

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

February 13, 2025 at 4:30 PM

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4:30 PM Regular Meeting Minutes

Call to order and Flag Salute: 4:30

Board Members present: Andrea Christensen, Andrea Balf, Lyn Romstad, Kendra Benson, and Renee Waters

- 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 Christensen Second Renee Waters Ayes: 5 Nays: 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:

- 3.1 Superintendent/Principal: TK/K enrollment, CDE Dashboard Overview, LCAP Mid-Year Update

Superintendent's Report

1. **TK/Kindergarten Enrollment Update**
 - o Superintendent Hospodar shared the current TK/Kindergarten enrollment numbers with the board.
 - o Enrollment has doubled from the previous year.
 - o Currently, there are **39 registered for TK** and **9 registered for Kindergarten**.
2. **Wilmar Union School Board CDE Dashboard Review**
 - o As per requirement, Superintendent Hospodar highlighted the Wilmar Union School Board CDE Dashboard.
 - o He emphasized **healthy test scores** while noting that the **absenteeism rate remains high**.
 - o Plans are being developed to encourage daily student attendance.
3. **Mid-Year LCAP Update Presentation**
 - o Superintendent Hospodar provided a **comprehensive mid-year update** on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP).
 - o The presentation included **current data and progress tracking**, demonstrating that **most areas are on track** to meet objectives by the end of the year.

- o A discussion took place regarding **chronic absenteeism**, focusing on the **CDE's method of calculation**.

Superintendent Hospodar committed to reaching out to the **county office for clarification** on whether **independent study attendance is factored into the absenteeism calculation**.

3.2 Business Manager: Absent

3.3 Reports from Board Members:

Trustee Report

1. Brown Act Training

- o Trustees **Andrea Christensen** and **Renee Waters** attended the **Brown Act training**.
- o **Mrs. Christensen** shared highlights from the training with the members of the school board.

Following discussions on the **Brown Act**, the school board requested that the **Superintendent create a board binder** to serve as a **guide for trustees** to better understand their roles as board members.

4.0 Information/Discussion:

4.1 (p.1) County Approval of Wilmar's First Interim Report 2024-25

5.0 Approval of the Consent Agenda by Consolidated Motion:

5.1 (p.3) Approval of the Minutes of January 9, 2025 and January 28, 2025 Special Board Meeting Minutes

5.2 (p.8) Approve budget updates #BR25-00041 through BR25-00049 and BT 25-00003

5.3 (p.9) Approve the Wilson School Comprehensive School Safety Report for 2024-25.

Motion: Andrea Christensen

Second: Lyn Romstad

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

6.0 Action Items:

6.1 (p.17) Approve the Board Payment Report. Recommended Motion: That the Board approve the Board Payment Report for January 3, 2025 through February 6, 2025

Motion: Lyn Romstad

Second: Kendra Benson

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

6.2 (p.23) Approve the Criteria to Determine the order of Termination Around Termination Among Certificated temp employees with same date of paid services.

Recommended Motion: That the Board approve the Criteria to Determine the order of Termination Around Termination Among Certificated temp employees with same date of paid services.

Motion: Kendra Benson

Second: Lyn Romstad

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

6.3 (p.25) Approve the Facilities Consulting Agreement with Hancock Park and DeLong, Inc. for services pertaining to School Facility Program and Prop. 2 eligibility.

Recommended Motion: That the Board approve the Facilities Consulting Agreement with Hancock Park and DeLong, Inc. for services pertaining to School Facility Program and Prop. 2 eligibility.

Motion: Renee Waters

Second: Lyn Romstad

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

7.0 Move to Close Session

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

Motion: Andrea Christensen

Second: Kendra Benson

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

8.0 Adjourn Close Session

Motion: Andrea Christensen

Second: Kendra Benson

Ayes: 5 Noes: 0

9.0 Report of Action Taken in Close Session

The Board discussed the Superintendent's evaluation. No reportable action was taken.

10.0 Next Board Meeting: Thursday, March 13, 2025, 4:30 p.m.

Topics for that meeting:

- Second Interim Report
- Determine April's board meeting date
- Calendar 2025-26
- Enrollment and staffing update
- Form 700, Statement of Economic Interest
- Reserve Policy
- Adoption of Screener to be used to assess students for risk of reading difficulties

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

Approved by _____
Andrea Balf, Board President