

**WOODSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD
~ MINUTES ~**

4:30 p.m.

February 9, 2021

Teleconference

Trustees: Peter Bailey, Jenny Hayden, Neil Sequeira, Dan Simon, and Jennifer Zweig

Administration: Steven Frank, Superintendent, Waly Ndiaye, Chief Business Official, Dr. Marta Batlle, Student Services Director, Jenn Pedersen, Upper School Principal, Melissa Bowdoin, Lower School Principal, and Harlin Hansen, Technology Director

Staff & Guests: Jo Boaler, Chelsea Card, Lisa Dayeh, Susan Edwards, Chandler Evans, Elizabeth and Neil Furukawa, Christina Hengehold, Christine Jones, Nikkie McManis, Joane Nelson, Gillian Parkhurst, Claire Pollioni, Todd Scheuer, Cathy Stienstra, Clarke Weatherspoon, Lyle Weaver, Melissa Zdrodowski, and Ama Zenya

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Jennifer Zweig. Trustees Peter Bailey, Jenny Hayden, Neil Sequeira, and Dan Simon were present at roll call.

II. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

The Trustees, Steven Frank, and County Counsel John Nibbelin adjourned to closed session at 2:00 p.m. to discuss the following items:

A. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation: Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to paragraph (2) of Subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9 of the California Govt. Code (one case)

B. Personnel

C. Conference with Labor Negotiations: Superintendent Steven Frank and Business Services Director Waly Ndiaye – Govt. Code 54954.5

III. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

The Governing Board reconvened to open session at 6:03 p.m.

IV. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

President Jen Zweig stated that there was nothing to report out of closed session.

V. FLAG SALUTE

VI. AMENDMENTS TO AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

VII. OPEN FORUM

There were no comments at open forum.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS

A. Superintendent Steven Frank Comment

Mr. Frank provided an update on communications from the County regarding vaccination progress. The District remains optimistic that vaccinations will accelerate in the coming weeks and that our teachers and staff will be prioritized.

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B. Governing Board Comment

There was no Board comment.

C. Comment from Employee Groups

There was no comment from WTA.

D. Woodside School Student Council

Upper School Principal Jenn Pedersen provided an updated on Student Council activities.

E. Woodside School Foundation Comment

There was no Foundation report.

F. Woodside School PTA Comment

PTA President Christina Hengehold reported on PTA activities, including a Valentine's Day fundraiser to pay for PTA teacher grants.

IX. CONSENT AGENDA

On a motion by Peter Bailey, seconded by Jennifer Zweig, the following consent agenda items were approved by a 5-0 vote:

A. January 12, 2021 Meeting Minutes

B. January 2021 Warrants and Payroll

C. January 2021 Financial Statement

D. December 2020 San Mateo County Investment Report

E. Annual Adjustment to Bid Threshold for Contracts Awarded to School Districts

F. Annual Adjustment to Liability for Willful Pupil Misconduct

G. 2020-2021 Safety Plan

H. Certificated Seniority List for the 2020-2021 School Year

I. 2019-2020 School Accountability Report Card

J. School Reopening Plan Revision

X. DISCUSSION – ACTION ITEMS

A. STEAM Fair Report

Science Teacher Jenn Parker provided an update on planning for a STEAM Fair for students in grades 6-8. Unfortunately due to COVID there will not be a County Fair this year. Ms. Parker and Upper School Principal Jenn Pedersen are exploring online programs such as Solutionary Fair that offer innovative projects designed to have a positive impact on our community.

B. Jo Boaler Professional Development Report

Professor Jo Boaler, the Nomellini-Olivier Professor of Mathematics Education at the Stanford Graduate School of Education, reported on her work with Woodside School staff regarding leveraging her research to enhance our math curriculum, particularly around increasing engagement and student success in math.

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C. Upper School Math Report

Upper School Math teachers Chelsea Card and Nikkie McManis provided a report on the Upper School math program, ongoing changes, and future enhancements. Options are being discussed around grade level and accelerated programs.

D. Preschool Program Report

Preschool Supervisor Lisa Dayeh reported on preschool enrollment and a proposed tuition increase for 2021-2022. The Governing Board agreed to an 8 ½% tuition increase for next school year.

E. Clarke Weatherspoon Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Report

Clarke Weatherspoon, DEI Consultant, provided an update on his first several months working with Woodside School and the WIDC Committee on diversity, equity, and inclusion. WIDC is engaging the community in creating goals and working towards achievement.

F. 2021 Board Policy Updates

On a motion by Peter Bailey, seconded by Neil Sequeira, the October 2020 Proposed Board Policies were approved by a 5-0 vote.

G. Woodside School Field Use

The Trustees discussed the reopening of the school fields for students sports organizations including Little League and Woodside Soccer Club. Superintendent Steve Frank will meet with interested groups to review campus use and COVID protocols.

XI. BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

A. Budget Committee liaisons – *Jenny Hayden & Neil Sequiera*

Waly Ndiaye and Cathy Stienstra met with Neil Sequiera and Dan Simon for a budget overview.

B. DELAC Committee liaisons – *Jenny Hayden & Neil Sequeira*

DELAC meets on February 22nd.

C. Foundation liaisons – *Jennifer Zweig*

The Foundation hasn't met yet this month.

D. JCOP liaisons – *Jenny Hayden & Jennifer Zweig*

JCOP members discussed the PTA grants and fundraiser, staff coffees, and the possibility of May Day.

E. Negotiations liaisons – *Peter Bailey & Jennifer Zweig*

The negotiating team will be in a training session on February 24th. The next negotiations meeting will be on March 1st.

F. PTA liaison – *Jenny Hayden & Dan Simon*

PTA activities are included above in the JCOP update.

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G. School Site Council liaisons – *Dan Simon*

Site Council members will begin developing the 2020-21 parent survey on March 8th.

H. WIDC liaisons – *Jenny Hayden & Jennifer Zweig*

The WIDC Committee is working with DEI Consultant Clarke Weatherspoon to develop goals for Woodside School and a calendar of events.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS DISCUSSION

February 9th Board meeting highlights to communicate:

- STEAM Fair
- Jo Boaler's Report
- Upper School Math Program
- Clarke Weatherspoon DEI Report
- Mr. Frank's Vaccination Update

XIII. BOARD GOVERNANCE CALENDAR

Future agenda additions:

April 20: SMCSIG Insurance Report

May 11: Math Program and Standards

June 8: Governing Board Self-Review

TBD: Special Education Flow Chart and Staffing

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peter Bailey