

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 18, 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. Lisa Hahn
Mrs. Dena Arbaugh
Mrs. Sue Reynolds
Mr. Mike Hahn
Mr. David Bumstead
Mr. Alan Caldwell
Mr. Kevin Amburgey
Mrs. Bonnie South
Mrs. Judi Bowers
Mrs. Wendy Craig

President Waner called the meeting to order at 6:29 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 this meeting. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to adopt the agenda for this meeting. Second by Dr. Turney. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Adoption of
Agenda
M13-14

President Waner open the Hearing Section for Public Comment at 6:30 p.m. President Waner read the regulations for making public comment noting when we get to the workshop, there will be a time for discussion and exchange with the public on Student Health and Nutrition. Hearing no request to make Public Comment, President Waner closed the Hearing Section at 6:31 p.m.

Hearing
Section

Mr. Madden introduced Mr. Alan Caldwell and explained Mr. Caldwell's position as an Instructional Coach. Mr. Caldwell presented information on the Advanced Placement Courses at Big Bear High School. Mr. Caldwell thanked the Board for the time given to him to work with staff and build curriculum. Mr. Caldwell reviewed the 34 different courses offered by College Board and reviewed the AP College Board Mission Statement. Also reviewed was the requirements for Valedictorians noting we all benefit by students being challenged at higher levels. These courses are a benefit to the entire district; it has a filter down effect throughout the entire K-12 system. College Board must authorize for a designation on transcripts. Course audits must be done by teachers and submitted to College Board. There is a great deal of teacher training available. BBHS would like to see AP Government and Chemistry added to the curriculum. Mr. Caldwell stated it is more important the student be challenged and given more opportunities to challenge themselves. Mr. Caldwell reviewed the AP test general information, the types of questions seen on AP tests, and the tools allowed on tests. The tests are typically given in early May and the cost is \$89.00 per test. If a student qualifies for Free and Reduced Lunch, the cost is \$5.00. Students only need to qualify for the Free and Reduced Lunch Program, they do not have to actually participate in the program. There are some resources available to help those students who are not able to pay for the test. Mr. Caldwell reviewed sample AP free response questions noting AP has been doing all along what the CCSS plan to do. Mr. Caldwell reviewed AP scoring and the test score interpretations. Mr. Caldwell stated the ability to collaborate with teachers in grades 6-12 will be key.

Community/
Staff Pres.

President Waner called for a motion to approve the Administrative Report. President Waner called for nominations for the California School Boards Association 2013 Director-at-Large, American Indian, Black or County Nomination Form. No nominations were offered.

Admin.
Report
#13-14-005

President Waner opened a Public Hearing regarding Instructional Materials and Pupil Textbook Compliance 2013-2014 at 7:38 p.m. Hearing no request to make public comment, President Waner closed the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m.

Curriculum/
Inst. Report

President Waner called for a motion to approve Resolution #13-14-001. Motion by Mr. Putz to approve Resolution #13-14-001 for Pupil Textbook and Instructional Materials Compliance. Second by Dr. Turney. Discussion followed where President Waner stated if anyone has a concern, they can always meet with the principal or district administration. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

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President Waner called for motions to approve the Business/Financial Report.

Business/Financial
Rep. #13-14-005
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Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to accept donations to Bear Valley Unified School District from Mr. and Mrs. Michael Hahn of a small refrigerator to Bonnie Langelier's special education nutrition program at North Shore Elementary valued at \$100.00 and from Arrowhead United Way of school supplies for elementary students valued at \$1,000.00. Second by Dr. Turney. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve a special services agreement with Kronick, Moskovitz, Tiedemann and Girad, a Professional Corporation (KMTG); and authorize Mr. Walter J. Con, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services, to sign said contract, purchase order, and all other documents associated with completing the necessary services. Second by Mr. Putz. Discussion followed where President Waner asked if we knew about this in the beginning. Yes. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved.

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President Waner called for motions to approve the Personnel Reports. Certificated #13-14-007

Personnel Reports

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to create one Certificated FTE Position due to large class sizes at Big Bear High School and bring Mr. Hahn back from the 39-month rehire list to fill this position. Second by Dr. Turney. Discussion followed where Mr. Putz commented there is a cost to the district but that it is not an additional cost because we are already paying Mr. Hahn as a substitute. He is actually earning almost his actual salary so the amount is minimal and this is the best for students to reduce class sizes. This is a small incidental cost. We are not adding a full salary. We have one more teacher on the 39-month rehire list. We will have to hire other substitutes to cover Mr. Hahn's substitute work. President Waner called for the vote. A vote in favor of the motion was unanimously approved. Mr. Hahn thanked everyone who had a hand in this decision and stated it is good to be home.

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Mr. Madden explained the purpose of the workshop on Student Health and Nutrition is to gain a better understanding of what the Booster Clubs do and how they go about it. Mrs. Jenny Hollenbaugh, President of the Booster Club at North Shore Elementary School has been involved for four years. They put on all the events with supporting funds they get for teachers and they do support teachers at North Shore and parents and make it easier for teachers to be able to do their field trips and whatever else they

Workshop

want to do. Booster events go to the general fund. Teachers who have their own sub account do their own personal classroom fundraisers. Performing Arts general funds are used for distribution to each teacher at the beginning of every school year. Also pays for anything extra they are asked to contribute too. Performing Arts raise their own funds but sometimes they need more money for items which the whole school uses and benefits from. A question was asked what actually generates what percentage of money and which ones are food related. \$33,000.00 was raised last year. Boosters put on two carnival events that include games and food. There is breakfast with Santa that involves food. Rubber Ducky race has intermission and a snack bar. The Royal Ball has a small snack bar. Box Tops has no food involved. Script Recycling brings in approximately \$500.00. Performing Arts does the cookie dough and pizza dough fundraiser. Parents Night Out occurs one time per month. A dessert concert. Reward parties has included ice-cream sandwiches and snow cones. The percentage that involves food:
Cookie dough = \$8,000.00

Halloween Carnivals = over \$5,000.00

County Fair = over \$2,000.00

Rubber Ducky = \$2,100.00

Mrs. Chambers from Baldwin Lane Elementary School stated their site has a very different clientele and it is very hard to get money from parents. Mrs. Duran from Big Bear Elementary School stated her families are very low income as well.

Mrs. Chambers stated Baldwin Lane has three school wide fundraisers; catalog sales, the Read-a-Thon, and the Jog-a-Thon. Individual groups do fundraisers such as Sees, cookie dough, pizza dough, popsicles, lollipops, and cheesecake which are filtered through Boosters.

Big Bear Elementary filters all money through Boosters and the Boosters do most of the fundraising. Family Fun Night Sock Hop involves food. The Jog-a-Thon brings in the most money. Script, Read-a-Thon, Jump for Life, and Mrs. Duran believes the 100 Mile Club is starting at BBES. They do reward parties that is coordinated through the front office. Ice-cream, for example, brought in \$27,000.00 last year. This year, the money will be used for more educational based field trips. They will also encourage teachers to do Dana Point, more education focused, instead of the Alpine Slide.

Mrs. Hollenbaugh stated it is different at every school

All fundraising at Baldwin Lane is for school supplies or for field trips. The biggest money making is the script program.

It is challenging in this economic state. We are looking at profit and the candy bars are 50% profit.

The District is looking for information on what the fundraising activities are and to what degree they are food related and what is not.

North Shore Elementary School

The Jog-a-Thon, Read-a-Thon, Ducks which are non-food related bring in just over one-third of the total. Two-thirds are food related and one-third of that total goes toward Performing Arts. The rest goes to the general fund.

All the money that is raised at sites goes through the Booster Clubs. There is a general fund then there are sub accounts. Teachers submit for reimbursement from the general fund.

There has not been much fundraising at Big Bear Middle School over the last few years. Anything that passes through students hands has to go through ASB.

Dr. Turney stated there is a lot of good food. The concern is non-nutritional food heavily loaded with salt and sugar that is leading to huge issues. No one wants to cut out those educational programs for students but maybe, over time, you can consider things that can supplement.

President Waner stated we do not want to inhibit this; our concern is if we can increase or make better. Find out ways we can do better in high sugar content areas. He was never trying to stop what you were doing. Script is very powerful.

Dr. Turney referenced a National Geographic article about obesity, sugar, and health issues. It is an interesting article to read. We are not going to change this overnight.

Mrs. Duran does believe there are other ways to raise money. Treats and carnivals once in a while are okay. Everything in moderation. If we all move forward with that thinking, we will be okay. Try new things. Come together more as a community and work together.

Dr. Turney stated the district has hired a grant writing company. Why can't we give them the challenge to find funds that would supplement selling candy bars. Grant writing would be district wide.

Middle School is different from elementary because they have athletics. The money from students comes through ASB. Cub Backers is separate. The money from concessions at sporting events is huge. Photos at dances and the Rock-a-Thon. Cookie dough sold the most. Transportation and sometimes uniforms is the main cost for athletics.

Mr. Bumstead stated anything a student touches must go through ASB. BBHS has PSA and Bear Backers. Food sales are between \$30,000.00 and \$50,000.00 with some type of food. They are looking at different items to sell. We have to be careful with some food items. \$32,000.00 minus cost comes from vending machines. This is a service to the students. The items are compliant. We have tried to stay compliant but still make money for activities. \$5,000.00 from vending goes to the graduation account. High school does so much on donations; they do not know where else to pull from. We need to work together so as not to step on others toes. Maybe get together district wide and coordinate events.

Mrs. Grabe stated script is available at many retailers.

Mr. Madden stated we are starting a process for Cabinet to meet with principals and Booster Presidents and review and approve fundraising activities at each site. These meetings will begin next week for this year. Meetings will be scheduled in the Spring for the 2014-2015 school year. There is no need to change our policy. Philosophy is to encourage and be role models.

Mrs. Craig reviewed information from the Health Council meeting held on September 16, 2013. SB 12 was discussed. Things will stay the same this year. Mr. Madden's role is to encourage choices. 100% juice pops, baked chips possibly being purchased from Child Nutrition were discussed as options. Mrs. Craig reviewed the three goals of the Council and noted the Council will meet monthly right now with the next meeting being scheduled for October 21, 2013 will be held in the library at Big Bear Middle School.

Mrs. Arbaugh stated the Middle School's focus is on education. Saturday recovery is focusing on nutrition as well as discussions taking place regarding having this part of the elective wheel. Students need to be educated in order to make choices.

Mr. Bumstead asked if we know if our Child Nutrition Department makes money. Right now, we have been in a surplus positive. Only made about \$5,000.00 last year but we had one time expenditures of \$30,000.00 to \$40,000.00. Surplus was about \$35,000.00 to \$40,000.00 for last year. We will be looking at how we can reinvest this money back into the Child Nutrition program. Student vending machines have more of an impact because students utilize them many times per week; even daily. The food fundraisers, the items are not being sold to students.

Mr. Zamoyta appreciates what we can control as a better way to make changes. It is more of a philosophy of what you are promoting to students. As a board member, our responsibility is how you educate students to become better people. Start taking little steps in the right direction.

Annette Contreras stated she is 100% for healthy kids and agrees an occasional treat is not a big deal. The fundraising unfortunately may cause a conflict because we are selling it to people in our community. We have to educate the parents. She would like to see PE back in elementary schools. It is a bigger picture then just removing sugar.

Mr. Putz stated the original intent was that the Board have a conversation about reviewing our policies and looking at where we are regarding nutrition. Unfortunately, there was some things that were taken out of context. It is important for us to hear where we are. He is not interested in making the hard work you do any more difficult by putting restrictions on what you do. We do have a responsibility at the district level to be mindful of the nutritional choices we make on behalf of our students and what we encourage or discourage. We operate under evolving guidelines which is very complex but he does think nutrition is an evolving thing. There will be a greater awareness and emphasis placed on all of us as to the food choices that we either supply or encourage. It is important we try and keep a perspective on this and know it is an evolution. Mr. Putz appreciates what the Booster Clubs do and is confident if we work together and keep open minds and are respectful that we will be able to make our children healthier and better students.

Dr. Turney stated he appreciates the comment about PE. He has brought up Instant Recess in the past. It is a combination of physical fitness and diet.

Mr. Zamoyta asked what percentage of parents purchase script? 10%.

Mrs. Grabe stated part of what she taught was nutrition. Students kept track of what they ate for a week, then they would input that into the computer and it would tell them how many calories they ate. There are more sophisticated programs available today. It was an eye opener to the students. It would be interesting to have students do this as a project. It may be a way to educate parents as well.

President Waner adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Secretary

Clerk of the Board