

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON DECEMBER 8, 2014, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. Kurt Madden
Mr. Walter Con
Mrs. Tina Fulmer
Ms. Paulina Ugo

President Turney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the School District Office. Open Session

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

President Turney called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Motion by Dr. Waner to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Second by Mrs. Grabe. President Turney called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Adoption of
Agenda
M14-15-096

AYES: Grabe, Turney, Waner, Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

President Turney called for Public Comment on Open Session Agenda Items. He read the Public Comment Information. Hearing
Section

Debi Burton stated that BVUSD has amazing schools and students. She complimented the Big Bear High School Associated Student Body (ASB) for all their hard work. She mentioned the successful "Food Drive," the "Clothing Drive," and the all-around care for this community. A successful fundraiser was held at Hacienda Mexican Restaurant for Adam Seitz. The Middle School Robotics Team won a trophy last week at a competition at Legoland. She asked how long this district will be able to retain our good teachers. She referred to the School Services of California Compensation Review and how low our teachers are being paid. She said that our teachers are tired and that it is becoming harder to draw in quality personnel. Ms. Burton also stated that this district is losing people "from top to bottom."

She would like to see better compensation packages for employees who give so much to this community.

The 2014-2015 First Interim Financial Report was presented by Mr. Walter Con and Mrs. Linda Rosado. Mr. Con spoke about the budget process and how it works. Mr. Con talked about the criterion standards. He stated that for our interim report, our Governing Board must certify our fiscal solvency. We are a “positive certification” at this time. Unemployment continues to improve very slowly. Perhaps there will be more money next year for K-12. Mr. Con also discussed the budget risks with regards to projections, internal risks, and external risks. Mr. Con stated that this district will deficit spend, but at a much lower rate. He also discussed the First Interim Multi-Year Projection (MYP) with regards to the Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) funding assumptions. Contributions to STRS and PERS is becoming very costly to employers. Mrs. Grabe asked about the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and what that entails for us as a district. Mr. Con stated the we do not know the financial impact yet, nor do we know the costs yet. Dr. Waner asked if this district would be projecting to release teachers because of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP). Mr. Con stated that the LCAP is a commitment that the Governing Board makes, but that the plan is fluid. Mr. Madden stated that as our demographics change (i.e. Special Ed at the middle school), we have to hire another teacher due to compliance issues. Special Education costs have risen in our district. We have had 15 students return to our district from the County program; we have also added positions in the special education department. Mr. Con pointed out that as these costs increase, we need to be mindful of our declining enrollment. Mr. Con went over our district’s financial history and pertinent facts for the last 7 years.

Mrs. Rosado discussed the current cash flow for the 2014-2015 school year. Mrs. Grabe asked if the district has received our revenues when we were supposed to; Mrs. Rosado answered “yes.” Mrs. Rosado also went over the projected cash flow for the 2015-2016 school year.

Mr. Con’s closing thoughts were that the LCAP drives our district budget, Proposition 30 taxes are expiring, there are rising costs with STRS and PERS, and our overall fiscal health should include eliminating deficit spending and establishing an appropriate fund balance. Mr. Zamoyta asked if taxes are not renewed, then what impact will it have on our district. Dr. Waner said it would be wise to continue the Budget Advisory Committee.

Mr. Goepp (from the audience) asked what assumptions School Services of California uses for their projections. The answer to that question was unknown.

President Turney adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Adjourn

Secretary

Clerk of the Board