



Regular Board Meeting
01/22/2026 - 05:00 PM
Woodland Joint Unified School District
District Office Board Room
435 6th Street, Woodland, CA 95695

MEETING MINUTES

Mission Statement

Woodland Joint Unified School District's mission is to prepare and empower all students for a future of endless possibilities.



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Attendance

Voting Members

Noel Rodriguez, President

Laura Brubaker, Vice President

Bibiana Garcia, Clerk

Deborah Bautista Zavala, Board Member

Kandice Richardson Fowler, Board Member

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica, Board Member

Rogelio Villagrana, Board Member

A. CALL TO ORDER IN OPEN SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

The Board President called the meeting to order in Open Session at 5:01 p.m. in the Board Room.

B. APPROVAL OF BOARD AGENDA - ACTION

The Superintendent pulled item D.2. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957, and item G.4.a. Approve January 15, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting Minutes, and moved section M. Facilities and Finance before section L. Teaching and Learning. Motion was made to approve the agenda as modified at the meeting.

Motion made by: Deborah Bautista Zavala

Motion seconded by: Laura Brubaker

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes
Laura Brubaker - Yes
Bibiana Garcia - Yes
Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes
Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes
Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes
Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

C. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON CLOSED SESSION AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item on the Closed Session Agenda. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in all languages. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on Closed Session Agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. Board members may ask for clarification, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

No one came forward when the Board President requested comments on the Closed Session agenda items.

D. CLOSED SESSION AGENDA

The Board recessed at 5:03 p.m. and reconvened in Closed Session at 5:06 p.m. Closed Session ended at 6:00 p.m.

- 1. Conference with Labor Negotiator, Dr. Rebecca Toto: WEA, CSEA, and/or Unrepresented Employees, Pursuant to Govt. Code 54957.6**
- 2. Public Employee: Discipline/Dismissal/Release, Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**
- 3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation, Pursuant to Government Code 54957: Superintendent**

E. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

The Board President reconvened the meeting in Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance

The Board President led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Land Acknowledgment Statement

Trustee Rodriguez-Mojica delivered the Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3. Equity Statement

Trustee Richardson Fowler delivered the Equity Statement.

4. Board of Trustees' Agreements

Trustee Bautista Zavala delivered the Board of Trustees' Agreements.

5. Announcement of any action taken in Closed Session or items to be approved in Open Session that were reviewed in Closed Session

The Board President announced that no action was taken in Closed Session.

F. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR SECTIONS G. CONSENT AGENDA AND H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Beth Bourne shared concerns.

G. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda excluding item G.4.a. Approve January 15, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting.

Motion made by: Laura Brubaker

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

1. Business Services

a. Approve Purchases of Items/Services in Excess of \$15,000: List 12-26

2. Educational Services

a. Approve Elementary and Secondary Summer Program Dates and Sites

3. Human Resources

a. Approve Certificated Personnel Report, 26-13

b. Approve Classified Personnel Report, 26-13

4. Board Meeting Minutes:

a. Approve January 15, 2026 - Regular Board Meeting

This item was pulled.

5. Resolutions

a. Approve Resolution 25-26: Fred Korematsu Day - January 30, 2026

H. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

1. Presentation: Resolution 25-26: Fred Korematsu Day - January 30, 2026

Trustee Laura Brubaker presented Resolution 25-26: Fred Korematsu Day - January 30, 2025, to Floyd and Ruth Shimomura.

I. STUDENT REPORTS

1. Report from High School Student Representatives

Cache Creek High School Student Representative Ramiro Negrete shared information about Cache Creek HS events.

Woodland High School Student Representative Izzie Tafoya shared information about Woodland HS events.

Pioneer High School Student Representative Nicole Pimentel shared information about Pioneer HS events.

J. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS ON THE AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form):
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Motion was made to extend the public comment time for items on the agenda to allow for all public comments submitted to be made.

Motion made by: Laura Brubaker

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

Dominick Del Toro Cruz, Braden Paule, Michael Benning, Marlene Molina, AJ Bright Rose, Izzabella Tafoya, Alexandria Clark, Zovay Benning, Willow Fowler, Amanda Young, Rebecca Benning, Liam Barthiaume, An Nguyen, Emily Steard, Shweta Jendulkar, Alex Trotter, Lisa Fettig, Jeff Geottsch, Daniel Montes, Ashley Golling, Kylee Dewberry, Alex Hernandez, Isabella Ceja, Cristian Alderete, Maria Luisa Lares, Alexandria Patricia Silva, Jessie Ortiz shared concerns with the potential removal of 7th period from the High School Schedule.

The Board recessed the meeting at 7:45 p.m. and resumed the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

K. REPORTS

1. Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin shared district updates.

2. Report from California School Employees Association (CSEA)

CSEA President Rebecca Rossiter shared information regarding CSEA.

3. Report from Woodland Education Association (WEA)

WEA President Becca Bernard shared information regarding WEA.

4. Report from Board Members

Trustees Villagrana made comments and Trustees Rodriguez-Mojica, Richardson Fowler, Brubaker, and Rodriguez shared a Board Report.

5. Information: Board Committee Updates

There were no Board committee updates.

L. TEACHING AND LEARNING

1. Information/Action: Review/Approve School Accountability Report Cards

Motion was made to approve the School Accountability Report Cards.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Bibiana Garcia

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Not Present

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Not Present

Rogelio Villagrana - Abstain

Motion Passed

2. Information: Implementation to Move High School Schedules to 6 Periods Effective 2027-2028 School Year

The Information item "Implementation to Move High School Schedules to 6 Periods Effective 2027-2028 School Year" was presented by Superintendent Elodia Ortega-Lampkin and Director of Alternative Education Programs Lore Carrillo.

Motion was made to extend the meeting until 11:30 p.m.

Motion made by: Laura Brubaker

Motion seconded by: Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - No

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - No

Motion Passed

The Board directed staff to have a future discussion/special informational meeting, with an emphasis on rigor and fiscal implications for high schools going from 7 to 6 periods.

3. Information/Action: Review New Board Policy 5141.5: Mental Health

Motion was made to approve the New Board Policy 5141.5: Mental Health with the understanding that the policy will be brought back before the end of the year with revisions.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Laura Brubaker

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - No

Motion Passed

4. Information/Action: Review Updated Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process

This item was tabled.

5. Information: School Resource Officer (SRO) Quarterly Report (Written Report)

This item was tabled.

6. Information: Average Daily Attendance (ADA) and Enrollment Report for the 2025-26 School Year (Written Report)

This item was tabled.

M. FACILITIES AND FINANCE

1. Action: Accept External Fiscal Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2024-25

Motion was made to Accept External Fiscal Audit Report for the Fiscal Year 2024-25.

Motion made by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Motion seconded by: Laura Brubaker

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Abstain

Motion Passed

2. Information/Action: Review Proposed Budget Adjustments, Reductions, and Elimination of Particular Kinds of Services for the 2026-27 School Year

Public Comment:

Amanda Young and Stacey Mounce shared concerns about the removal of CAFE Specialists.

Motion was made to support Option C, which would retain all literacy paraprofessionals and allow the Superintendent flexibility to identify multiple cost-reduction strategies. Once these options are identified, the Superintendent will provide periodic updates to the Board.

Motion made by: Noel Rodriguez

Motion seconded by: Kandice Richardson Fowler

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - No

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Abstain

Motion Passed

N. HUMAN RESOURCES

1. Action: Approve Variable Term Waiver Request for Spanish Bilingual Authorization

Motion was made to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request for Spanish Bilingual Authorization.

Motion made by: Bibiana Garcia

Motion seconded by: Laura Brubaker

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

2. Action: Approve Variable Term Waiver Request for Spanish Bilingual Authorization

Motion was made to approve the Variable Term Waiver Request for Spanish Bilingual Authorization.

Motion made by: Rogelio Villagrana

Motion seconded by: Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica

Voting:

Noel Rodriguez - Yes

Laura Brubaker - Yes

Bibiana Garcia - Yes

Deborah Bautista Zavala - Yes

Kandice Richardson Fowler - Yes

Claudia Rodriguez-Mojica - Yes

Rogelio Villagrana - Yes

Motion Passed

O. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (Please fill out the Public Participation Form): Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and to address the Board concerning any item not on the agenda within the Board's jurisdiction. Public comments are welcomed and encouraged in all languages. Individual speakers shall be allowed three minutes each to address the Board on non-agenda items. The Board shall limit the total time for public input on each item to 20 minutes. This is a comment period only, and the law does not allow the Board of Trustees to take action on any item not explicitly posted on the agenda in advance. However, Board members may ask for clarification, refer concerns to staff, and/or request that an item be placed on a future agenda.

Rene Mendieta shared concerns with elementary education at WJUSD.

P. INFORMATION: REQUESTS FOR FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (requires request form completed)

Q. INFORMATION: CLOSING COMMENTS

R. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT SCHEDULED REGULAR BOARD MEETING: Thursday, February 5, 2026
- Closed Session at 5:00 p.m. and Open Session at 6:00 p.m.

S. ADJOURNMENT

The Board President adjourned the meeting at 11:30 p.m.

Board President

Board Clerk