

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 1, 2017, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

Present: Dr. Stephen Foulkes
Mr. John Goepf
Mrs. Beverly Grabe (arrived at 5:05 p.m.)
Ms. Sudie Smartt

Absent: Mrs. Cathy Herrick

Also Present: Dr. Mary Suzuki
Dr. Lisa Waner
Mr. Scott Bell
Mrs. Linda Rosado

President Foulkes called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. at the School District Office. Open Session

President Foulkes called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Motion by Mr. Goepf to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Second by Ms. Smartt. President Foulkes called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote: Adoption of Agenda M16-17-065

AYES: Foulkes/Goepf/Grabe/Smartt
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Herrick

No comments from Union Presidents were offered. Union Comments

President Foulkes called for Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda items. Hearing no request to make Public Comment, President Foulkes adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 5:07 p.m. Public Comment

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators: Agency Negotiators: Mr. Scott Bell, Executive Director of Student Services/ Personnel, Mrs. Linda Rosado, Executive Director of Business Services, and Dr. Mary Suzuki, Superintendent of Schools. Two Bargaining Units: B.V.E.A. and CSEA Chapter #415. One Unrepresented Bargaining Unit: Management. Confidential Closed Session

President Foulkes 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 Foulkes announced no action was taken during the Closed Session.

Student Representative from Chautauqua High School, Cadence, reported the ASB Board has made improvements and CTHS has a welcoming first impression. They want students to feel welcome. The Grizzly interviewed students; it was noted the students are changing Big Bear's outlook of CTHS. Student Representative from Big Bear High School, Troy, reported on sport and club activities taking place at BBHS. Troy also reported Winterfest which took place on February 11, 2017. Student Rep.

Dr. Waner introduced Mr. Joe Bradley, BBHS Teacher of the Project Lead the Way Class. Mr. Bradley thanked the Superintendent and Governing Board for their support of this class. Mr. Bradley also thanked Dr. Waner and Mrs. Fulmer for their support as well as Ms. Saderup for her support in ordering the supplies for the class. Mr. Bradley explained this is a survey course. He took a 100-hour course over the summer last year in order to be able to teach the class. The class covers Engineering, Energy, Materials and Structures, Mr. Bradley exhibited student examples of the Bridge Building Project noting the next topic in the class is Robotics. At the end of the year, the students will take a two-day exam comparable to an AP exam. Mr. Bradley noted this is wonderful exposure for these students. Community/
Staff Pres.

Dr. Waner introduced Mr. Justin Barlow and Mrs. Susan Mueller, teachers at BBES and the Bear Tech Class. Mrs. Mueller introduced students present. The students exhibited the websites they designed and built. These sites will eventually be available to the public to learn about the Pebble Plain. Mrs. Mueller explained how they are bringing the standards alive with this class; the students are excited and involved. Mrs. Mueller reviewed research regarding the benefits of place-based learning and reviewed the partnerships they are building within the community. Mrs. Mueller and Mr. Barlow thanked the Governing Board for their support in promoting this class. Dr. Waner recognized the Education Trust for their support and thanked the Governing Board for the support of both Project Lead the Way and Bear Tech. Ms. Liz Harris of the Education Trust stated the Education Trust is thrilled with what these teachers have done with Bear Tech. The Education Trust will focus their Strategic Plan more on Bear Tech. Dr. Suzuki expressed appreciation to Mrs. Mueller and Mr. Barlow, Dr. Waner, and the Education Trust.

President Foulkes opened the Hearing Section at 7:13 p.m. Mr. Kiumarr Arzani, creator of charter schools in the San Fernando Valley, noted the Board asked what they can offer. Mr. Arzani stated they have a robotics program. He explained how they break classes in half and the student compete against each other. Mr. Arzani suggested we should provide students the opportunity to visit other schools. Hearing no other request to make Public Comment, President Foulkes closed the Hearing Section at 7:15 p.m.

Hearing
Section

President Foulkes called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:
Substitute Teachers for 2016-2017 (Tiffani Allen/Hannah Bottenberg)
Big Bear High School Track Volunteer Coach for 2016-2017 (Dara Kunkle)
Employ in Existing Position of Bus Driver (Tamra Duran)
Classified Substitutes (Jennifer Hays/Paula Kendall/Hannah Bottenberg)
District Drivers (Karen Wentworth/Susanne Saderup/Michael White)
Donations (Lighthouse Project \$5,000.00/Big Bear Yoga \$50.00/Simeon and Dana Prophet 300+jackets)

Consent
Calendar
M16-17-066

Purchase Order Report Numbers 170665 through 170712 excluding 170686
Certification of Board Minutes

Local Educational Agency Plan Addendum

Second by Mr. Goepp. President Foulkes called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Goepp/Grabe/Smartt

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Herrick

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

Mr. Bell provided background information on the new Bus Driver, Tamra Duran.

New
Employees

Dr. Suzuki thanked Dr. Waner for her hard work on Bear Tech along with Mrs. San Nicholas for her support of this program at BBES. Dr. Suzuki thanked Dr. Waner and Ms. Saderup for their work with the Project Lead the Way Class. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. Chatham, and the IT Department for the work on the technology roll out. Dr. Suzuki announced the BVUSD STEAM Night is scheduled on May 2, 2017, 4:30 p.m. at BBMS. WASC is moving along; Ms. Burton has worked very hard along with Mrs. Fulmer and the high school staff. In reviewing the Master Facility Plan and school size, Dr. Suzuki noted there is potential to place 6th grade on the BBMS campus. We will work very closely with the community and teachers to see what is the best configuration for our students. It could impact math instruction in a positive way. Students would also have more access to the elective wheel at BBMS. We are considering the reconfiguration for the 2018-2019 school year. If a consensus

Information
Section

is reached by the Governing Board, Administration will begin to set up meetings to survey teachers and parents. Dr. Foulkes stated our number one goal is to do what is best for students; if it makes more sense, we need to explore it. Mr. Goepp stated it makes sense to look at with the instructional program; Math as well as Science/STEM program. Mrs. Grabe thinks this is a great idea to move forward; we have done it before. It was very successful. It is important to involve the community in these discussions. Ms. Smartt noted to make sure the research is done as far as 6th grade readiness to be part of a 6-7-8. The Governing Board arrived at a consensus for Administration to explore the 6-7-8 configuration at Big Bear Middle School.

Mrs. Grabe reported on her attendance at the Girls' Basketball First Round of CIF Play; they played amazingly well-League Champions. Mrs. Grabe also visited Baldwin Lane for the Read-a-Thon on March 3, 2017.

Board
Member
Comments

Ms. Smartt reported on visiting the class of Mrs. Erdmier at BBES. Mrs. Erdmier is teaching Appreciative Inquiry. Mrs. Smartt was impressed with the supporting evidence; it was very interesting to watch. Mrs. Smartt also attended the Science Fair at NSES on February 28, 2017. Students are very proud of their work. Mrs. Smartt also attended the Read-a-Thon at Baldwin Lane and visited the high school on March 2, 2017; it is fun to visit the sites. Mr. Goepp reported on his visit to the Project Lead the Way Class with Drs. Suzuki and Foulkes. This class gives the students an introduction to what is out there with respect to Engineering. This could lead to interest and even careers. Mr. Goepp noted Mr. Bradley is very enthusiastic about this class. Dr. Foulkes reported on being a judge at the North Shore Science Fair noting there was a wide range of projects; he enjoyed it very much.

Dr. Waner reported we have finished the Youth Truth Survey noting a higher participation rate than last year. The Alumni Survey is being worked on and should go out the end of March with the Grit portion added. Dr. Waner explained Tech Cafes where teachers with expertise in specific areas set up a training for other teachers. We are working on expanding on this idea. Dr. Waner also reported the ELA adoption is on track.

Cabinet
Reports

No nominations were offered for the California School Boards Association 2017 Delegate Assembly Election.

Admin. Report
#16-17-008

President Foulkes called for a motion to approve the Business/Financial Report. Mrs. Rosado explained the district entered a contact with Schneider Electric as the project manager for the items listed to go out to bid. Multi-zone will be brought back and presented by Schneider Electric prior to the purchase. Motion by Mrs. Grabe to approve the following projects that meet Proposition 39's 1:1.01 savings-to-investment ratio: Exterior lighting at BLES, BBES, and NSES/Multi-zone unit at BBHS for an estimated cost not-to-exceed \$595,000.00 and authorize Dr. Suzuki and Mrs. Rosado to sign purchase orders and necessary documents to ensure completion of the above noted Proposition 39 projects. Second by Ms. Smartt. President Foulkes called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Goepf/Grabe/Smartt
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Herrick

Bus. Financial
Report
#16-17-005
M16-17-067

It was noted the final bid package will be brought back to the Governing Board for approval.

Suggestions for future board meeting agendas: None offered.

President Foulkes adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Secretary

President of the Board