

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 19, 2011, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

Present: Mr. Paul Zamoyta
Mr. Randall Putz
Dr. Kenneth Turney
Dr. Alfred Waner
Mrs. Beverly Grabe

Absent: Dr. Kegham Tashjian

Also Present: Mr. Walter Con
Mr. Tim Larson
Mrs. Robin Freed
Mr. Mike Chatham

President Zamoyta called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

President Zamoyta called for a moment of silence and all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Zamoyta called for a motion to adopt the agenda for this meeting, minus the closed session. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the agenda, minus the closed session, for this meeting. Second by Mr. Putz . President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-176

At 6:32 p.m. President Zamoyta asked if any cards had been submitted requesting an opportunity for a member of the public to make comments to the Board. No cards were turned in, therefore, the Hearing Section was closed at 6:32 p.m.

Hearing Section

Mr. Con introduced Mr. Richard Alonzo, Auditor for Vavrinek, Trine, Day & Co. Mr. Alonzo presented the Audit Report. He explained what auditors do and reviewed the findings of the audit for Bear Valley Unified. The district received all unqualified opinions on financial statements, federal and state awards and compliance of these awards which is the cleanest one they can give. Dr. Waner asked how long we are allowed to use the same auditor. Mr. Con explained we can use the same audit firm forever, as long as you change partners every 6 years. Dr. Waner asked about the prior year recommendations. Mr. Alonzo said they all had been implemented. Mrs. Grabe inquired about Parent Groups/Booster Clubs getting trained in accounting practices. Mr. Alonzo agreed it is a good idea, but these funds are not under District jurisdiction. Dr. Waner brought up retiree health/welfare benefits until age 65 and suggested we might want to consider negotiating changes. Mrs. Grabe asked about the criteria. Mr. Con said 20 years of school district experience and a minimum of 10 in our district. The district has \$4 million unfunded future liability of retirees at this time. Mr. Con said we had at one time designated \$400,000 with a plan of funding in full. Due to the budget crisis, we had to let this go, as have most districts. The board approved a “pay as you go” plan. Mr. Alonzo said the only way a district can be considered funded is if the funds are in an irrevocable trust. In closing, Mr. Con said this was an incredibly comprehensive audit.

Community/Staff
Presentations

Mr. Larson presented on the District Technology Program. He reviewed the status of department goals, including the hiring of a Technician to service sites; the creation of space with a storage pod placed on district office property; a budget created specifically for technology; on-line trainings for the many areas that the technicians have to stay updated on, and the purchase of a Ford Transit that has helped with costs of using private vehicles. Mr. Larson talked about the possibility of some exciting things coming in the future including the use of e-readers in classrooms rather than actual textbooks. He spoke about the technology achievement gap among teachers and coming up with an intervention plan to help them become more proficient and comfortable. One of the future goals is to implement an evaluation form to show how teachers are using the technology. Mr. Larson reported that the high tech responders are currently being installed at each site. He will set up a demonstration for the board. Mr. Putz said he would be curious to see how we rank in our equipment infrastructure and technology proficiency of students and staff. Mr. Larson said he will check with CTAP (California Technology Assistance Program) to see if we can get that information.

Board Member Comments:

Information Section

Mrs. Grabe shared that her granddaughter was one of the seventeen Bear Valley Unified students invited to perform in a county-wide student orchestra.

Dr. Waner talked about his recent visit to Big Bear Elementary. He also reported that the Budget Advisory Committee voted today on the proposed budget cut recommendations to be presented to the board on March 2nd.

Mr. Zamoyta reported that the county-wide student orchestra concert will be on February 26th at the University of Redlands, Memorial Chapel at 7:00 p.m. He recommended and offered to lend out a book about the creator of Zappos.

Superintendent Comments:

Mr. Larson attended the Governor's Proposed Budget Workshop on January 18th. He reviewed the district calendar with a reminder that the February 2nd board meeting will be at Big Bear High School. It was noted that there is also a Special Board Meeting on January 26, 2011 that was not on the calendar.

Cabinet Comments:

Mr. Con attended the Governor's Proposed Budget Workshop with Mr. Larson and Ms. Debi Burton, BVEA representative. A representative of CSEA will attend one presented by Schools Innovation Advocacy next Monday. He reviewed the Governor's proposed 5-year extension of the temporary tax. If it gets approved by the House and the Senate, it will go to the voters in June. If the tax passes, we would lose about \$50,000 a year in revenue. If it doesn't pass, we lose a total of approximately \$913,000 and we would have to budget that amount by July 1. Mr. Putz asked for clarification on the \$323,000 cut by resolution at 1st Interim and when it has to be acted on. Mr. Con said that when he lets the County know about the \$425,000 in budget cuts, he thinks he can convince them to give us time with the \$323,000 before June. The reality is the \$323,000 has to come through negotiations.

Correspondence:

Mr. Con reviewed a letter from San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools concurring with our qualified certification.

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve items a. through d. on the Consent Calendar. Motion by Dr. Turney to approve Payment Batches 0214 through 0219 and Purchase Orders 110675 through 110691, approve the Second Reading/Adoption of Board Policy 3350 Travel Expenses, and approve Inter-District Transfer Requests for one 12th grade student residing in Angelus Oaks (BVUSD) to attend school in the Redlands Unified School District, one 7th and one 9th grade student residing in Lucerne Valley (LVUSD) to attend school in the BVUSD for the 2010-11 school year. Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar

M10-11-177

Mr. Larson closed the sunshine period and recommended the adoption of the Initial District Bargaining Proposals with BVEA and CSEA.

Administrative Report
#10-11-007

President Zamoyta opened the public hearing for the Initial District Bargaining Proposal with BVEA. As there were no comments, the hearing was closed.

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the adoption of the Initial District Bargaining Proposals with BVEA. Second by Dr. Waner. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-178

President Zamoyta opened the public hearing for the Initial District Bargaining Proposal with CSEA. As there were no comments, the hearing was closed.

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve. Motion by Dr. Waner to approve the adoption of the Initial District Bargaining Proposals with CSEA. Second by Dr. Turney. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-179

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the Curriculum/Instruction Report Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the First Reading/Adoption of Big Bear High School's Single Plan for Student Achievement 2010-2011. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. Mrs. Grabe asked why this was not presented with the rest of the school plans. Mr. Larson explained that it was later due to WASC and Distinguished School preparations. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Curriculum/Instruction
Report

M10-11-180

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve item a. of the Business/Financial Report. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the Second Reading/Adoption of Big Bear High School's Comprehensive School Safety Plan. Second by Dr. Turney. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Business/Financial
Report #10-11-013

M10-11-181

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve item b. of the Business/Financial Report. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the District Financial Audit for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Second by Dr. Waner. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-182

Mr. Larson recommended approval of the Certificated Personnel Report #10-11-013:

Personnel Report
#10-11-013

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve item a. of the Certificated Personnel Report. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to employ Brad Johnson, Ron Perkins, Brandon McDonald, Bo Kent, Tim Wolcott as Coaches at Big Bear High School for the 2010-11 school year at the proper rate of pay. Second by Dr. Waner. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-183

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve item b. of the Certificated Personnel Report. Motion by Mr. Putz to employ Richard Vasquez as a Certificated Teacher at 60% FTE contract at Big Bear High School for the 2010-11 school year at the proper rate of pay. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-184

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve item c. of the Certificated Personnel Report. Motion by Dr. Waner to approve Certificated Retirement Incentive. Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Zamoyta called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M10-11-185

Mr. Larson recommended approval of the Classified Personnel Report #10-11-013:

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve item a. of the Classified Personnel Report. Motion by Mr. Putz to re-employ Carlene Saulsbury-Frazier from the 39-month rehire list as a Special Education Instructional Aide, 3.75 hours per day for the remainder of the 2010-11 school year at the proper salary rate of pay, President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve item b. of the Classified Personnel Report to approve as district drivers to drive students on field trips and other school related activities for the 2010-2011 school year. There were no names submitted for approval.

M10-11-186

Mr. Larson reported on receipt of a resignation from Elizabeth Solis, Special Education Instructional Aide, effective January 11, 2011.

A board consensus was made on a suggestion from Dr. Waner to discuss naming a facility.

Suggestions for future
meeting agendas

President Zamoyta adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Clerk of the Board