

# Wilmar Union Elementary School District Meeting of the Board of Education Minutes

Thursday, January 11, 2024, at 4:30 PM

The Wilmar Union School District Board of Education meetings are open to the public, except for certain subjects that are addressed in closed session in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act. If anyone wishes to attend and requires special accommodations due to a handicapping condition, as outlined in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please contact the superintendent at least two working days prior to the meeting.

## **Call to order and Flag Salute: 4:30**

Board Members present: Buck O'Hare, Lyn Romstad, Andrea Balf, and Andrea Christensen

- 1.0 Approval of the Agenda:** (If anyone is present for a particular agenda item, the Board may wish to bring that item forward at this time.) Motion to approve agenda.

Motion: Andrea Balf      Second: Lyn Romstad      Ayes: 4 Noes: 0

- 2.0 Public Comment:** At this time members of the public may address the Board on any items, that are not on the agenda, but are of interest to the public and that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board. Members may address the Board on particular items on the agenda as they come up during the meeting. In accordance with Board Bylaw 9323, visitors are allowed to address the Board for up to three (3) minutes per individual and up to 20 minutes per topic. The Board President may increase or decrease the time allowed for public comment. The Board values public comments, but by the Brown Act, the Board shall not act upon, respond to, or comment on the merits of any item presented during this period. The Board may ask clarifying questions of the presenter or refer the presenter to a District procedure, if appropriate.

## **3.0 Reports/presentations:**

### **3.0 Superintendent/Principal: Mid Year LCAP Update**

Superintendent Hospodar and CBO Hale delivered the mid-year LCAP update, presenting a comprehensive review of each of the four LCAP goals to the school board. A mid-year snapshot was shared, offering insights into the progress made. Furthermore, the budget associated with the LCAP was scrutinized, with a comparison between estimated and actual costs at this juncture in the academic year. CBO Hale also provided an updated overview of general fund budget expenditures for the school year, excluding those covered by the LCAP.

### **3.1 Business Manager: Mid Year LCAP Fiscal Update**

CBO Hale briefed the school board on the proposed Governor's budget, highlighting a substantial \$38 billion deficit facing the state of California. Despite the challenging financial landscape, there was some positive news. According to the governor's presentation, there won't be a significant decrease in the school district budget. The proposed Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for this year is currently suggested at .7%, reflecting a notable decrease from the previous year.

CBO Hale delivered an update on the current status of the roofs at the Wilson School campus. A consultant was engaged to offer a professional assessment. While the roofs are compromised, there is a one to three-year timeframe before a replacement roof will be installed on the school facilities.

**3.3 Reports from Board Members: No report**

**3.4 Report from Catalyst Foundation: Proposed Arts Program**

The evening commenced with a presentation by the members Catalyst, a Wilson School foundation. During the presentation, Catalyst board members proposed the implementation of an art program, pledging a generous contribution of \$25,000 to benefit students at Wilson School. The allocated funds will be disbursed through a stipend. Pending approval from the Willmar School Board, efforts will be initiated to search for a qualified part-time teacher to instruct art at Wilson School.

**4.0 Information/Discussion:**

**4.1 (p.1) First Reading of Board Policy Updates**

BP 0460 AR 0460 BP 0500 BP 0520 AR 1220 BP 1431  
BP 3400 AR 3400 BP 5116.2 BP 5131.2 AR 5131.2 AR 5141.21 BP  
5148.3 AR 5148.3 BP 6142.8 AR 6142.8 BP 6146.1 BP 6146.4 BP 6170.1  
AR 6173.3 BB 9321 E (1) 9321 E (2) 9321

**4.2 (p.6) IRS Mileage Reimbursement Rate for 2024**

**5.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda by Consolidated Motion:**

**5.1 (p.7) Approval of the Minutes of December 14, 2023.**

**5.2 (p.11) Approve Williams Quarterly Report Showing No Complaints for the Period of October 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.**

**5.3 (p.12) Approve Budget Update Batches #BR24-00030 Through BR24-00039 and BT24-00002**

Motion: Andrea Balf Second: Lyn Romstad Ayes: 4Noes: 0

**6.0 Action Items:**

**6.1 (p.13) Approve the Board Payment Report.** Recommended Motion: That the Board approve the Board Payment Report for December 7, 2023 through December 20, 2023.

Motion: Lyn Romstad Second: Andrea Christensen Ayes: 4Noes: 0

**6.2 (handout) Approve the Wilson School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2023-24.** Recommended Motion: That the Board approve the Wilson School Accountability Report Card (SARC) for 2023-24.

Motion: Andrea Christensen Second: Lyn Romstad Ayes: 4 Noes:0

**6.3 (p.15) Approval of the 2023-24 Winter Consolidated Application.** Recommended motion: That the Board approve the 2023-24 Winter Consolidated Application.

Motion: Lyn Romstad Second: Andrea Christensen Ayes:4 Noes:0

**7.0 Move to Close Session**

Motion: Andrea Balf Second: Lyn Romstad Ayes: 4 Noes: 0

**7.1 The purpose of the close session is to begin the annual evaluation process for the Superintendent.**

**8.0 Adjourn Close Session**

**9.0 Report of Action Taken in Close Session.**

The Board unanimously agreed upon a format for the evaluation of the superintendent for the 2023-2024 school year.

**10.0 Next Special Board Meeting:** Tuesday, January 23, 2024, 4:30 PM.

**Next Board Meeting:** Thursday, February 8, 2024, 4:30 PM

Topics for that meeting:

- Form 700, statement of Economic Interest
- Budget updates
- Staffing
- Comprehensive School Safety Plan
- Criteria to Determine the order of Termination Among Certificated Employees with same date of paid services

**11.0 Adjournment: 6:40** (Followed by signing of papers of routine nature.)

Board Minutes Approved by \_\_\_\_\_  
Stephen Collins, Board Clerk