

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 13, 2015, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

Present: Dr. Stephen Foulkes
Mr. John Goepp
Mrs. Beverly Grabe
Mrs. Cathy Herrick
Mr. Paul Zamoyta

Absent: None

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

President Grabe called the meeting to order at 8:05 a.m. at the School District Office.

Open Session

President Grabe called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Motion by Dr. Foulkes to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Grabe called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

Adoption of
Agenda
M14-15-164

AYES: Foulkes, Goepp, Grabe, Herrick, Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

President Grabe opened the Hearing Section at 8:07 a.m. Hearing no request to make Public Comment, President Grabe closed the Hearing Section at 8:08 a.m.

Hearing
Section

Governing Board Retreat

Discussion took place regarding how different groups of people approach things differently using, for example, the teacher concept where lesson plans and materials are passed out. These materials are reviewed, understanding is checked with time to practice then possibly homework is assigned. The business side is very different then education. These are two very different models and the comment was made, if we are going to be able to work together, we need to resolve this.

The question was asked “How does the Board want to operate?”

Comments were made from all board members regarding their personal preferences on how information is disseminated prior to board meetings.

Staff Reports were discussed. Clarification was made that Staff Reports are the same as Background Information.

President Grabe called for a break at 9:00 a.m.

Break

President Grabe called the meeting back to Open Session at 9:12 a.m.

Open Session

Education Philosophy was discussed:

Fiscal Health – discussion took place in regards to the Second Interim Report and the numbers presented following the formal presentation. Questions were asked regarding the cost of STRS and whether this was included in the Second Interim Report. The budget process was explained in regards to the constant fluctuation that takes place throughout the year.

Class sizes were discussed.

President Grabe called for a break at 10:39 a.m.

Break

President Grabe called the meeting back to Open Session at 10:50 a.m.

Open Session

Long-term opportunities

Bond for facilities could then pay off Siemens/a bond at 55% for the General Fund. Bonds take years of planning with a great deal of thought.

The comment was made that we need to get through the 7/11 Committee recommendations then consider a bond.

Education Philosophy was summed up to include Fiscal Health, Healthcare, and Salaries with Class Size remaining a priority.

President Grabe adjourned the meeting at 11:38 a.m.

Secretary

Clerk of the Board