

**West Contra Costa Unified School District
Governance Committee**

Zoom Video Conference

October 15, 2020

Minutes

I. Opening Procedures

A. Roll Call and Introductions

Chairperson Stephanie Hernández-Jarvis called the meeting to order at 5:32 PM.

Committee Members Present: Stephanie Hernández-Jarvis, Tom Panas

Student Board Representative: Caden Cotton-Blake, Stephanie Garcia-Avila

Staff: Matthew Duffy, Superintendent; Otilia Espinoza, Translator, Debbie Haynie, Executive Secretary; Robert Jordan, Communications Manager, Roxanna Molina, Translator

B. Approval of Agenda

Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis asked for clarification about the separate discussion items for naming school mascots and naming school facilities. Superintendent Duffy suggested combining the two items.

Mr. Panas moved approval of the agenda and Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis seconded. Motion carried.

C. Approval of Minutes: September 17, 2020

Mr. Panas motioned approval of the Minutes of September 17, 2020. Chairperson Hernández-Jarvis seconded. Motion carried.

D. Public Comment

Jamil Sahle expressed concern about public opportunity to review agendas and supporting documents asking the committee to establish guidelines.

Don Gosney agreed with the previous public comment.

II. Discussion Items

A. Proposed Bylaw Revision BB 9150 regarding student board members

Superintendent Duffy recalled prior discussion noting edits and changes to the board bylaw.

Public Comment:

Don Gosney commended the recent caliber of student represented and reminded everyone that the focus of board meetings was to conduct the business of the Board.

Discussion:

Student Representative Cotton-

Mr. Cotton-Blake asked about the current status of the Youth Commission. Superintendent Duffy responded about its current pause as the district was trying to establish a wider student council.

Student Representative Garcia-Avila recommended focus on providing opportunity for more student accessibility. She also said she liked the idea of a longer term.

Mr. Panas recommended amending the terms of office to November – May, saying he liked the idea of a wider youth body to include students from all schools and demographics. He also spoke about getting the Youth Commission started again.

Discussion touched on whether seniors would be able to participate, as well as two student terms May – November and two student terms November – May. Both Ms. Garcia-Avila and Mr. Cotton-Blake said they looked forward to a year's term and opportunity to mentor the next trustees.

Superintendent Duffy said the next step would be to return the policy revision to the Governance Committee as an action item for approval and then to the Board in November.

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projections. These policies will be action items for the next committee meeting.

C. Suggested edits to naming of facilities policy

This item was included in the previous item's discussion and outcomes.

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Superintendent Duffy said he would take the comt4 BBT/Tw 10 0 -5.4 €1 hhuffmhe t.9 041 7-1 i)1640.8 k2-4

