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WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees
DISTRICT OFFICE
May 21, 2026
4:00 p.m.

All open sessions will be recorded. A CD of the recorded meeting is available upon request.

MINUTES

1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER – 4:00 PM – Raegean Waltz

Members Present

Raegean Waltz – Board President
Nicole Crabb – Board Clerk
Austin Bishop – Board Member
Kristina Stineman – Board Member
Taylor Zapata – Board Member

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATION

2.1 Superintendent Update – Craig Guensler

- Superintendent Guensler reported the upcoming school events:
 - 5/22 Wheatland Elem. Jog-a-thon
 - 5/22 is a minimum day for all students
 - 5/25 is Memorial Day, there is no school
 - Last week of school Reni Rallies will be Monday 6/1 for WEL, Tuesday 6/2 for LT and Wednesday 6/3 for BR.
 - Monday 6/1 is Mudstock for BR and Wednesday 6/3 is the Color Run for LT
 - Last day of school is 6/3
 - 8th Grade Promotion is Thursday 6/4
 - Summer Camp begins 6/8 and runs for 3 weeks Monday – Thursday
 - Board Meetings in June will be held on 6/16 and 6/18

2.2 [Enrollment Report](#) – Craig Guensler

- There are 1351 students enrolled, 23 less than this time last year and 6 less than last month.
- We have 76 students currently enrolled in our Preschool Program which is 21 less than last year and 2 more than last month.
- We have a total of 1427 in all groups. That is 44 less than we had at this time last year and 4 fewer than last month.

2.3 CBO Report – Ana Azcona DeJesus

- CBO Azcona DeJesus reviewed the May Revise and the planning factors for our district and budget. The COLA was explained so the audience would understand the meaning of the legal statutory COLA.

2.4 [2025-26 2nd Interim Report Letter](#) – Craig Guensler

- Superintendent Guensler presented the 2025-26 2nd Interim Report Letter explaining the certification information to reflect the financial status of the district.

2.5 Retirement Recognition – Craig Guensler

- Superintendent Guensler recognized four retirees from WSD, Elaine Guzman, Melissa Luevano, Linda Schutz and Melissa Wyatt
- Elaine Guzman, (not in attendance) has been a teacher in WSD since 2003. She started teaching kindergarten at LT. In 2006 she moved to BR to teach 6th grade and then moved to 7th grade History in 2009.
- Melissa Luevano, (not in attendance) started at WSD in 1993. She taught 1st grade and kindergarten at LT until moving to WE to teach 3rd grade in 2004. In 2014 moved to BR to teach middle school Math.
- Linda Schutz began her journey with WCA in 2003. Teaching multiple combination classes through the years she demonstrated her flexibility and commitment to the needs of the students and the school. Linda holds a very special distinction; she has the longest tenure as a teacher at WCA. Thank you Linda for your years of dedication, your kindness, your mentorship and your unwavering commitment to students and staff.
- Melissa Wyatt began her career in the district in 1984, giving her an incredible 42 years of service to the students, families and staff of WSD. Melissa was hired as a librarian in 1984 and in 1986 stepped into a role that would begin her long legacy of service as the secretary at Lone Tree until 2009. Melissa then moved to Bear River and then in 2011, she moved to the District Office where she took on the role of Student Services Coordinator and an additional role of Executive Assistant. Melissa was convinced for several years to stay “just one more year” but this time after 42 years she has more than earned her very well-deserved retirement.
- Board President Waltz recognized Superintendent Guensler on his retirement after 16 years of service to WSD. Mr. Guensler has demonstrated a deep commitment to students, staff, and the community throughout his career, progressing from the classroom to the Superintendent’s Office.
His career includes the following roles:
 - Teacher, San Diego (1988–1989)
 - Teacher, Dry Creek School District, Roseville (1989–1993)
 - Vice Principal, Yuba City (1993–1996)
 - Principal, Yuba City (1996–1997)
 - Principal, April Lane Elementary, Yuba City (1997–2005)
 - Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources, Yuba City Unified School District (2005–2010)
 - Instructor, Administrative Credential Program, Brandman University (2006–present)

- Superintendent, WSD (2010–present)
- He has led with vision and heart and fostered a culture that felt less like a workplace and more like a family. His compassion and integrity have brought people together where everyone can thrive. We have a positive family-oriented climate that we cherish due to his steadfast approach that relationships matter most. We thank him for his years of service, his leadership and his legacy that he leaves behind. His influence will continue and he will always be a valued part of this family.

3. COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC (on items not on the agenda)

The Public may address the Board on any matter pertaining to the school district that is not on the agenda. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person is limited to five (5) minutes. If a large number wish to speak on a specific item, the Board may limit total input to twenty-five (25) minutes on any item. The Board is not allowed to take action on any item, which is not on the agenda except as authorized by Government Code Section 54954.2.

- Annette Goodley reviewed the PSMI (Public Schools on Military Installations) funding.
- Military Family Life Counselor started 5/20/2026.
- Annette thanked Colonel Hansen for his wisdom, patience and support and wished him well in his retirement. Colonel Christopher Dauer was introduced and will be starting in June.

4. CONSENT AGENDA

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

All items on the Consent Agenda will be approved with one motion. If any member of the Board, Superintendent, or the public, so request, items may be removed from this section and placed in the regular order of business following the approval of the consent agenda.

- 4.1 [Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes](#) – April 2, 2026
- 4.2 [Approve Regular Board Meeting Minutes](#) – April 16, 2026
- 4.3 [Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes](#) – April 21, 2026
- 4.4 [Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes](#) – May 6, 2026
- 4.5 [Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes](#) – May 11, 2026
- 4.6 [Approve Special Board Meeting Minutes](#) – May 12, 2026
- 4.7 [Approve Payroll Register](#)
- 4.8 [Approve Personnel Listing](#)
- 4.9 [Approve Bills and Warrants](#)
- 4.10 [Approve E-Waste – Bear River School](#)

It was MSCU (Stineman/Bishop) to approve the Consent Agenda.

5. ◇ ACTION ITEMS ◇ DISCUSSION ◇ INFORMATION CODE: (A) = Action (D) = Discussion (I) = Information

5.1 (A) [UFLI CONFERENCE CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA](#) – Craig Guensler

[UFLI Conference](#) (Amanda Pitts)

It was MSCU (Zapata/Stineman) to approve this Action Item.

5.2 (I) PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM SELF-EVALUATION FOR THE PRESCHOOL – Craig Guensler

Program Self Evaluation 2025-26

- Superintendent Guensler presented a PowerPoint overview on the Program Self Evaluation. The Preschool Program meets all standards and continues to be an integral part of the district.

5.3 (A) 2024-2025 AUDITED ACTUALS REPORT – Craig Guensler

Audited Financials 2024-2025

- Superintendent Guensler presented a PowerPoint to review the 2024-2025 Audit. Financial statement follows GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles). The district complies with all government and audit standard procedures.
It was MSCU (Stineman/Bishop) to Approve this Action Item.

5.4 (I) CLOSED SESSION – Information Item/Action Item

Public Employee Appointment / Discussion -

Position: Superintendent (Government Code Section 54957)

5.5 (I) RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION – Information Item

Public Employee Appointment / Discussion -

Position: Superintendent (Government Code Section 54957)

The Board Shall Report Any Action Taken During Closed Session

5.6 (A) APPOINTMENT OF WHEATLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT – Open Session

- Board President Waltz reviewed the process and thanked the Yuba County Office of Education for their help.

Board President Waltz asked for a motion to announce the next Superintendent. Board Member Stineman made a motion to nominate Angela Gouker as our next Superintendent. Board Member Zapata seconded the motion.

It was MSCU (Stineman/Zapata) to Approve this Action Item.

- All Board Members were individually polled.
 - Board Clerk Nikki Crabb- Aye
 - Board Member Austin Bishop- Aye
 - Board Member Kristina Stineman- Aye
 - Board Member Taylor Zapata- Aye
 - Board President Raegean Waltz- Aye

6. BOARD COMMENTS

- Board Member Crabb congratulated and welcomed Angela. She also recognized and thanked Board President Waltz's work and dedication throughout the interview process.

7. CLOSED SESSION

**7.1 CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATOR
G.C. 54957.6**

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6, the Board will meet in Closed Session to give directions to Agency Negotiator, Craig Guensler, regarding negotiations with W.E.S.T.A., CSEA #626, W.E.S.S. and unrepresented groups.

7.2 ANTICIPATED LITIGATION

G.C. 54956.9(d)(1)

Conference with Legal Counsel – Pending Litigation Pursuant to G.C. 54956.9(d)(1)

8. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

8.1 DISCLOSURE OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION, IF ANY.

9. ADJOURNMENT