

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 18, 2020, SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICE

Present: Dr. Stephen Foulkes
Mr. John Goepf
Mrs. Cathy Herrick
Ms. Sudie Smartt
Mr. Paul Zamoyta

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Mary Suzuki
Dr. Lisa Waner
Mrs. Linda Rosado
Ms. Lucinda Newton

President Herrick called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

President Herrick called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting
Motion by Dr. Foulkes to adopt the agenda for the meeting noting the
removal of item 8.a.- Community-Staff Presentations. Second by Mr. Goepf.
President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the
following roll call vote.

Adoption of
Agenda
M19-20-093

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

President Herrick called for Public Comment on Closed Session agenda items.
Hearing no request to make Public Comment, President Herrick adjourned the
meeting to a Closed Session at 4:31 p.m.

Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators:
Agency Negotiators: Mrs. Linda Rosado, Executive Director Business
Services/Classified Personnel and Dr. Lisa Waner, Executive Director 6-12
Curriculum and Instruction/Certificated Personnel. One Bargaining Unit:
B.V.E.A.

President Herrick called the meeting back to Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

Open
Session

All present participated in a Moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.
President Herrick reported no action was taken during the Closed Session.

Community-Staff Presentations was removed from the agenda. This item will be scheduled for a future board meeting.

President Herrick opened the Hearing Section at 5:31 p.m. Hearing no request to make public comment, President Herrick closed the Hearing Section at 5:32 p.m. Hearing Section

President Herrick called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion by Dr. Foulkes to approve the Consent Calendar as follows. Consent Calendar
M19-20-094
Employ 12-Month Custodian (David Garkow)
Classified Substitutes (Judith McKillop)
Revised Extra Duty Units for North Shore Elementary School for the 2019-2020 school year
Substitute Teachers for the 2019-2020 school year (Theresa Martone/Megan Moughan)
District Drivers (Jason Krause)
Donation from Margo Penardi (\$70.00-sound board)
Donation from The Rotary Club of Big Bear Lake (\$7,500.00)
Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Foulkes/Goepf/Herrick/Smartt/Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

Dr. Suzuki reviewed new employees approved under the Consent Calendar and two resignations received.

Dr. Suzuki reported on information received from the principals regarding the School Resource Officer. The information received takes into consideration that Web and SEL were added this year as well. Utilizing the SRO, 100% of citations were issued for SARB within 48 hours; there were 13 in all. It was explained how the SRO helped a family who was reluctant to go to the Sheriff's Station following a car accident; they were willing to speak with the SRO at the school site. Dr. Suzuki noted the SRO is an incredible benefit and the relationships she is building are huge. Other incidents where the SRO was extremely helpful were reviewed. For example, the SRO responds to BBHS calls much quicker than dispatch; the SRO can speak with other family members where the school district is prohibited; the SRO helps with major investigations; Clean Sweep has quicker responses; the SRO can check homes following a threat. Having the SRO does make a huge difference. Information Section

Dr. Suzuki provided an update regarding the COVID-19 situation noting she is incredibly impressed with our staff and associations during this crisis. Communication was great; teachers were incredibly flexible and willing to learn Google Classroom. We had association support throughout this process. The classification of emergency worker has been discussed. Child Nutrition and Transportation have been beyond great; serving meals and driving meals to homes. Due to classified personnel being so willing to serve, we have all sites open for nutrition. We are working to release non-essential employees this week. We have close to 300 computers to send home with students. We are still struggling with families that do not have internet; Spectrum currently has a ten-week waiting list for free installation. Principals have surveyed the areas surrounding their sites to determine how far the internet access reaches. We are researching hotspots for the highest need students. A challenge is how do we help our students if they do not have internet access; we are considering recording lessons in order for students to have access at a later time than when they are live. Other superintendents have stated to Dr. Suzuki they wish they had the staff that Bear Valley has to work with in this situation. The district receptionist is very helpful in real-time translating of information. Dr. Suzuki stated she is very proud to be the superintendent of BVUSD. The principals and teachers are amazing with their communication with parents; the App and Facebook page have been very helpful in getting information out. We have sanitized all the sites. Dr. Suzuki stated teachers have been told to plan to continue distance learning and ongoing instruction will continue after April 13th. Dr. Suzuki noted BVUSD was very prepared for this type of situation. We will bring in some form of accountability and we are messaging out we want continued learning. Dr. Suzuki believes we are in a good spot; we do want the accountability and accessibility pieces. These first two weeks is for review and now learning is occurring; after break, it will be new learning taking place. Instruction will not take place during the snow days and spring break. Dr. Suzuki announced we are not laying anyone off during this process; we will continue to receive funding and our staff will continue to be paid. Classified staff have been a great support though this process. If we release an employee from work because we do not need them at that time, they cannot be docked their own personal leave.

No comments were offered by the Governing Board Members.

Board
Member
Comments

Ms. Rosado noted, with the decline in enrollment (not as much as last year), we are looking at Chautauqua High School as a whole and the possibility of designating a new campus for CTHS. Mrs. Rosado added the students and staff seem to be pleased with where they are located now. It is a struggle to say we would want to build a new campus for one million dollars. One of the high school teachers in one of the portables will be talked to by Mrs. Fulmer regarding moving into the high school building which would give CTHS students a larger area for a recreation during inclement weather. This is the ideal space to give to CTHS. The restroom issue is better now that all restrooms are in working order. The current location allows CTHS students to take high school classes. CTHS would still like their own identity; however, that is difficult with the expected lower enrollment. The faculty at CTHS will be down to 1.5 FTE next year. Administration is recommending CTHS remain in their current location. A request to deem the non-moment portable (former CTHS location) obsolete will be brought forward at a future board meeting.

Cabinet
Reports

President Herrick called for approval of the Administrative Report.

Admin. Report
#19-20-011
M19-20-095

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the First Reading of the March 2018 Governing Board Policy Updates to include updates through July 2019 where applicable. Second by Mr. Goepp. Dr. Foulkes noted for policy 4111, 4211, and 4311, it should state "with the exception of the Superintendent." Mr. Zamoyta and Mr. Goepp accepted this change in the motion and the second. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote to include the noted change.

AYES: Foulkes/Goepp/Herrick/Smartt/Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Motion by Dr. Foulkes to reinstate the health benefits to the three Executive Directors. Second by Mr. Goepp. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion as approved by the following roll call vote:

M19-20-096

AYES: Foulkes/Goepp/Herrick/Smartt/Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

President Herrick opened for public comment the public hearing regarding BVUSD's proposal for negotiation openers with B.V.E.A. at 6:51 p.m. Hearing no request to make public comment, President Herrick closed the public hearing at 6:52 p.m. President Herrick noted negotiations may begin on March 19, 2020.

Public
Comment/
Public
Hearing

President Herrick called for approval of the Curriculum/Instruction Report.

Motion by Mr. Goepf to approve the First Reading of Board Policy 5116.1 Intra-District Open Enrollment. Second by Dr. Foulkes. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Curriculum/
Instruction
Report
M19-20-097

President Herrick called for approval of the Business/Financial Report.

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve Resolution No. 19-20-013 – California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act. Second by Dr. Foulkes. Mrs. Rosado explained the Public Construction Cost Accounting Act. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Business/
Financial
Report
#19-20-009
M19-20-098

President Herrick called for approval of the Personnel Report – Management Confidential.

Dr. Suzuki explained the reasons behind this recommended action to reclassify the position of Attendance, Child Welfare and Safety Specialist to Risk Management, Attendance, and Safety Specialist.

Motion by Dr. Foulkes to approve the reclassification of the position of Attendance, Child Welfare, and Safety Specialist to Risk Management, Attendance, and Safety Specialist. Second by Mr. Goepf. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

Mgmt./
Confid.
#19-20-004
M19-20-099

President Herrick called for review of the Personnel Report – Certificated. Certificated
#19-20-005

President Herrick opened for public comment the public hearing regarding Public
B.V.E.A. negotiation openers with BVUSD at 7:00 p.m. Hearing no request Comment/
to make public comment, President Herrick closed the public hearing at Public
7:01 p.m. President Herrick noted negotiations may begin on March 19, 2020. Hearing
March 19, 2020.

It was suggested Cabinet look at ways we can conduct future board meetings during this time where gatherings are not allowed. A virtual meeting will be planned for the April 15, 2020 board meeting.

President Herrick adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

Secretary

President of the Governing Board