will be available starting Thursday, August 19, 2021, as well as online. The questions will be given to the board members only for review at the next board meeting. Appointee has to be from Sheridan Area

Motion by Mr. Armitage and seconded by Mr. Price and passed by a 4-0 (*Ayes: Armitage, Freymond, Price, Wyatt No: None*) vote for Acceptance of Board Member Resignation and process for filling vacancy

**8.6 Discussion/
Action** **Page 150 – ELECT A CLERK – Callahan** (21-22 G & O Component I, II, III, IV, V)

Mrs. Callahan stated that Board Member Brian Haley was serving this term as Board Clerk. With his resignation, there is a need to elect a Clerk for the remainder of the year. There was some discussion and a nomination for board clerk was made. Mr. Armitage nominated Criste Freymond. Mrs. Freymond accepted the nomination

Motion by Mr. Armitage and seconded by Mr. Price and passed by a 4-0 (*Ayes: Armitage, Freymond, Price, Wyatt No: None*) vote to Elect the nominated Board Clerk

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**
- Lee (Leland) Basham – naming of theater at LHS

Mrs. Wyatt stated school safety and health need to be bolded since they are very important at this time.

9.2 BOARD MEMBER REPORTS/COMMENTS

Mrs. Freymond wanted to stress that as a parent she feels very bad at what is going on, and that we are in the position that we are in. She thinks that we are in an impossible situation and she feels for every single parent. She knows that they are trying to do what is right for their kids.

Mr. Armitage believes in personnel choice, to wear a mask or not wear a mask, to get vaccine or not get a vaccination. He feels that we should have local control and be able to know what is best for their community. If the mandates are found to be unconstitutional, he hopes it is speedy and they can get it through the courts and filter down to us so we can make decisions appropriate for our community. On July 14, he meet with the County Committee for a special meeting and they approved a proposed trustee area boundary adjustment in the Placer Union High School District, to realign two of the trustee areas.

Mr. Price stated that he an opportunity to join many of Kerry's new administrative staff at their recent meeting. She has a lot of new folks in new roles. He was able to hear feedback regarding the district and how proud they are to be a part of this district. He also was able to greet over 40 new teachers. The energy was great even though this is not the best season for what we are trying to do. Everyone is excited and it is great to see and it is an adage to the leadership here.

Mrs. Wyatt stated she met with Placer County School Board Presidents and everybody is going through the same thing that we are. Unfortunately, some of them initially said they were not going to have a mask mandate and they were not going to follow the mandate, and have now had to backtrack. Things have been smooth as far as opening and they have been handling each individual case that comes up. It was wonderful to go to the admin retreat and visit. Seeing the new teachers is always enlightening that this young group of whippersnappers want to come into education and they are excited about coming into this field. It is a really good place to be with all the good, the bad and the ugly. Her grandson was a zebra crew leader, he came home and said it was really cool. The beginning of this school is really going well. Friday she will be at Twelve Bridges to share about the interact club with freshman and sophomores.

10. ESTABLISHMENT OF NEXT MEETING(S)

The President will establish the following meeting(s):

➤ **September 7, 2021 7:00 P.M.**, Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees – District Office/City Hall Bldg., 3rd Floor Conference Room

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11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.



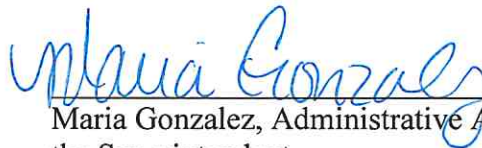
Kris Wyatt, President



Criste Freymond, Clerk



Kerry Callahan, Superintendent



Maria Gonzalez, Administrative Assistant to
the Superintendent

Adopted: September 7, 2021

Ayes: Price, Armitage, Wyatt

Noes:

Absent: Freymond

Accommodating Those Individuals with Special Needs:

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