

WCCUSD Governance Subcommittee

Alvarado Adult Education Campus

August 10, 2015

Minutes

Approved September 14, 2015

I. Opening Procedures

A. Roll Call and Introductions

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 PM by Committee Chair Valerie Cuevas.

Committee Members Present: Valerie Cuevas, Todd Groves

Other Attendees: Bruce Harter, Superintendent, Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Lisa LeBlanc, Associate Superintendent Facilities, Maintenance, Operations, Bond

B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved.

C. Approval of July 27, 2015 Minutes

The minutes from the July 27, 2015 meeting were approved by consensus.

II. Discussion Items

A. Update of Board Bylaw 9000 – Role of the Board

Public Comment:

None

Superintendent Harter provided copies of Board Bylaw 9000 by way of introducing the purpose of the committee for review and possible inclusion in the governance handbook. While there have been no recent changes, the bylaw describes the role of the Board. This was an opportunity for the committee to review and summarize for inclusion in the handbook.

Chairperson Cuevas and Mr. Groves held discussion regarding function, purpose and priority level. Chairperson Cuevas suggested adding an opening paragraph emphasizing student achievement. Superintendent Harter will draft a revision for review at a future meeting.

Superintendent Harter said that the governance handbook will include summarized board bylaws on the role of the Board and references in bylaw from the policy manual. This will be included in the draft for review by the full Board on August 24.

Discussion continued regarding referencing board evaluation of its own effectiveness as a point of accountability.

B. Membership of the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee

Public Comment:

None

Superintendent Harter provided background regarding conversation with the Board and Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC), Grand Jury findings, and review by the CBOC Data Review Committee. Superintendent Harter shared information about Measure M 2000 and the passage of Proposition 39 with requirements for citizen representation. He detailed amendments over time to stakeholder representation and thinking of the Board at the time. Discussion took place regarding committee member selection and composition.

Chairperson Cuevas said that she was inclined to have public conversation including the current CBOC members in order to discuss perceived conflict of interest. Mr. Groves recapped conversation regarding this matter held during the June 17 joint meeting of the CBOC and Board. He shared that the committee was satisfied with the current size of the CBOC but wanted to convert the Board appointees into members-at-large.

Ms. LeBlanc further recapped the discussion from the joint meeting as well as provided information about the Data Review Committee addressing the matter at their upcoming meeting, potentially resulting in a recommendation to the CBOC and ultimately to the Board of Education.

Discussion continued regarding maintaining inclusivity of stakeholders and eliminating any perception of conflict of interest, while maintaining a system of checks and balances. Superintendent Harter suggested hearing from the Data Review Committee and any recommendation to the CBOC at their September meeting. Ms. Cuevas requested that the Governance Subcommittee receive information about the original formation of the committee, perhaps from former Board member George Harris who led that initiative back in 2000.

III. Adjournment

The next scheduled meeting will be held August 24, 2015 at 6:30 PM. This will be a meeting with the full Board of Education and facilitator Barbara Young to review the draft governance handbook.

Chairperson Cuevas adjourned the meeting at 12:38 PM.