

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON JULY 24, 2013, 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
Mrs. Tina Fulmer
Mrs. Dena Arbaugh
Mrs. Lisa Hahn
Mr. Donald Scheerschmidt
Mrs. Judi Bowers

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

Open Session

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

President Waner called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Mr. Madden read into the minutes information regarding an item that came to the attention of the district and Governing Board after the agenda for the meeting was posted. "The following item came to the attention of the district and Governing Board after the agenda for this meeting was posted: Overnight Field Trip Request for the BBHS Cheer Group to travel to the Pasadena Convention Center for the Sharp International Extreme Camp on Thursday, July 25 through Saturday, July 27, 2013. The group consists of fourteen students. Students will stay at the Westin Hotel in Pasadena with two chaperones. Five registered parent drivers will transport the students. Total cost is \$5,350.00 which was paid for from the proceeds of a garage sale held by parents and parent funds. In order for this item to be added to this agenda for action, a determination by a two-thirds vote of the board members present at the meeting, or, if less than two-thirds of the members are present, a unanimous vote of those members present indicating that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the district, not just the board, after the agenda was posted." Motion by Dr. Turney to adopt the agenda for the meeting including an addendum on agenda items 5-a, b, and c. Agenda item 5-a will be removed from the agenda; 5-b is adding the name of Jeremy Little,

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and 5-c is adding names. Dr. Turney also included, in his motion, the approval of the request to add the approval of an Overnight Field Trip Request to the agenda. Second by Mr. Putz. Discussion followed where Dr. Turney stated it would be nice to receive these requests in advance as we have asked. Mr. Madden commented he did discuss the issue with the people involved. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

President Waner called for a motion to approve the Overnight Field Trip Request. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the Overnight Field Trip Request for the BBHS Cheer Group to travel to the Pasadena Convention Center for the Sharp International Extreme Camp on Thursday, July 25 through Saturday, July 27, 2013. Second by Dr. Turney. Discussion followed where it was requested the concerns of the board be conveyed to the parties involved regarding the late request for approval for the overnight field trip. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

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President Waner opened the Hearing Section at 6:34 p.m. Hearing no request to make Public Comment, President Waner closed the Hearing Section at 6:35 p.m.

Hearing
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Certificated #13-14-002

President Waner called for motions to approve the Certificated Personnel Report.

Agenda item 5-a/Special Education Teacher was removed from the agenda during the adoption of the agenda.

Personnel
Report

Motion by Dr. Turney to approve Jeremy Little as the Common Core State Standards/STEM Instructional Facilitator. Second by Mr. Putz. Discussion followed where it was asked who will replace Mr. Little at BBMS as he is a real talent. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

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Mr. Madden provided information on each of the certificated teachers being recommended for approval. Motion by Dr. Turney to approve Kevin Phillips-NSES, Amy Stockwell-NSES, Amber Courtney-BBES, Michelle Caughey-BBES, Shannon Garland-BLES, and Mary Bradford-BBMS as Certificated Teachers. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. Discussion followed where it was noted all certificated teachers who received pink slips were offered a position or were rehired. There are still two on the rehire list. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

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Workshop

Mr. Madden provided a recap of the last Common Core State Standards meeting. We need a plan in order to show how the money will be spent. We need to provide teachers with support. We need to refine the curriculum. We have to have a plan in place and the plan must be presented in a public hearing to the public prior to receiving funding. We have 24 months to spend the money; this is two year funding. October is when we need to start the initial draft. Testing will begin in the spring of 2015. One half of our elementary teachers participated in the Summer Institute to build curriculum and they were very excited. A slight decline in tests would be okay but if we fall on our face, it would be a concern. We may see a dip because we did not hit all the targets. Dr. Turney stated districts that are shifting the way they teach but still teach the basics their test scores are going up. We will be creating thinkers and that cannot hurt in a testing situation. It will not be as easy to teach to the test; hope we fall back on this teaching. We want to empower the teachers to make instructional decisions. The question was asked if this will make our schools more attractive to those parents who have taken their students out of our district? Teachers will need to do more planning but they are becoming more like facilitators. The concern is we need the consistency throughout our district. Professional development is huge. The challenge is high school. Mrs. Arbaugh explained how the Middle School worked over the summer to prepare for Common Core State Standards. By fourth grade, students need to be able to type one page; by sixth grade, three pages. All testing will be on the computer.

For Local Control Funding Formula, we will get a big chunk of money and it will all be unrestricted. We will need to fund items out of the Local Control Funding Formula money. Then we will have an accountability plan to go along with it and we have to keep in mind the sustainability of these items.

The concern is the how part (how we teach) with the Common Core State Standards. How do we know if we are in fact changing the way we are teaching and changing it for the better? We do want to progress monitor the student to be sure the students are making growth. Dr. Sanford will help us in this area. He will work with principals to allow teachers to do what they need to do.

Dr. Turney hopes collaboration happens this time. With strong parental involvement and teacher accountability, he believes our test scores will go up. Staff development is critical for assessment. Teach the basics but go beyond.

President Waner adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

Secretary

Clerk of the Board