

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

Thursday, December 14, 2023 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.

4:30 PM Regular Meeting Agenda

Call to order and Flag Salute: 4:30

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

- 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: Stephen Collins Second: Lyn Romstad Ayes: 5 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.

No comments

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3.0 Reports/presentations:

3.1 Superintendent/Principal: YouthTruth, Parent Feedback Night, CAASPP scores
Superintendent Hospodar discussed upcoming events

Community Feedback Opportunities:

An event titled "Community Feedback Event" is scheduled for January 16.

This event will be conducted in both English and Spanish, making it accessible to a wider audience.

The event will have multiple sessions, catering to different time schedules: before school, after school, and in the evening. This flexibility aims to accommodate various community members.

YouthTruth Survey:

This survey will be available to students in grades 3-6, parents, and staff members.

It covers various areas such as engagement, environment, culture, sense of belonging, academics, and parental involvement.

The results from the Community Feedback Event and the YouthTruth Survey will be used to drive goals for the LCAP, Comprehensive Safety Plan, and vision for the 2024-25.

3.2 Business Manager: Developer Fee Justification Study, Class-size penalty general waiver
CBO Hale provided an update on the ongoing roof repair at the Wilson School campus. A local roofing consultant was engaged to assess the condition of the aging roof across all buildings. The results from the evaluation will be shared with the board upon completion.

Additionally, CBO Hale highlighted the necessity of submitting a waiver due to exceeding the class size percentage in the 4-6 classrooms. The Class-size penalty general waiver request is scheduled to be presented to the board early in 2024 for consideration.

3.3 Reports from Board Members:

4.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda by Consolidated Motion:

4.1 (p.1) Approval of the Minutes of November 9, 2023.

Motion: Lyn Romstad Second: Andrea Balf Ayes: 5Noes: 0

5.0 Information/Discussion

5.1 (p.4) **RESIG 2022-2023 Public Self-Insurer's Annual Report**

5.2 (p.13) **Governing Board Elections and Organizational Meeting Legal Update**

6.0 Action Items:

6.1 (p.16) **Approve the Board Payment Report.** Recommended Motion: That the Board approve the Board Payment Report for October 27, 2023 through December 6, 2023

Motion: Andrea Balf Second: Andrea Christensen Ayes: 5Noes: 0

6.2 (p.21) **Approve the First Interim Report for the Fiscal Year 2023-24.**

Recommended motion: That the Board approve the 2023-24 First Interim Report .

CBO Hale's First Interim Report for Fiscal presentation highlighted several critical points:

- **California State Budget Deficit:** Forecasted at \$68 billion, a significant concern.
- **Schools' Share of State Budget:** Schools comprise 40% of the State budget, making them susceptible to potential cuts due to the deficit.
- **Enrollment and Attendance:** They form the foundation of the school's budget. Although predicted to remain consistent, they're crucial for funding. The school seems to maintain a higher attendance rate compared to other institutions.
- **Impact of State Deficit on Schools:** Anticipated impact on schools due to the State deficit, with more precise details expected in the Governor's budget revision in January.

Recommendations by CBO Hale: Preparing for potential State funding reductions by focusing on...

- Increasing enrollment and attendance.

- Balance staffing with enrollment numbers
- Aim to balance the budget to prevent overspending (deficit spending).
Motion: Stephen Collins Second: Andrea Balf Ayes: 5Noes: 0

6.3 (p.125) Approve the increase in Sub Rates effective January 1, 2024.

Recommended motion: That the Board approve the increase in Sub Rates effective January 1, 2024.

Motion: Andrea Christensen Second: Stephen Collins Ayes: 5Noes: 0

6.4 Approve the January 23, 2024 for special board meeting training on school finance. Recommended motion: That the Board approve the January 23, 2024 for special board meeting training on school finance.

Motion: Andrea Balf Second: Andrea Christensen Ayes: 4Noes: 0

***Note: Lyn Romstad had to leave early

6.5 (p.127) Approve the ESSER III Safe Return to In-Person Instructions 6-month update. Recommended motion: That the Board approve the ESSER III Safe Return to In-Person Instructions 6-month update.

Motion: Stephen Collins Second: Andrea Balf Ayes: 4Noes: 0

6.6 Approve Election of Board Officers for Jan. 2024 through Dec. 2024

6.6.1 Elections of Board President Nomination of Henry (Buck) O’Hare

6.6.2 Election of Board Clerk Nomination of Stephen Collins

6.6.3 Election of representative to the Sonoma County Committee for School District Organization. Nomination of Andrea Balf

6.6.4 Election of alternate representative to the Sonoma County Committee for School District Organization Nomination of Andrea Christensen

Motion to approve slate of officers as nominated.

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

6.7 (p.131) Approve Resolution 2324-3 regarding Accounting of Development Fees for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year in Capital Facilities Fund 25. Recommended motion:

That the Board approves Resolution #2324-3 regarding Accounting of Development Fees for 2022-2023 Fiscal Year in Capital Facilities Fund 25.

Motion: Stephen Collins Second: Andrea Balf Ayes: 4Noes: 0

6.8 (p.139) Approve and accept the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Audit.

Recommended motion: That the Board approves the 2022-2023 Annual Financial Audit.

Motion: Andrea Christensen Second: Stephen Collins Ayes: 4Noes: 0

6.9 (p.217) Approve and accept the Certification of Corrective Action for 2022-2023 Financial Audit. Recommended motion: That the Board approve the Corrective Action for 2022-2023 Financial Audit.

Motion: Stephen Collins Second: Andrea Balf Ayes: 4Noes: 0

6.10 Approve Doug Hecker and Andrea Balf as the Negotiation Team for impact on next fiscal year. Recommended motion: That the Board approve the Negotiation Team for impact on next fiscal year.

Motion: Stephen Collins Second: Andrea Christensen Ayes: 4Noes: 0

7.0 Next Board Meeting: Thursday, January 11, 2024, **4:30 p.m.**

Topics for that meeting:

- School Accountability Report Card
- Budget Updates
- Williams Quarterly Update
- General Waiver for Class Size Penalty

8.0 Adjournment: 6:15 (Followed by signing of papers of routine nature.)

Approved by _____
Stephen Collins, Board clerk