

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2010, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

Present: Mrs. Beverly Grabe
Mr. Randall Putz
Dr. Kenneth Turney
Mr. Paul Zamoyta
Ms. Debra Sarkisian

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Kegham Tashjian
Ms. Giddens
Ms. Hooker
Ms. Bumstead
Dr. Waner
Ms. Holzer-Tennity
Mrs. Kelso-Bonkowski
Ms. Rainwater
Mrs. Bower
Mrs. Reynolds
Mr. Topoleski

President Grabe called the meeting to order at 5:17 p.m.

President Grabe called for a motion to adopt the agenda for this Meeting. Motion by Dr. Turney to adopt the agenda for this Meeting including an addendum. Second by President Grabe. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-062

President Grabe called for public comment on Closed Session Agenda items. Hearing none, President Grabe adjourned the Meeting to a Closed Session at 5:18 p.m.

The Board of Trustees met in Closed Session on the following agenda items:

Pursuant to Government Code 54957 Public Employee – Resignation. Title of Position: Superintendent.

President Grabe called the meeting back into Open Session

At 6:31 p.m. President Grabe reported the following action taken during Closed Session:

As most of you know from her letter to the staff, students, parents, and the community, Dr. Nancy Wright submitted her resignation from the District for personal reasons, effective October 1, 2010. The Board took action in closed session with a vote of 5/0 to accept her resignation and will honor Dr. Wright's wishes that her personal circumstances be kept private to her. We greatly appreciate her services to the District and the community and wish her the best as she returns home to Florida.

Dr. Wright thanked the Board of Trustees, the community, the staff, and students for the opportunity she has had in Big Bear and for the support they have all given her. Dr. Wright stated that many times life throws you a curve ball and that is her circumstances. She knows this district will accomplish great things in the future and she is looking forward to celebrating our success. Dr. Wright thanked everyone again.

President Grabe called for a motion to approve the Minutes. Motion by Mr. Putz to approve minutes from a Special Board Meeting held March 31, 2010, minutes from a Special Board Meeting held April 2, 2010, minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held August 4, 2010, and minutes from a Board Workshop Meeting held August 18, 2010. Second by Dr. Turney. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Minute Approval
M10-11-063

Dr. Wright introduced the two Student Representatives for the 2010-2011 school year and provided background on both students.

Student
Representative
Reports

Andria Partida, Student Representative, Chautauqua High School reported Chautauqua High School began the year with 101 students of which 77 are regular students; the other students attend the Success or ATE class. 32 students graduated from Chautauqua High School in June of 2010. All new students are admitted by the Student Government Group. Government Group members are elected each year. Back-to-School Night at Chautauqua High School is scheduled for September 29, 2010.

All Board Members are invited to attend as well as visit Student Government Group meetings and classrooms.

Sam Swanson, Student Representative, Big Bear High School reported the Welcome Back Dance was a big success where they made about \$1,500.00. August 30th is the next meeting of the DeAnza League; the ASB's worked well together. They are looking forward to Fall Sports. The first football game is scheduled for September 4th. September 10th will be the Friday Night Lights Game. On September 10th there will be a 9/11 Memorial Service at 6:30 a.m. on the High School Patio. There will be a guest speaker. The entire community is invited. September 18th is Homecoming. The theme is Egyptian Nights and many spirit days are scheduled. Battle of the Bands is scheduled for September 17th from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. A blood drive is scheduled for September 23rd. September 27th is Taco Night to benefit the Cross Country Team. Each Board Member and Administrative Staff Member was presented with a gift from the ASB.

Dr. Wright introduced Mrs. Sharon Bumstead and provided a Background of Mrs. Bumstead's history with the district. Mrs. Bumstead was presented with a certificate for her service to the District by President Grabe and Dr. Wright. Mrs. Bechtel was not able to be present at this meeting due to personal reasons; Mrs. Bechtel will attend the October 20, 2010 board meeting and be recognized by the Board of Trustees at that time.

Recognition
Section

President Grabe read the rules for the Hearing Section. President Grabe opened the Hearing Section at 6:50 p.m. Mrs. Toni Boggie provided a handout regarding Connections Academy Home School. Mrs. Boggie stated parents want a Home School Program in Bear Valley. With Dr. Wright leaving, they feel they are now two steps back. Home School Parents have met with Dr. Wright on a few occasions and, out of all the superintendents, Dr. Wright has been the most genuine and they adore her. Mrs. Boggie thanked Dr. Wright for breaking barriers and thinking outside the box. Mrs. Boggie talked about her personal reasons for choosing home school. Mrs. Boggie explained how Connections teachers are energetic and stimulating. Her student is being taught at a whole new level. Mrs. Boggie

Hearing Section

stated Bear Valley can integrate the virtual school. Dr. Wright understood we will lose more students to virtual schools. We need to start thinking outside the box; things will change rapidly. Bear Valley could have more students come back if they integrated this program.

Mrs. DeMarco provided a handout from Connections Academy. Mrs. DeMarco is a parent of a 5th and 1st grade student. Mrs. DeMarco worked at BBES prior to going on Family Leave. She went on to obtain her Masters with the intention of coming back to BVUSD. Now the State budget has put a huge hole in the education system. She wants her kids to have a really good basic education. If she could keep ADA money in Big Bear, she would. It is not any one's fault. She would like the Board to look at bringing this program to Bear Valley as many students and families would love to come back.

Hearing no further request to address the Board. President Grabe closed the Hearing Section at 6:59 p.m.

Mr. Zamoyta reported on his visit to Chautauqua High School. The goal of his visit was to meet with Mr. Cirra who is volunteering his time in the Adult Education Program. Mr. Zamoyta noted that Dr. Turney had discussed information on Mr. Crockett at the last meeting as was requested. Mr. Zamoyta reported never seeing a response to a speaker on technology as he saw with Mr. Crockett. Mr. Zamoyta is looking forward, as a Board, to discussing some of Mr. Crockett's thoughts and services for the future.

Report
Section

Mr. Putz reported on attending many Back-to-School Nights with the most recent visit being BBHS. Mr. Putz was left with the distinct feeling that his child is in very good hands at BBHS. He was especially impressed with the ASB class. He is getting a better feel for how high the expectations are.

Ms. Sarkisian reported on the Steven G. Mihaylo Band Music Program. They are going to extend the registration time for another week. Right now, enrollment is low; if they do not get additional students, the classes will not be able to run.

Dr. Turney is very interested in the comments the two ladies made during the Open Hearing Section this evening. The fact is this District has spent one and one half million dollars for Discovery Learning in the classrooms. This is aligned with the State curriculum and standards. If any of you have questions or want to see the benefits of this, please call Mr. Larson and see what it could do for your child (as stated to the ladies who made the comments).

Ms. Sarkisian additionally reported on BVUSD's Football Team playing Rim of the World for the first time in many years. The King of the Mountain game will be Rim's Homecoming game.

President Grabe reported on attending the fundraising activity for the Bear Valley Education Trust. There is now a well defined policy to support our schools and programs.

Mr. Putz added that approximately 20 people showed up at NSES for the initial introduction to training for this volunteer program.

President Grabe explained that Ms. Congdon will be teaching the training programs for the Education Trust. President Grabe additionally reported visiting BBHS last week and she was pleased to see how the quad area is being used. The entire look of the high school is great; all sites look great.

Dr. Wright reminded all present of Chautauqua High School's Back-to-School Night which is scheduled for September 29th. Information will be in her Friday Letter regarding the planning of the Open House events which are scheduled for September 18th at BBHS and BBMS.

Mr. Con provided an update on the State Budget. The budget is 63 days late as of today. Mr. Con explained to the audience the challenges this poses to the Board.

Mr. Larson reported visiting sites with Mr. Con. He is happy to see classrooms that are empty are staying empty which means we are not using utilities in those rooms. Mr. Larson reported on many positive responses from teachers about Mr. Crockett's speech. We need to pick up and run with this while the excitement is still hot.

Dr. Wright reviewed the calendar which was presented on the agenda.

Mr. Con reviewed a letter from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools regarding BVUSD's 2010-2011 Adopted Budget. We are fiscally qualified and with the response the Board filed, the County approved our budget. Mr. Con stated we are not that different from any other district out there.

Correspondence

Mr. Larson reviewed the Curriculum and Instruction Report.

Curriculum and
Instruction Rep.

President Grabe called for a motion to approve the Extra Duty Units/Stipends for the 2010-2011 school year. Motion by Mr.

Zamoyta to approve the Extra Duty Units/Stipends for the 2010-2011 school year as presented. Second by Ms. Sarkisian. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved. M10-11-064

President Grabe called for a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between BVUSD and Soroptimist International. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between BVUSD And Soroptimist International of Big Bear Valley retroactive to July 21, 2010. Second by Mr. Putz. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved. M10-11-065

President Grabe called for a motion to approve a Facilitator Agreement. Motion by Ms. Sarkisian to approve a Facilitator Agreement in accordance with the MOU with Soroptimist International for the Student Assistance Program Liaison at BBMS retroactive to July 21, 2010 and authorize Mr. Con to sign and execute all documents associated with this agreement. Second by Dr. Turney. Discussion followed where President Grabe commented that this liaison is doing a really good job at BBMS. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved. M10-11-066

President Grabe called for a motion to approve Overnight travel to a ROP Conference. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve Overnight Travel to a ROP Conference on July 2-10, 2010 to the ESRI User Conference in San Diego, CA. Second by Ms. Sarkisian. Discussion followed where Mr. Putz asked how much the cost of this travel is. Mr. Larson answered \$1,500.00. Mr. Putz asked what this conference was for. Mr. Larson will obtain this information. This money is taken from the general fund. The question was asked how ESRI relates to the ROP program. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote of 5 noes caused the motion to fail. This item was tabled and Mr. Larson will bring it back on the September 15th agenda. M10-11-067

President Grabe called for a motion to approve a Facilitator Agreement for the Instrumental String Instruction program. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve a Facilitator Agreement for Instrumental String Instruction to BVUSD elementary school students for the 2010-2011 school year and authorize Mr. Con M10-11-068

to sign and execute all documents relating to this agreement.
Second by Mr. Putz. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote
in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Putz reviewed the purchase orders and warrants.

Business/Financial
Report

President Grabe called for a motion to approve the purchase
orders and warrants. Motion by Mr. Putz to approve Purchase
Order numbers 110298 through 110357 and Warrant Numbers
0042 through 0054 and authorize Mr. Con to sign and execute
all documents associated with these purchase orders and warrants.
Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Grabe called for the vote. A
vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-069

Mr. Larson reviewed the Personnel Report.

Personnel Report

Certificated:

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to employ as Certificated Substitute
Teacher(s) for the 2010-2011 school year – Dolores Tansey-Blust.
Second by Dr. Turney. President Grabe asked how many
substitutes we currently have. Mr. Larson stated about 32 and
we pay \$90.00 per day to substitutes. President Grabe called for
the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-070

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve Coaching Positions for the
2010-2011 school year. Assistant Cheer Staff – BBHS – Teresa
Ritenour/Cross Country Staff – BBHS – Dawn Wortham
(volunteer)/Tennis Staff – BBHS – Chris Trosch (volunteer)/
Assistant Varsity Volleyball – BBHS – Sharon Newkirk/
Assistant Jr. Varsity Volleyball – BBHS – Debbie Leong. Second
by Ms. Sarkisian. President Grabe asked if background checks are
conducted on these people as well. Mr. Larson answered yes.
Mr. Zamoyta asked if we pay for the CTC Class. Mr. Larson
answered they have to get FBI and DOJ fingerprints in order to
apply online for certificated positions and they pay for these.
Mr. Zamoyta asked about CIF Couches. Every year, coaches
take a class. Assistant coaches can participate but it is not
mandatory. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor
of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-071

Motion by Ms. Sarkisian to create a .6 FTE English Learner (EL) Teacher on Assignment position. Second by Dr. Turney. M10-11-072
Discussion followed where President Grabe asked if this person will be helping with assessments. They would coordinate with staff development and go to schools to see that the program is in compliance. This is the most effective way to do this. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Classified:

Motion by Dr. Turney to approve the Classified Personnel Report as follows: M10-11-073

Create one (1) Instructional Aide Position at 3.75 hours per day, 175 days per year.

Employ as Special Education Instructional Aide, 3.75 hours per day, 173 days per year at the proper salary rate of pay (removed from agenda on addendum).

Employ as Substitute Clerk Typist for the 2010-2011 school year at the proper hourly rate of pay (Marna Bain/Tiffany Beadle-Brannock/Cheryl Tranquillo/Dorianne Bunatao/Becky Murphy/Heidi Morris)

Employ as Substitute Instructional Aides for the 2010-2011 School year at the proper hourly rate of pay. (Marna Bain/Tiffany Beadle-Brannock/Cheryl Tranquillo/Dorianne Bunatao/Becky Murphy/Heidi Morris)

Employ as Substitute Special Education Instructional Aides for The 2010-2011 school year at the proper hourly rate of pay. (Marna Bain/Tiffany Beadle/Brannock/Cheryl Tranquillo/Dorianne Bunatao/Becky Murphy/Heidi Morris)

Employ as Substitute Library Clerks for the 2010-2011 school Year at the proper hourly rate of pay (Marna Bain/Tiffany Beadle-Brannock/Cheryl Tranquillo/Dorianne Bunatao/Becky Murphy/Heidi Morris)

Approve as district drivers to drive students on field trips and other school related activities for the 2010-2011 school year:
(Lisa Waner/Janine Sutherland/Rebekah Romero/Colette Robinson/Teresa Ritenour/Barbara Beuch/Donald Brown/Janelle Bruinsma/Nick Bruinsma/Jim Dubuque/Joseph Florence/Deanna Jaeger/PaigeSnead/Peter Sutherland/Janice Swanson/Richard Swanson/Chris Leong/Joanna Kent/John Kent/Marcel Westplat/Karin Parks/Kevin Christman/Richard Miller/ Michelle Miller/Curt Williamson/Karin Contreras/Christina San

Nicolas/Jennifer Deisler/Susan Oberneder/Loren Hafen/Jennifer Hall/Kevin Amburgey/Jason Schetter/Steve Ellis/Jim Kastle/Judith Florence/Mary Burak/Julie Eberhard/Laura Larson/Linda Davis/Kiyoe Cline/Kathleen Decaro/Debra Leong/Janna Saderup/ Hayley Ogg/Karen Jaspersen/Marie Bloch/Beverly Anderson/Jason Hall/Patricia Hafen/Richard McDonough/Barbara Orabuena/Dolores Price/Dottie Jaeger.

Second by Mr. Putz. Discussion followed where Ms. Sarkisian asked what the District's plan is for transportation. We are getting creative with the budget being cut in half; are we strictly using the process where parents can transport? Will we start using them to get students to competitions? President Grabe stated it looks like most of the people on this list are employees. Mr. Putz asked how this works if an accident happens. Board Policy outlines the level of insurance required. The JPA is aware we are doing this. People do make it on this list if they are not cleared by the DMV. Ms. Sarkisian asked if we check insurance levels. Yes and there is a visual check of the vehicle as well. Parents know what car their child is traveling in and students ride in the same car to and from events unless their parent picks them up from the event. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

There were no resignation or retirement notices submitted.

President Grabe called for public comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. Hearing none, President Grabe adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 7:29 p.m.

The Board of Trustees entered into Closed Session to discuss the Closed Session
Following items:

Pursuant to Government Code 54957 – Public Employment:

Title of Position: Interim Superintendent

The Board will meet with Dr. Kegham Tashjian, Advisor to San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, to review possible candidates to serve as Interim Superintendent.

President Grabe called for a motion to continue the meeting
Past 10:30 p.m. Motion by Dr. Turney to continue the meeting M10-11-074
Past 10:30 p.m. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Grabe called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

President Grabe called the meeting back into Open Session at 11:34 p.m. President Grabe reported no action was taken in Closed Session.

Open Session

President Grabe adjourned the meeting at 11:35 p.m.

Secretary

Clerk of the Board