

WCCUSD Governance Subcommittee

Alvarado Adult Education Campus

September 21, 2015

Minutes

Approved October 5, 2015

I. Opening Procedures

A. **Roll Call and Introductions**

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 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.

Approval of September 14, 2015 Minutes

Public Comment:

Anton Jungherr had a suggestion to include public comment remarks in minutes as well as a correction regarding reference to a document he distributed at the September 14 meeting. He suggested posting to the district website all documents distributed, including the recent Grand Jury report and district response.

MOTION: The minutes from the September 14, 2015 meeting were approved by consensus as amended to include reference to a document distributed by Mr. Jungherr regarding CBOC history.

II. Discussion Items

A. **Membership Composition, Committee Size and Appointment Process for the Citizens Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)**

Public Comment:

Don Gosney spoke in support of maintaining the current size of the CBOC and converting positions to at-large status. He also addressed conflict of interest for all positions and the member application process.

Anton Jungherr distributed a document entitled *Size and Composition West Contra Costa Unified School District (WCCUSD) Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee (CBOC)* for consideration with comparisons of CBOCs across the state.

Ivette Ricco spoke about her years on the CBOC since 2010 reflecting on the more recent subcommittee structure of organization and management. She spoke of training for committee members as well as her concern about reduction in size.

Chairperson Cuevas invited the three members of the public to join in the discussion. She asked

their opinions of term limits and the number of current seats that fall under term limits. She continued with discussion regarding trustee appointees as well as positions represented by constituency required by statute. The discussion continued regarding the purpose of CBOC oversight and minimizing perception of conflict of interest.

Remarks from the members of the public included discussion of at-large positions, advisory capacity, recruitment efforts, selection process, and an independent applicant review committee.

Mr. Groves reflected on the Grand Jury recommendations, saying he was of the opinion it could cause an undemocratic process at some level of change and skewing the committee toward narrow interests. Mr. Groves said he was not convinced that the set-aside positions needed to be eliminated.

B. Discussion / Next Steps

Chairperson Cuevas asked that they begin an early draft of recommendations.

Superintendent Harter spoke of preparation for the scheduled September 30 joint Board / CBOC meeting to share in the conversation on whether to eliminate seats or how to move forward. The Governance Subcommittee will return on October 5, 2015 to formulate specific recommendations for the Board to consider.

III. Adjournment

Chairperson Cuevas adjourned the meeting at 1:56 PM.