

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING HELD ON JANUARY
18, 2012, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Kurt Madden
Mr. Walter Con
Mr. Tim Larson
Mrs. Bonnie South
Mrs. Melinda Peterson
Mr. Jim Fipps
Mrs. Tina Fulmer
Mrs. Andy McLinn
Mr. Mike Chatham

President Putz called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Open Session

All present participated in a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

President Putz called for a motion to adopt the agenda for this meeting. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to adopt the agenda for this meeting. Second Dr. Turney. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Agenda Adoption
M11-12-195

Mr. Putz called for public comment on Closed Session Agenda items. Hearing no request from the public to comment, Mr. Putz adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 6:16 p.m.

Public Comment

Pursuant to Subdivision (a) of Government Code 54957.6 Conference with Labor Negotiator. Labor Negotiator: Mr. Tim Larson, Director of Personnel/Educational Services. Employee Organization: One Bargaining Unit – B.V.E.A.

Closed Session

President Putz called the meeting back to Open Session at 6:30 p.m.

Open Session

President Putz reported the following action was taken during closed session:

The Board took action during Closed Session to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between B.V.E.A. and BVUSD Article 8 A.5.G. The vote was 5-0. M11-12-196

President Putz called for motions to approve the minutes.

Minute
Approval

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on November 2, 2011. Second by Dr. Waner. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved. M11-12-197

Motion by Dr. Waner to approve the minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on November 16, 2011. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was approved with four votes. Dr. Turney abstained from the vote as he was absent from this meeting. M11-12-198

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve minutes from a Board workshop Meeting held on December 5, 2011. Second by Dr. Waner. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was approved with three votes. Dr. Turney and Mr. Zamoyta abstained from the vote as they were absent from this meeting. M11-12-199

Motion by Dr. Waner to approve minutes from a Regular Board meeting held on December 7, 2011. Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Putz called for the Vote A vote in favor of the motion was approved with three votes. Dr. Turney and Mr. Zamoyta abstained from the vote as they were absent from this meeting. M11-12-200

Clint Robinson, Student Representative from Big Bear High School reported on the Days of Understanding which started on this date. The event will take place on Thursday and Friday as well. This activity will be led by Keith Hawkins. Student Representative Report

Clint also reported on the Basketball games that are scheduled this month, Girls Soccer and Wrestling. Clint spoke about his experience with the Days of Understanding activity last year. He will be involved on the second day this year. Clint also talked about the groups of students who will be participating on each of these three days and what the days look like as well as the types of exercises that take place within these groups.

Emma Sevilla, Student Representative from Chautauqua High School reported on Parent/Student/Teacher Conferences that are held at CT. These conferences are attended by the student and parents prior to the Winter Break. Topics during these meetings were reviewed. These conferences are scheduled four times per year. Career Reports are very well done and interesting. These reports are done by students who are close to graduation.

Mr. Madden read a letter from the JPA regarding a \$500.00 grant awarded to Mrs. Peterson, Principal of Baldwin Lane Elementary School. President Putz presented a certificate to Mrs. Peterson. Mr. Madden stated the letter to Mr. Fipps is the same as Mrs. Peterson's. Mr. Madden talked about Mr. Fipps' dedication even during the cold. President Putz presented a certificate to Mr. Fipps.

Recognition
Section

President Putz opened the Hearing Section for Public Comment at 6:47 p.m. There were no requests to make Public Comment. President Putz closed the Hearing Section at 6:48 p.m.

Hearing
Section

Mr. Con introduced Mr. Rick Alonzo, a Partner in VTD. Mr. Alonzo reviewed a summary of our audit for the year ending June 30, 2011. The audit report was unqualified and included one adjustment for \$96,000.00. No financial statement findings were noted. Mr. Alonzo stated, overall, the audit went very well. It was noted Mrs. Freed will be visiting sites on a monthly basis to help with the reconciliation of ASB accounts. Kudos were extended to Mrs. Freed for her work on this audit.

Community/
Staff
Presentation

Board Member Comments:

Mr. Zamoyta reported on his attendance at a Strategic Planning meeting on January 13, 2012. He feels the district did a good job on the development of this plan. Mr. Zamoyta also reported he did visit the Senior Center and thanked the group for their contributions to the arts programs at our sites. Mr. Zamoyta would suggest others attend these meetings as well.

Mrs. Grabe reported on a tour of Big Bear she took where she stopped by North Shore Elementary School. She reported this site was running great.

Dr. Waner reported on his attendance at the Citrus Valley Girls Basketball game in December. Dr. Waner stated he has attended several other games as well and the history of teams in Big Bear is great. Dr. Waner also reported on visits he took to Big Bear Elementary, Big Bear Middle, and North Shore Elementary Schools on this date and stated he enjoys these visits very much.

Dr. Turney reported on a visit to Olivewood Elementary School on January 11, 2012 in order to get an idea of the operation and utilization of iPods and iPads in classrooms. Dr. Turney noted every student he asked answered that these devices make it more fun to go to school. Dr. Turney added the principal was very dynamic. Mr. Zamoyta added the one thing that keeps coming up is the mood of the campus changes because engagement and attendance is up.

Dr. Turney reported Ryan Hall qualified for the Olympics.

President Putz noted a website awesomethingsinbigbearschools.com and thanked Mr. Zamoyta for setting this up. President Putz encouraged everyone to submit awesome things about our schools to this site.

Information
Section

Superintendents Comments/Calendar:

Mr. Madden reviewed the Calendar. Mr. Madden then reported on his attendance at the Budget Basics and Beyond workshop and noted California is number one in class size; 49th in funding. Right now, after 1st Interim, 50% of districts in California are qualified. On this date, Mr. Madden reported attending the Governor's Budget Workshop with Mr. Con, Ms. Rochelle, and Ms. Burton. The information from this workshop was amazing but not good. Mr. Madden reported on our current enrollment noting ADA in month four dropped from 95% to 93.1%. Mr. Madden will be meeting with principals, attendance clerks, and Linda Oymaian to find out what we need to do to get back to 95%. The last few days prior to Christmas saw a huge drop; we need to do better. Mr. Madden reviewed a meeting held with Mr. Heath regarding a parcel tax versus a general obligation bond.

Mr. Con reported 1% attendance is significant in the multi-year; it equals \$135,000.00 in revenue times three. \$400,000.00 equals 2% of fund balance. Mr. Con noted Mrs. Oymaian's title is Student Attendance/Safety Officer and added the online mandatory training is set up through the JPA at no cost to us. In addition, a concussion policy procedure is being added. Mrs. Oymaian's role is not just attendance. Mr. Con also reported on the Governor's Budget Workshop and talked about the process of the budget in California and how 1st Interim changes with the assumptions. Information from the Governor's May Revise we are required to include in our budget presentation for next year. 2nd Interim is currently being worked on for this year as is the budget for next year. Time was spent during this meeting talking about California and the National economy and how the recovery is taking more time than previously thought. 2016 is what is being talked about as the best case to recover the education budget. Mr. Con talked about transportation and how the Governor has proposed the elimination of transportation funding. 2nd Interim will need to be revised to reflect this information; we have to assume transportation funding is going away. The other funding that will be going away is for Transitional Kindergarten. Based on information received today the categorical funding will still come in as unrestricted funds. 3.17% COLA was reported which we will not receive. 19.7 to 21/7 is the deficit factor. Information was provided regarding a \$370.00 hit per ADA which equals a \$960,000.00 hit to our district which we will need to incorporate into our budget. We will not know when and if this hit will occur until November. This equals an approximate hit to our district of 1.9 million plus we deficit spend one million per year. Mr. Con stated, without drastic measures, this district will be bankrupt. A great deal of time was spent during the workshop talking

about the need to have adequate cash flow. Time was also spent emphasizing the need to put together very accurate multi-year projections. Mr. Con discussed instructional days versus contract days and how furlough days can affect service credits. Mr. Con reviewed the CNG Bus purchase which was approved on December 21st and the reason why this item is back on the agenda for this evening. If transportation funding goes away and we did not need this bus, we could sell the bus at no loss. The fueling station construction is on hold until we know what is happening with transportation. Mr. Con provided a handout regarding cash flow and stated he is confident we can meet all of our obligations regarding cash flow through June of 2012.

Mr. Larson reported on Transitional Kindergarten and the proposal from the Governor to pull the funding, there is discussion on whether districts will be required to implement this. November 2nd will remain the date a student needs to be five years old by in order to enroll in Kindergarten. Transitional Kindergarten will be a local decision. Mr. Larson added we will be watching closely what the State does with this. This would mean one classroom for us. Mr. Larson added we will have plans in place, however, we do not know if it is something we will be required to do. Mr. Larson then reported being very impressed with the way the students lit up when they talked about the devices they have at Olivewood Elementary. Mr. Larson pointed out the three iPod cards in the board room and added the pilot program will be implemented immediately with a first grade class, a sixth grade class and a 2/3 combo class at the elementary sites. The Instructional Leaders for this program will be Mr. Madden, Mr. Larson and the site principals. An inservice for staff is being worked on.

Mr. Con reviewed a letter from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools regarding submission of the BVUSD 11-12 First Interim Financial Report. Mr. Con noted the County concurred with our qualified certification and provided us with recommendations that we need to look at. Mr. Con handed out a follow up letter that outlined the implications of a qualified certification.

Correspondence

President Putz called for a motion to approve items on the Consent Calendar. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the Purchase Order Report Numbers 120583 through 120664 and Payment Report Batch Numbers 0165 through 0184. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent Calendar.
M11-12-201

President Putz called for a motion to approve a Clinical Practicum Agreement with CSU Northridge. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve a Clinical Practicum Agreement with CSU Northridge. Second by Mrs. Grabe. Discussion followed where Dr. Waner asked a question regarding insurance mentioned in the agreement. It was stated Mr. Rice has healthcare as an employee. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Curriculum/
Instruction
Report
M11-12-202

President Putz called for a motion to approve the Business/Financial Report.
Mrs. Grabe made a motion to accept a donation from Chuck Lehtonen and Koppl Pipeline Services, Inc. in the amount of \$200.00 for Kmart gift cards and \$350.00 in Stater Bros. gift cards to sponsor two families identified in Healthy Start's Holiday Giving Collaborative. Second by Dr. Waner. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Business/Financial
Report #11-12-012
M11-12-203

Motion by Dr. Waner to accept a donation from SBCSS of one LG 47 inch HD Television. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. Discussion followed where it was noted this television will go in the lobby at the District Office and will have the district website and any district related videos running on it. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M11-12-204

Motion by Dr. Turney to approve the Agreement for Transportation Services for Fallsvale Elementary School Students and Interdistrict Attendance Agreement with Busing – Amendment #1 dated 11-15-11 and authorize Mr. Walter J. Con, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to sign this amendment. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M11-12-205

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Bus Piggyback Bid Purchase #01/12 – School Buses under the piggyback agreement between A-Z Bus Sales, Inc. and Waterford Unified School District and authorize Walter J. Con, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to sign all contracts, purchase orders and any other documentation required to complete this transaction. It is in the best interest of our district that we use this piggyback bid and this process as it will save our district time and money. Second by Dr. Turney. Discussion followed where it was noted this is budgeted to come out of Fund 01, General Fund. Mr.

M11-12-206

Zamoyta noted we can spend \$23,000.00 now that we can get back rather than spend \$150,000.00 later. This is one quarter of the cost that we are pretty much guaranteed to get the money back through the sale or it will cost us an extra \$150,000.00 to purchase the bus which is the cost of two teachers. President Putz stated he is struggling with this decision. By voting in favor, we would be supporting transportation regardless of what the State has in store for us. If you are that teacher that is getting a pink slip and there is a new bus that is not being used, it would be a significant portion of their salary. We are making many assumptions that we are being forced to make. He feels like he is being forced to make a million dollar decision based on \$23,000.00. We are also assuming there will never be another chance for an incentive like this in the future. Dr. Turney asked how many buses we require if transportation does not get cut; do we need this bus to fulfill the requirements to transport students? No. We currently have adequate inventory to transport our students. Dr. Turney then asked when will it not be adequate? We are way ahead in being compliant with our diesel buses. Mr. Madden added special education students need bussing and, if we look forward three to four years, will we need a CNG bus to transport those students? Mrs. Grabe asked when we would stop transportation if the Governor does cut it. We have to look at options and that is what is done in Cabinet then the Superintendent brings a recommendation to the Board. Transportation will look different and we do not know what that is now. If special education students require transportation, we will still be required to supply that transportation; it will be IEP driven. Dr. Waner noted there will be changes to many laws if this all goes through. Mr. Zamoyta asked how soon will we know if we get a bus? We are guessing there will be more grant money down the road, however, we do not know how much. Mrs. Grabe acknowledged Mrs. Hastain for her work on these grants, however, she is torn because of the uncertainty of what the Governor will say. Mrs. Grabe asked if we know we can sell the bus? We have been told there is a way to unravel this; we need to talk to the right people about this. If we do not purchase this bus, the filling station may go away as well. Mr. Con reviewed the timeline for the refueling station. Mr. Zamoyta asked for a timeline of when CNG will be mandatory. Mr. Con stated we do not have this timeline. President Putz asked if there is a cost to the district if this does not get approved tonight? Mr. Con stated he needs to reach the right people about what will happen if we do not purchase the bus. A-Z has a purchase order that was approved on December 21, 2011. Approval tonight adds documentation of an updated piggyback bid. Mr. Con believes we have an obligation to purchase the bus. DFS may not allow us to make payment because we do not have the correct

piggyback bid number. If the Board does not approve this, we should find out if we have a legal obligation to pay for this bus; see if we are not legally obligated to do so. We approved this prior to knowing about the budget. President Putz stated we do not have an immediate need; we cannot afford it; it is difficult for him to support this. Mrs. Grabe stated we have to stop spending at some point. Mrs. South, speaking on behalf of Classified Personnel stated, if there was a bus purchased and it sat in the yard not used, do you not think people would be furious about this not only that we spent the money but that it is not being used. In the future, if AQMD decides we need a ratio of CNG buses, it is that big of a deal to get one for \$23,000.00 now if we do not know if we can use it. Mrs. South then asked if there is any place where we can fill the bus up? Off the hill. Mr. Zamoyta stated he thought we had a binding obligation; this had to be done. He needs to know if we have an obligation and to what extent. People need to understand we made this decision prior to the Governor's Budget coming out. People do not understand the situation; there is a lack of communication. If we do not purchase this bus, it could negate the grant money for the fueling station. Mr. Zamoyta asked if the CNG grant would occur again. Mr. Con can not even guess at this. Dr. Turney stated we have to look at the package as a whole. President Putz asked if we fast forward and transportation gets cut would his prospective change? Then the decision is are we as a district going to spend transportation money out of the general fund. Mr. Zamoyta stated you almost can not have transportation. Dr. Turney stated the critical point is we are focusing on financing but student achievement is why we are here so if you lose 7% that is 200 students who will not be receiving an education. Mr. Madden stated with the end being a reduction to 165 days and we are down to 85% ADA, it is not good. Mrs. Grabe stated we are deciding on one bus; we have to see there is a difference to deciding on transportation. We need to figure out how to transport our students. President Putz stated we are already 3.2 million behind. If we do not purchase a bus now, that doesn't mean we will not support transportation. Mr. Zamoyta stated if ADA will drop without transportation, imagine how many teachers we will lose. Dr. Turney stated if we decide not to go ahead with the purchase tonight, we will be told what is legal. Dr. Waner stated we need legal counsel to tell us we have to purchase the bus. It will create a problem with the piggyback not being approved and Mr. Con will have to deal with it. Mr. Zamoyta stated if that bus ends up sitting there, everyone in this room needs to do everything to communicate it was purchased prior to the

Governor's Budget coming out. President Putz called for the vote. A vote was cast of 5 nays. Motion fails.

Motion by Dr. Turney to accept the Fiscal Year 2011 Audit Report. M11-12-207
Second by Mr. Zamoyta. Discussion followed where Dr. Waner noted the compliment from the auditor and asked that appreciation be expressed to Mrs. Freed for her hard work on this audit. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

President Putz called for motions on the Personnel Report. Personnel Report
Classified #11-12-012
Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve Nicole Barrett, Leilani Winters, Lindsay Snow, Tami Maybrier, Darcelle Evans, Mike Hopkins as Classified Substitutes for the 2011-2012 school year at the proper hourly rate of pay and in the properly qualified positions. Second by Dr. Turney. M11-12-208
President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve Mark Mills as a District Driver to M11-12-209
drive students on field trips and other school related activities for the 2011-2012 school year. Second by Dr. Turney. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Suggestions for future meeting agendas:

- Parcel Tax versus General Obligation Bond – February 1, 2012 for action.
- Adopt Strategic Plan February 1, 2012
- Alternative to Transportation
- Car Rental
- Opportunities to get into the three million dollar issue
- Budget Advisory Committee scheduled
- Board Workshop prior to 2nd Interim/Financial Issues/Transportation/
Three million dollar issue

President Putz called for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Public Comment
Items. Hearing no request to make public comment, President Putz adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 9:18 p.m. No action is expected to be taken during the Closed Session.

Pursuant to Government Code 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Title of Position: Superintendent.

Closed Session

President Putz called the meeting back into Open Session and reported no action was taken during the closed session.

Open Session

President Putz adjourned the meeting.

Secretary

Clerk of the Board