

# WCCUSD Governance Subcommittee

Alvarado Adult Education Campus

July 24, 2019

## Minutes

Approved September 25, 2019

### I. Opening Procedures

#### A. Roll Call and Introductions

Chairperson Stephanie Hernández-Jarvis called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

**Committee Members Present:** Stephanie Hernández-Jarvis, Tom Panas

**Staff Attendees:** Matthew Duffy Superintendent; Martine Blake, Director Family & Community Engagement; Luis Freese, Engineering Officer; Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary

Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis provided opportunity for those in the audience to introduce themselves.

#### B. Approval of Agenda

Mr. Panas and Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis accepted the agenda.

#### C. Approval of Minutes of the May 15, 2019 Meeting

Approval of Minutes was deferred to the next meeting.

#### D. Public Comment

None

### II. Action Items

#### A. Proposed revision to Board Bylaw 9322

Superintendent Duffy provided background and pointed out the area for contracts to include vendor measurable outcomes and metrics of success. The intent of the policy language was to provide clarity of expectations. Ms. Blake spoke about meeting with partners at the various sites to discuss monitoring of progress throughout the year.

Mr. Panas clarified the objective to advise staff and put in place guidelines for measurement of outcomes for student success. Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis acknowledged the importance of determining effectiveness when considering use of funds tied to student outcomes and merits of programs.

Superintendent Duffy next reviewed the section of the policy regarding format for board presentations to set a protocol standard. Committee discussion touched on the level of data presented by school, by demographic groups, over time, and comparisons with other districts when possible.

Mr. Panas spoke of the value of an executive summary at the start of a presentation where possible. Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis talked about public accessibility and the aim to translate presentations.

Superintendent Duffy continued to review the section of the bylaw regarding agenda preparation and formalize the language to involve the board clerk in the agenda setting process. Mr. Panas and Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis both supported the value of

perspective of the superintendent, clerk of the board and board president in decision making for the process.

Committee discussion continued.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Motion:**

Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis indicated she was comfortable with taking the feedback heard here for revisions and bringing to the Board for consideration. Mr. Panas seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**B. Proposed Revision to Board Policy 7214.2 CBOC**

Superintendent Duffy recalled the last committee meeting and discussion about the CBOC board policy, including reduction of seats on the committee and new language supporting committee operations.

Mr. Panas shared background and purpose of the proposed revisions.

**Public Comment:**

Don Gosney, chairperson of the CBOC, said he was available to answer questions. He spoke about some concerns and noted previous recommendations for a construction consultant as well as legal consultant. He was of the opinion that legal counsel would be of the most value.

Discussion touched on removal of language regarding CBOC sitting on interview panels in the selection of auditors and staff's role. Discussion turned to fiscal audit findings and expanded audits.

Mr. Freese offered clarification regarding site inspections and potential to circumvent District staff in directly contacting contractors.

Discussion turned to an annual budget to provide for administrative support and legal counsel, scope of the work of the committee, review of audit findings, and language to address purpose of the committee.

Mr. Gosney spoke about transparency and following the law.

Discussion touched on website communication, the importance of accurate information, posting essential documents, and the volume of related duties that have been taken on by committee members.

Discussion continued regarding frustration on both sides, a proposed annual budget and addressing specific line items in the CBOC proposed policy.

It was determined that this item would return to the next committee meeting for further review and input.

**III. Discussion Items**

**A. Voting Order – Student Trustees**

Mr. Panas introduced the item by noting revised state law that now formalizes the vote of

student board members at meetings.

**Public Comment:**

None

**Committee Discussion:**

Superintendent Duffy spoke about framing the language of Assembly Bill 261 regarding Student Governing Board members voting rights on motions before other board members vote. He said this language would be included in Board Bylaw 9150 Student Board Members.

**B. Student Cell Phone Policy**

Mr. Panas spoke about a lack of policy related to student use of cell phones on school campuses. It was mentioned that the district's student handbook had a section related to this matter.

**Public Comment:**

Demetrio Gonzalez provided a copy of the handbook with that section under the secondary code of conduct. He noted that it seemed outdated and pointed out problems related to phones in schools. He provide sample policies form Oakland, Los Angeles and San Diego school districts. He advocated for development of a policy to assist schools in addressing conflict and affects to classroom academic achievement.

**Committee Discussion:**

Discussion touched on possible confiscation, cyber bullying and safe use of online devices. Superintendent Duffy agreed that stronger language was needed about expectations and discussion of implementation by getting teachers and principals involved.

**C. Student Uniform Policy**

Mr. Panas spoke about the frustration around dress code and asked whether a uniform policy was a good idea. Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis said there was tension in schools about what children can and cannot wear and whether culturally appropriate. Superintendent Duffy supported assembling a working group to look into the matter.

**Public Comment:**

Demetrio Gonzalez shared perspective that the policy does not work for some schools due to access and affordability. He supported consistent messaging with students and staff.

Superintendent Duffy responded that he would bring all three of these discussion items back for further committee discussion.

**IV. Governance Committee Next Meeting**

The following meetings dates were scheduled:

Thursday, August 29, 6:00 PM

Wednesday, September 25, 6:00 PM

**V. Adjournment**

Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis adjourned the meeting at 8:04 PM.