

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 30, 2014, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

Present: Mrs. Beverly Grabe (Arrived 6:30 p.m.)
Mr. Randall Putz
Dr. Kenneth Turney
Dr. Alfred Waner
Mr. Paul Zamoyta

Absent:

Also Present: Mr. Kurt Madden
Mr. Walter Con
Ms. Tina Fulmer
Ms. Bonnie South
Mr. Mike Chatham
Mr. Joseph Kelly

President Turney called the meeting to order at 5:18 p.m. at the School District Office.

Open Session

President Turney called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to adopt the agenda for the meeting pulling item 12-b. Second by Mr. Putz. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Adoption of
Agenda
M13-14-330

AYES: Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Grabe

President Turney called for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items. Hearing no request to comment, President Turney adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 5:19 p.m.

Student Personnel Item #13-14-008.

Closed
Session

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

Open
Session

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

President Turney reported the following action was taken during the Closed Session:

Student Personnel Item #13-14-008: The Governing Board voted, by the following roll call vote, to readmit student to Bear Valley Unified School

M13-14-331

District:

AYES: Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Grabe

Mrs. Grabe arrived at the meeting.

President Turney called for motions to approve the Minutes.

Minute
Approval

Motion by Dr. Waner to approve minutes from a Special Board Meeting held on June 3, 2014 and minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on June 4, 2014. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

M13-14-332

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve minutes from a Board Workshop Meeting held on June 14, 2014. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion as approved by the following roll call vote:

M13-14-333

AYES: Grabe, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Putz

ABSENT: None

President Turney read the protocols for making public comment and opened the Hearing Section for Public Comment at 6:32 p.m.

Hearing
Section

Mr. Kelly asked if the board members are being paid for board meetings. Mr. Madden reminded Mr. Kelly this section is not intended for interaction with board members. Mr. Kelly stated he thinks the board should get paid; it is time they get paid. The community thinks you should all get paid. The foregoing of payment was by resolution of the board and we appreciate that when there are financial troubles. The seats you occupy were here before you and will be here when you leave. As stewards, you should be getting paid. By not getting paid, it lessens the value of your seats. Every board in this valley is getting paid. We understand why you were not getting paid but think you should get paid. If you want to donate back the money you are paid, that is up to you as individuals. The community will not fault you for getting paid. The seats are public seats and he would hope this could be voted on at a future meeting.

President Turney stated to Mr. Kelly he can speak with Mr. Madden or Mr. Con regarding this topic.

Mr. Madden responded to Mr. Kelly stating we are now able to pay the board members on a monthly basis. Mr. Madden also thanked Mr. Kelly for contacting him regarding the Tower Gardens. Mr. Madden and Mr. Con are available to meet with Mr. Kelly to answer future questions. Mr. Madden reviewed the calendar as it was presented in the posted agenda noting the Technology topic for the July 16, 2014 board workshop meeting will be tabled to a later date. The agenda for July 16th will contain business items; no workshop will be conducted.

Information
Section

Board Member Reports:

Mrs. Grabe suggested everyone go and see the Wizard of Oz; it is a wonderful play.

Mr. Zamoyta stated he is an advocate for technology because the answers are out there. He Googled Class Size Reduction and the research he found shows Class Size Reduction does not improve student learning. Mr. Zamoyta referenced links to class size information and myths regarding Class Size Reduction. Dr. Turney asked if this was based on grades at the end of the year.

Mr. Putz talked about his daughters' path and how it was shaped by a few key teachers here in Bear Valley.

Cabinet Reports:

Mrs. Fulmer explained why item 12-b was pulled from the agenda. We have received five Memorandums of Understanding from the County and we would like to sit down and review them to ensure they are of value to the district.

Mr. Con provided an update on Siemens. A team is being coordinated to be here on August 6th to present an update to the Governing Board. Plans should be heading toward DSA on July 18th.

President Turney called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

Second Reading and Adoption of the 2014-2015 Bell Schedules.

Interdistrict Transfer for the 2014-15 School Year (9th grade student residing in Angelus Oaks to attend school at Redlands East Valley High School).

Payment Report Batches 0301 through 0338.

Purchase Order Report Numbers 140998 through 141003.

Purchase Order Report Numbers 150001 through 150037 excluding 150005, 150028, 150029, and 150030.

Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

Consent
Calendar
M13-14-334

President Turney called for motions to approve the Administrative Report.

Admin. Report
#13-14-020

Mr. Putz presented an Infographic as a comparison to the 47 page LCAP document. This Infographic paints an impressive picture and Mr. Putz believes this tool eases the understanding of the information.

Motion by Mrs. Grabe to adopt the 2014-2015 Local Control Accountability Plan as presented on June 14, 2014. Second by President Turney. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

M13-14-335

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Item 12-b – Agreement for Participation in Alternative Education Programs was pulled during the adoption of the agenda for this meeting.

Mr. Madden provided background information on Mr. Steven Ritz and his visit to Big Bear to attend the Lighthouse Summit. Mr. Madden reviewed specifics that came in with the applications for Tower Gardens. There were eight total applications (eleven total teachers; three will be sharing a tower) and all sites except Chautauqua will be represented. Mr. Madden recommended the Governing Board approve moving forward with a Tower Garden Pilot Program for the 2014-2015 school year and request the Governing Board determine the number of Tower Gardens to be purchased. Mr. Madden recommended all eight applications be approved. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to move forward with a Tower Garden Pilot Program for the 2014-2015 school year and approve all eight applications received. Second by Mrs. Grabe. Discussion followed: We have three Tower Gardens in district already plus these eight we would have a total of eleven in district. President Turney is concerned for the summer break when the utilities are shut off as well as the other breaks during the school year. We are not expecting teachers to take these home over breaks. The towers can be shut down during breaks or someone can check on them once per week during breaks except over the summer when the utilities are shut down. Dr. Waner is concerned about the cost; concerned we are using money that can be used for technology to purchase devices and putting together our super infrastructure. Dr. Waner does not feel it is appropriate that we come up with an idea that is not on our radar except since March. Dr. Waner is not opposed to Tower Gardens; he is opposed to the way we are going about it. Mr. Putz reminded everyone we have gardens at all the schools and asked why we can't use those? Why do we have to spend this money? The more he found out about the Tower Gardens, he understands the cost and value because they are a form of technology. They are an engagement tool. The hope would be that by having these pieces of technology, it would drive teachers and students to use the gardens the community has invested in. Mrs. Grabe got excited when she visited the classrooms where the Tower Gardens

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were. Fourteen towers would touch 420 students at \$28.00 per student. Mr. Zamoyta talked with teachers about their opinion on whether this is a good use of money. It is important to have the towers in the classrooms. President Turney stated it seems this is a natural with the LCAP especially after listening to Mr. Putz's presentation this evening. It is a natural way of using some of the LCAP money.

President Turney opened the floor for public comment on the motion.

Mr. Kelly talked about the educational value of gardening in the classroom and about his experience since the first grade with gardening. Mr. Kelly suggested adding this to biology learning as well as adding the financial aspect to it. Mr. Kelly feels we can build towers ourselves for under \$200.00 noting the value of the hands-on shop classes and in career technology education. Mr. Kelly asked if the district has a shop where the towers could be built. Mr. Kelly recommended putting spending this \$12,000 off and look into our shops building the towers.

Mr. Zamoyta talked about having the STEM class designing towers; going through the process just to build a tower would cause us to lose momentum for the program. It is difficult to get around the materials issue. The materials used are proprietary. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Zamoyta
NOES: Waner
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Mr. Madden explained the expense for the professional development opportunity with Mr. Steven Ritz. The only time Mr. Ritz is available to travel to Big Bear is August 2, 3, 4, and 5.

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the travel expenses for Mr. Steven Ritz and his spouse to conduct professional development activities with appropriate staff members and conduct classroom presentations and assemblies at various school sites relating to the Tower Garden Pilot Program. Second by Mr. Putz.

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Discussion followed: Dr. Waner stated the first three days of the school year will be taken up by this presentation. Mr. Madden has not spoken to teachers and principals about this. Dr. Waner asked if the transparency of professional development is gone; we have not talked to anyone about this. This is one of the busiest times of the school year next to the end of school. Mr. Putz asked who will be targeted with this professional development. Mr. Madden stated there will be a Sunday orientation for the teachers who are interested. If there is not a good response from teachers or principals about this, we would consider moving the dates. Dr. Waner does not know how you can justify having an in-service the first three days of school. Mr. Madden stated we can ask for other dates if this is not well received by teachers and principals. We can get back to Mr. Ritz for other dates and talk with teachers and principals about this professional development opportunity. President Turney stated this would be just for the

eleven teachers affected. Mr. Zamoyta stated there is value in professional development at the beginning as well as after they get started and have questions. Mr. Putz stated if you divide this out, it is \$300.00 per teacher for eleven teachers. The cost is in line with other professional development costs. The important part to this is the momentum; we do need to figure out the timing of it. Request we meet with BBMS, Mr. Ritz, the eleven teachers, and principals and get their opinion. We also need to have some of Mr. Ritz's time available to the community. Mr. Zamoyta stated the principal's opinion is important; the principal needs to be excited to have this the first few days of school. We do not want to lose the opportunity by waiting. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Zamoyta
NOES: Waner
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

This is subject to coordinating an appropriate time and response from the principals and teachers and the availability of Mr. Ritz.

President Turney called for motions to approve the Curriculum/Instruction Report.

Curriculum/
Inst. Report
M13-14-338

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Master Agreement – San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools – Regional Occupational Program. Second by Mrs. Grabe. Discussion followed: Dr. Waner stated the high school cannot function without ROP. He is very pleased with Ms. Saderup and her work. We need to compliment her on what she has done. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Mr. Putz to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Soroptimist International of Big Bear Valley for the 2014-2015 school year and authorize Mr. Kurt Madden, Superintendent of Schools, to sign said MOU. This MOU shall commence July 1, 2014 and extend through June 30, 2015. The MOU will continue funding and utilization of a Student Assistance Program at Big Bear Middle School. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. Discussion followed: Mr. Putz stated the Soroptimist do many great things for the community and he really

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believes this is the best money they spend in the Valley because it is a proactive program. He personally appreciates their ongoing support over the years. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion as approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

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

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to adopt the 2014-2015 Budget as presented at the June 14, 2014 Board Workshop Meeting. Second by Mr. Putz. Discussion followed: #13-14-020
M13-14-340
Dr. Waner questioned the reserve and if it is definitely law that it will be 3%. Mr. Con answered they are still working on it. You cannot be more than 3% in the current year and 6% in the out year. Mr. Con believes this is the law today. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Dr. Waner to approve the Food Service Agreement Amendment No. 1-2014/15 Fiscal Year – Redlands Unified School District and authorize Mr. Walter J. Con, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to sign said agreement. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote: M13-14-341

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Consolidated Application for Federal Funding for Categorical Aid Programs. Second by Mr. Putz. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion as approved by the following roll call vote: M13-14-342

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve Purchase Order Numbers 150005, 150028, 150029, and 150030 and authorize Mr. Walter J. Con, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services to sign each purchase order. Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Mr. Putz to approve Resolution Number 13-14-019 – Transfer of Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Funds. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. Discussion followed: Dr. Waner asked what this means. Mr. Con answered we take this out of Fund 01 and transfer it to Fund 25 because RDA money is restricted for facility use. Dr. Waner asked if we are taking some of this money and using it only for facilities. Mr. Con stated it is an accounting function. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Solar Construction Project – Department of State Architect (DSA) Project inspection Services and Special Inspections and Testing and authorize Mr. Walter J. Con, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services or Ms. Linda Rosado, Fiscal Services Supervisor to sign purchase orders in the amounts referenced and any other documentation required to obtain these required services. Second by Mrs. Grabe. Discussion followed: Dr. Waner asked if the \$120,000 will be added to the loan. Mr. Con stated we knew these were funds we would have to spend on our own for DSA. Dr. Waner asked if the renewal had nothing to do with this. Mr. Con answered no; this comes out of our RDA funds. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the following donations: M13-14-346
15 cases of bottled water from Walgreens to Bear Valley Unified School
District for Big Bear Elementary School's "Field Fun Day."
A "paint shaker" valued at \$500.00 from Gary and Mary Jo Castle of Big
Bear Paint Center to Bear Valley Unified School District Maintenance Department.
Second by President Turney. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion
was approved by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the following Obsolete Equipment: M13-14-347
Floor Mixer "Blakeslee"
Market Forge
Second by President Turney. President Turney called for the vote. Said
motion was approved by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Management/Confidential #13-14-008 Personnel
Report

President Turney called for a motion to approve the Management/Confidential
Personnel Report. Motion by Dr. Waner to approve the salary schedule which M13-14-348
reflects an adjustment in health benefits for the Director of Personnel/Educational
Services to the levels consistent with the prior Director in the same position
effective July 1, 2014. Second by Mr. Putz. President Turney called for the vote.
Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Personnel Report Classified #13-14-016
Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve a memorandum of Understanding between M13-14-349
Bear Valley Unified School District and California School Employees Association
(CSEA) Chapter #415. Second by Mr. Putz. Discussion followed: This was
actually part of negotiations. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion
was approved by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Grabe, Putz, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Resignation/Retirement Notifications – none submitted.

Suggestions for future meeting agendas (Board/Superintendent). Mr. Madden will contact Big Bear Middle School regarding an update on the STEM Program during the workshop on July 16, 2014.

It was requested the board be kept up to date on the purchase of Chromebooks and the infrastructure requirements necessary.

Mr. Madden provided a handout to Governing Board Members in preparation for the Board Self Evaluation on July 11, 2014.

Siemens will provide an update and presentation at the August 6, 2014 board meeting.

President Turney adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Adjourn

Secretary

Clerk of the Board