

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 19, 2012, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Kurt Madden
Mr. Walter Con
Mr. Tim Larson
Dr. Steve Schour

President Putz called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m.

Open Session

President Putz called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting.
Motion by Dr. Waner to adopt the agenda for this meeting pulling item 4-b
from the agenda and changing Jessica Brasher to Jodi Cline in item 10-d.
Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Putz called for the vote. A vote in favor
of the motion was unanimously approved.

Adoption of
Agenda
M12-13-170

President Putz called for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda items.
Hearing none, President adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 5:21 p.m.

Public
Comment

Student Personnel Item #11-12-019

Closed
Session

Student Personnel Item #11-12-037 – pulled from the agenda.

Student Personnel Item #11-12-038.

Student Personnel item #11-12-042

President Putz called the meeting back to Open Session at 6:40 p.m.
and reported the following action was taken in Closed Session:
The Governing board voted unanimously to readmit Student Numbers
11-12-019, 11-12-038, and 11-12-042 to the Bear Valley Unified School
District.

Open
Session

President Putz announced there is a need to go back into Closed Session
at the end of the Open Session, however, no action is anticipated.

President Putz called for a Moment of Silence and all participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Annual Organizational Meeting of the Governing Board
Administration of Oath of Office to re-elected Governing Board Members
Mr. Madden swore in the following re-elected Governing Board Members:
Mrs. Beverly Grabe
Mr. Randall Putz
Mr. Paul Zamoyta

Board Orgn.
Meeting

Dr. Turney made a motion to nominate Dr. Waner as Governing Board President. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M12-13-171

Dr. Waner made a motion to nominate Mr. Zamoyta as Clerk of the Governing Board. Second by Mrs. Grabe. A vote in favor of the motion was approved by four voting board members with Mr. Zamoyta abstaining.

M12-13-172

Dr. Turney made a motion to nominate Mrs. Grabe as the Representative to County Committee on School District Organization. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. A vote in favor of the motion was approved by four voting board members with Mrs. Grabe abstaining.

M12-13-173

Dr. Waner made a motion to approve Resolution #12-13-012 stating the Governing Board of Trustees will continue to hold Regular Board Meetings on the first and third Wednesday of each month and will continue to hold Special Meetings/Workshops as necessary and properly noticed. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M12-13-174

Dr. Turney made a motion to approve the minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on June 20, 2012. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Minute
Approval
M12-13-175

Dr. Waner made a motion to approve the minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on June 27, 2012. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. A vote in favor of the motion was approved by four voting board members with Mr. Putz abstaining.

M12-13-176

The Governing Board recognized Mrs. Diane Ensley, Attendance Clerk at Big Bear High School, the Big Bear High School Cross Country Team, and Caleb Webb, Big Bear High School Cross Country. Mr. Putz reviewed the process of the superintendent search as well as all the work Mr. Madden has

Recognition
Section

completed since joining the district. Mr. Putz noted Mrs. Madden has moved to Big Bear full time. Mrs. Madden was thanked and welcomed. It was noted the “Carnegie Kids” would be recognized later in the meeting.

Mr. Putz read the regulations for Public Comment then opened the Hearing Section at 7:08 p.m.

Hearing
Section

Mr. Doug Craig talked about Chautauqua High School and how CTHS is a government agency that works.

Mrs. Wendy Craig stated there is no specific law that states 9th grade students are not allowed to attend CTHS and noted WASC would have found this.

Mrs. Craig asked what other ways could we save money on an administrator’s salary and why the district is not looking at higher level cuts. Mrs. Craig reviewed the stats of CTHS.

Mr. Madden asked to meet with Mrs. Craig in order to bring her up to speed on Education Code.

Mr. Cira spoke about his concern with the Adult Education program being moved out of a portable to BBHS and how this may be difficult for the Adult Education students. This program helps students who are over 25 years old. Mr. Cira asked the board to consider the needs of the adult population of Big Bear Valley.

Ms. Orabuena thanked the board for reconsidering the moving of CTHS and asked them to please try to come up with other ways to cut where it will not affect the students at CTHS.

Ms. Joha talked about how we need CTHS because of the home life of the students who attend CTHS.

Ms. Heather Libonati spoke about how it was a privilege to attend CTHS and how she went on to graduate from college. She stated this would be a bad decision and the district should keep Dr. Schour.

Ms. Olivia Libonati attends CTHS and looks at CTHS as a family. She has attended CTHS since 7th grade. Ms. Libonati noted the impact the staff has made in her life.

Mr. Barren spoke about how CTHS provided him a chance to make it through high school and receive a diploma. Mr. Barren suggested cutting some of the sports at BBHS or the football team at BBMS instead of getting rid of Dr. Schour. Education comes first before trophies, awards, and ribbons.

Hearing no further request to make Public Comment, President Putz closed the Hearing Section at 7:27 p.m.

Mr. Madden reviewed the calendar and explained why the February 20, 2013 meeting will be moved to the District Office from Chautauqua High School, however, the meeting will still be the CTHS Site Showcase. Mr. Madden reported ADA is at 95%. Mr. Madden reported on visits to CTHS and BBHS with Dr. Schour and Mr. Ghelber

Info. Section

Mr. Madden made a few points of clarification:

We have met several times with Dr. Schour and he is not being made to retire.

Ed Code is open to interpretation.

We do look at programs throughout the County.

A Task Force meeting is scheduled for January 18, 2013. Attendees will include Captain Bradford, Mr. Talley, Safety Assistants, JPA, Mrs. Oymaian, Mr. Mathieu, Mr. Willis, Mr. Sokomoto, Mr. Con, and Mr. Larson.

Mr. Madden reviewed Mr. Torlekson's letter to President Obama and his interview on Charter HLN.

Dr. Turney reported on his attendance at the Christmas Song Fest at BLES and gave Kudos to Mrs. Turney and Mrs. O'Hare. Dr. Turney also attended BLES's first grade Christmas Sing and noted it was great to see all the parents in attendance.

Board
Reports

Dr. Waner reported on his attendance at the Budget Advisory Committee meeting as well as the County Schools Christmas Program. Dr. Waner thanked everyone who supported the "Carnegie Kids." Dr. Waner also thanked the other board members for their confidence in electing him as the next Governing Board President.

Mrs. Grabe also reported on attending the Christmas program at BLES as well as the Strings concert. Mrs. Grabe noted Mrs. Rizzo is amazing.

Mr. Zamoyta thanked Mr. Madden for the quick response to the tragedy last week; there was a very flattering post on Facebook. The meeting first thing Monday morning was very appropriate. Mr. Zamoyta referred to an article regarding a 1997 school shooting; you have to be careful not to overact at first and really plan things out. The best way to deter is having an open and good relationship with students. Mr. Ghelber has a very good relationship with students. Mr. Zamoyta reported on a Coursera Course from Duke University that he has started and noted it is really hard; it is a college class. Hopefully, we can fit this into the curriculum at some time. Mr. Putz extended his congratulations to Dr. Waner for his election to the position of Governing Board President.

Mr. Con reported on cash flow noting we have seen some improvement. Mr. Con will have an update on Transportation at the January 16, 2013 board meeting.

Cabinet
Reports

Mr. Putz introduced the “Carnegie Kids” noting Zac Meyers was not able to make it. Tori Waner, Delaney Warren, and Jodi Cline performed New York/New York and Silent Night. Mr. Putz and Mr. Madden presented certificates to each of the performers.

Mr. Madden introduced Mr. Richard Alonzo, Partner, Vavrinek, Trine, Day, and Company, LLP. Mr. Alonzo reviewed the major areas of the 2012 BVUSD Audit noting on page 69 the District reported unqualified financial statements. Unqualified is the cleanest that can be given. Mr. Alonzo also noted the blank page on page 70 where Findings and Recommendations are normally noted. Mr. Alonzo added this is a really good accomplishment for the district. The management letter lists comments that were not significant enough to be included in the report. Also, there were no audit adjustments necessary.

Community-
Staff Pres.

Dr. Waner stated he has never seen a school receive a clearance on ASB; the yearbook is really good.

Mr. Con commented on the audit firm noting they are really different from previous auditors; the staff always comes as consultants. Mr. Con stated this is one of the best accomplishments Mrs. Freed has had in her 16 years at the district; the credit goes to many people.

Mr. Putz called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion by Dr. Waner to approve the Payment Report, Batches 0110 through 0142 and a Certificated Rehire (Sharon Meagher). Second by Mrs. Grabe. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent
Calendar
M12-13-177

Student Health and Nutrition – Discussion:

Mr. Madden provided copies of the District Physical Fitness Test. Mr. Zamoyta stated it seems like our district has had an informal push toward health and nutrition. We still reward students with candy, ice-cream, etc. Mr. Zamoyta stated he did not know how to answer a parent who asked why we allow this. Mrs. Grabe stated Mr. Lewis answered her questions about chocolate; current research states chocolate does affect the absorption of calcium but it is not detrimental to the development of children’s bones. Mrs. Grabe is concerned that we are getting kids to drink milk because it is chocolate and it fits their styles in life; students will still drink milk even without chocolate. Mrs. Grabe does not totally agree with the research; she worries because it has added sugar. Mr. Zamoyta stated it is management’s job to make a decision. Policies talk about encouraging healthy choices; he does not know if it is a policy change. Is this worth discussing and should we put it in management’s

Admin. Report
#12-13-008

hands to change? Mr. Putz stated there are a bunch of hurdles with this. Free and Reduced numbers; what you can spend your money on is dictated by traditional/nutritional guidelines. He does not know now if we want to make the decision that you cannot give candy to students; there is big money to be made by companies with school lunch. We need to define useful and meaningful but not to invasive ideals for physical fitness; we need to define the student health ideal. Mrs. Grabe noted that sometimes you cannot fight City Hall. Why do we have laws of no Coke machines when we still have the machines at the sites? It is a joke. Dr. Waner is thinking about Jamie Vollmer; what else should we take on? Dr. Waner thinks the salad bars are great. If we are concerned, we should pay attention to the fitness test. There are some things we are doing well. If we attack this thing, we need to improve what we offer kids. Mr. Lewis is doing a great job; he took the initiative with the salad bars. 100 Mile Club; we need to approach this from a positive standpoint. We need to tell parents ahead of time about what would be good to bring. Mr. Zamoyta stated we need to decide if this is something we want Mr. Madden to work on. If we make the teachers understand and get on board, it will work better. Encourage parent groups to have healthy rewards. Dr. Turney stated we cannot tell people what to eat; we can provide nutritional food. If they do not want to eat it, that is their choice. Dr. Turney is thinking we can encourage people through education; we have to give them information. In the past, everything was in moderation. We can be proponents of good nutrition but we have to stop rewarding with candy. Otherwise, it needs to be parent information. Dr. Waner suggested guidelines instead of policies. Mr. Zamoyta stated we can do something about the culture you set at school. Mr. Madden stated the board is in a great governance position. Students in grades five and seven get to have more moderate exercise. Look at professional development for noon duty aides and teachers. Mr. Madden noted our policies are strong. It was determined we need more staff development, student wellness/school health councils, presentations in classrooms, a change in culture, and an increase in urgency. Board members were asked what they want three to five years out. Dr. Turney noted our Cross County Team is in better shape than the rest of the population. During inclement weather, look at instant recess. Mr. Zamoyta would like to see a culture in which people impress the idea of a healthy lifestyle and the district models a healthy lifestyle, consider the foods we offer, the rewards we give, education, more active lifestyle, and everyone is happy about it. Maybe talk about nutrition during SPAA days. Students can help change their family's choices. Mrs. Grabe would like to continue to

push and make available healthy food choices, work on the presentation of food offered to students, physical fitness/wellness day where people in the valley make presentations, Cross Country Team.

Mr. Putz noted we need to lead and demonstrate change, high altitude training fitness (get a small group of people together that are enthusiastic about this idea and help spread it), better education on nutrition, and what we focus on. Dr. Turney stated it needs to be fun and enjoyable; just provide it and have the staff model it. Mr. Madden would like to integrate this into a normal day and noted Cross Fit and how much fun it is, staff development, district wide health council, add physical fitness to API. It was suggested physical fitness and nutrition be incorporated into Management Team Meetings, Cabinet/Principal Meetings, talked about on Kbhr, have a Fitness Day where people from the community and maybe the Cross Country Team speak to students.

Mr. Zamoyta made a motion to approve the Second Reading and Adoption of the Single Plans for Student Achievement. Second by Dr. Turney. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Curriculum/
Inst. Report
M12-13-178

Motion by Dr. Waner to approve Purchase Orders 130455 through 130554, Excluding 130488. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Business/Financial
Rep. #12-13-011
M12-13-179

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve Purchase Order #130488 – PSWC Architects in the amount of \$120,000.00 and authorize Mr. Walter J. Con, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to sign it. Second by Dr. Waner. Discussion followed where Dr. Waner asked where we are in the process. Mr. Con stated DSA has issued their first run through on structure and came back with areas that need to be looked at. Three budget meetings with architects and Tilden-Coil; fourth meeting scheduled for the third week in January. Hoping to have to the board by March then out to bid in April; break ground; six month construction term. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M12-13-180

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Audit Report – Fiscal Year 2011/12. Second by Dr. Turney. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M12-13-181

Certificated #12-13-010

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to employ Natacha Walters as a Certificated Substitute for 2012-2013. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M12-13-182

Classified #12-13-010

Motion by Dr. Waner to increase the hours for the Healthy Start Secretary, Shonda Blyer from 5 hours per day to 6 hours per day to fulfill the obligation of the grant. Second by Dr. Turney. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M12-13-183

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to employ Alyssa Larson as a Classified Substitute for 2012-13. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

M12-13-184

Mr. Madden notified the Governing Board of a resignation from Hailey Herman, Healthy Start Family Advisor, effective December 20, 2012.

A suggestion was made to have the Site Technology Facilitators give a presentation on their positions; possibly after the January 16, 2013 meeting.

Mr. Putz called for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. Hearing none, Mr. Putz adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 9:01 p.m. No action will be taken.

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiator: Agency Negotiator: Mr. Tim Larson, Director of Personnel/Educational Services. Two Bargaining Units (B.V.E.A. and CSEA Chapter #415).

Closed Session

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.6 Subdivision (b): Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. One potential case.

Mr. Putz called the meeting back to Open Session and announced no action was taken during the Closed Session.

Open Session

President Putz adjourned the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Secretary

Clerk of the Board