

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 7, 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

President Waner called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m.

Open Session

President Waner called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to adopt the agenda for this meeting including an addendum removing items 4-a and 4-b and adding a name to item 16-a. Second by Dr. Turney. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Adoption of
Agenda
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President Waner called for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda items. Hearing none, President adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 5:17 p.m.

Public
Comment

Student Personnel Items #11-12-044 and #11-12-045 were removed from the agenda during the agenda adoption.

Closed
Session

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

Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9: Conference with Legal Counsel – Anticipated Litigation. One potential case – Employee Number EMP#12-13-002.

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

President Waner called the meeting back to Open Session at 6:30 p.m. A Moment of Silence was observed and all present participated in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Open
Session

President Waner reported the following action was taken in Closed Session:
The board voted in closed session, with a vote of 5-0, to approve a settlement agreement with Employee Number EMP#12-13-002 in exchange for a lump sum payment and a brief continuation of health and welfare benefits. The employee resigned effective July 31, 2013.

President Waner announced there is a need to return to a Closed Session following the Open Session.

President Waner called for motions to approve the minutes: Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the minutes from a Regular Board Organizational Meeting held on December 19, 2012. Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.	Minute Approval M13-14-
Motion by Mr. Putz to approve minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on January 16, 2013. Second by Dr. Turney. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.	M13-14-
Motion by Mr. Putz to approve minutes from a Special Board Workshop Meeting held on January 25, 2013. Second by Dr. Turney. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion as unanimously approved.	M13-14-
Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on February 6, 2013. Second by Mr. Putz. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.	M13-14-
Motion by Mr. Putz to approve minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on February 20, 2013. Second by Dr. Turney. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.	M13-14-
Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on March 6, 2013. Second by Mr. Putz. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.	M13-14-
Motion by Mr. Putz to approve minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on April 17, 2013. Second by Dr. Turney. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.	M13-14-
Motion by Mr. Putz to approve minutes from a Special Board Workshop meeting held on May 10, 2013. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.	M13-14-

Mr. Madden introduced Mrs. Sharon Rizzo. Mrs. Rizzo provided a brief synopsis of the Strings Program and the evolution of the Europe trip. Mrs. Rizzo introduced people in attendance in the audience and noted their significant contributions to the Strings Program. Mrs. Warren showed a video of the Europe trip and spoke about the preparation for this trip as well as recognized Mrs. Rizzo and Mrs. King. Mr. Madden and President Waner presented Mrs. Rizzo with a certification of accomplishment.

Recognition
Section

President Waner called for a break at 6:53 p.m.

President Waner called the meeting back into Open Session at 6:58 p.m.

Mr. Madden introduced Mr. Bob Blackney. Mr. Blackney presented information on Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium. Smarter Balanced is the new test and spring of 2015 is the first year all students will take the test. The test does not test standards; it tests processes. The role of testing will be separate/different. Students must pass the 11th grade test in order to go to college. If they do not pass, they must take a year of remediation at the college. This begins in 2015. This is new to K-12, however, it has been used for years in higher education and in business. We are not trying to get the students to get the right answer but the right process. The test will report out the areas of strengths and areas of need. There is a retake option.

Community/
Staff
Presentations

President Waner opened the Hearing Section at 7:52 p.m. Hearing no request to make Public Comment, Dr. Waner closed the Hearing Section at 7:53 p.m.

Hearing
Section

Mr. Madden reviewed the calendar as presented in the agenda and added a tour of BBHS and CTHS on August 22, 2013. Mr. Madden reported current enrollment at 2511; our projected enrollment was 2560 which is a difference of 49 students. Mr. Madden has visited 11 school sites and 80 classes so far this school year. Mr. Madden provided an update on the virtual academy. Mr. Madden explained the Principal Academy which is open to anyone in the district who has a passion for administration. Also explained was the facility conceptual planning meeting that was held last week.

Info. Section

Mrs. Grabe reported on visits to BBES, BLES, BBHS and CTHS and complimented everyone on a good start to the school year. Mr. Putz showed a video of Mr. Madden's 100 mile run.

Board
Reports

Dr. Turney reported on hearing comments that we do not offer a GATE program. We spend money for Special Education but not for GATE. He is thinking some where we have to make a commitment to those students. He feels if parents knew we have a program for the high achievers, they may stay in our district. Dr. Turney is also concerned about the bear that has been reported roaming around the Sugarloaf area. President Waner reported on visiting all sites on the first day of school.

Mr. Con reported on cash after the TRANS and Constitutional Advance of approximately two million dollars; we are looking good with cash. Mrs. Fulmer provided a handout listing enrollment and class sizes.

Cabinet
Reports

Mr. Madden reviewed a letter from the San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools which presented an annual report on the fiscal solvency of the Bear Valley Unified School District for fiscal year 2012-13.

Correspondence

President Waner called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Payment Report batches 0001 through 0016. Second by Dr. Turney. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Consent
Calendar
M13-14-

Mr. Madden announced the Public Notification of the District Proposal for B.V.E.A. Negotiations. This proposal will be sunshined until August 21, 2013.

Admin. Report
#13-14-002

Mr. Madden announced the Public Notification of the District Proposal for CSEA Chapter #415 Negotiations. This proposal will be sunshined until August 21, 2013.

Mr. Madden introduced Mrs. Kim Crawford and Mr. Keith Weaver. This item is for discussion only. Mr. Weaver reviewed his recommendations and explained how they arrived at this recommendation. Mr. Weaver also reviewed financing options and explained how a Certificate of Participation would be financed at a 25 year term. They wanted to be sure the financing was paid off while the warranty was still valid. Mr. Weaver reviewed a lease purchase versus a Certificate of Participation. The Certificate of Participation would save approximately \$175,000.00 over the 25 year life of that loan. Mr. Weaver is recommending the 25 year Certificate of Participation and is recommending the Certificate of Participation be put out to bid and take the bank that gives us the best rate possible. We will need to select a school site that would be used to serve as collateral for the loan. Mr. Weaver reviewed recommendations and next steps. During the

month of August, they would like to request the County Superintendent of Schools approval and begin the Certificate of Participation process. During the month of September, Siemens will contract and design board information presentation on Certificate of Participation financing. The amount of the payment is offset by the savings. Maintenance must be maintained by a certified specialist to keep the warranty valid. True South would be the contractor to provide the maintenance and operations. The most cost effective would be for the district to contract with True South directly. The district will pay for the maintenance and operations whether they contract directly or through Siemens.

The Governing Board reached a consensus of 4 to 1 to move forward with the recommendations and next steps; President Waner is not in favor of moving forward with the recommendation and next steps. President Waner is uncomfortable with financing, variables, Certificate of Participation and utilizing a site as collateral. President Waner would like to stop the project. An action item will be placed on the August 21, 2013 agenda and Siemens will be available by phone during the August 21, 2013 meeting. Mr. Weaver will return to speak further about financing.

President Waner called for a motion to approve the Business/Financial Report. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve Purchase Order Report Numbers 140001 through 140126 excluding Purchase Orders 140025 and 140100. Second by Mr. Putz. Discussion followed where President Waner asked if we are hoping to get relief from purchasing \$40,000.00 of textbooks that are consumables so it is difficult. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Business/Financial
Rep. #13-14-002
M13-14-

President Waner called for motion to approve the Personnel Reports.

Personnel
Reports

Certificated #13-14-004

Motion by Dr. Turney to employ Robert Rodriguez as the School Psychologist with the appropriate placement on the Psychologist Salary Schedule. Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

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Classified #13-14-002

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve John Duran and Sue Merritt as Classified Substitutes for the 2013-14 school year at the proper hourly rate of pay and in the properly qualified positions. Second by Mr. Putz. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

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Motion by Mrs. Grabe to revoke an unpaid leave of absence from Maureen Wheeler for August 5, 2013 through January 13, 2014. Second by Dr. Turney. Discussion followed where Mr. Putz asked for this to be explained. Mrs. Fulmer explained Mrs. Wheeler's accident and her need for surgery which prevents her from doing her student teaching. She will ask for this leave again once she is approved by her professor. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

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Mr. Madden announced the receipt of a resignation from Mrs. Shauna Ward, a Certificated Teacher, effective July 31, 2013.

There were no suggestions for future meeting agenda items.

President Waner adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 9:09 p.m. and reported no action would be taken during the Closed Session.

Closed Session

President Waner adjourned the meeting at 10:20 p.m. and announced no action was taken during the Closed Session.

Secretary

Clerk of the Board