

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2020, GOVERNING BOARD AND CABINET
PRESENT AT DISTRICT OFFICE. PUBLIC VIEWING VIA LIVE
BROADCAST ON THE DISTRICT'S YOUTUBE PAGE

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 4:01 p.m.

President Herrick called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting to include an addendum. Motion by Dr. Foulkes to adopt the agenda including an addendum for item 11-f. 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

Adoption of
Agenda
M20-21-015

Ms. Deborah Burton, President of B.V.E.A. provided comments starting with Kudos to the Technology Department for being able to provide devices to every student. Feedback was good. Regarding the start of school, she is hearing elementary is difficult with the combo classes right now. High school would like to revisit the possibility of a block schedule. Teachers are working very hard; elementary teachers are stating they are working twelve hours per day. High school and middle school have many teachers at sites after hours. Ms. Burton noted the following needs: Little kids cannot concentrate without headphones (the district will order additional headphones). Another issue is time; how much time staff are putting in.

B.V.E.A.
Comments

President Herrick called for Public Comment on the Closed Session Agenda Items. Receiving no requests to make Public Comment, President Herrick adjourned the meeting to a Closed Session at 4:12 p.m.

Public
Comment

Student Personnel Item #19-20-009
Student Personnel Item #19-20-002
Student Personnel Item #19-20-006
Pursuant to Government Code 54957: Public Employee Performance Evaluation. Title of Position: Superintendent of Schools

Closed
Session

President Herrick called the meeting back to Open Session at 5:31 p.m.

Open
Session

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

President Herrick called for action regarding Closed Session Items:
Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to readmit Student #19-20-009 to Big Bear High School. Second by Dr. Foulkes. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:
AYES: Foulkes/Goepp/Herrick/Smartt/Zamoyta
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

M20-21-016

President Herrick recognized Arnauld and Ariana Martinez along with their parents Hema and Arnold Martinez for a donation of 100 face shields to the District with an approximate value of \$50.00. President Herrick read the recognition certificates which will be mailed to Arnauld and Ariana.

Recognition
Section

President Herrick opened the Hearing Section at 5:35 p.m. President Herrick explained the Governing Board and Cabinet are meeting in person and the live stream format will provide members of the public wishing to make public comment the opportunity to do so in their own voice. We did not receive any request to make public comment at this meeting. President Herrick wanted the public to know they have the opportunity. President Herrick noted the District may change back to the Zoom platform or another platform for future meetings. Additional information will be noted on the District website.

Hearing
Section

President Herrick called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the addendum item. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Consent Calendar including an addendum item as follows:
Employ .5 FTE District-wide English Learner Coordinator for the 2020-2021 school year (Sonia Amaral)
Employ .4 FTE Independent Study Teacher at Big Bear High School for the 2020-2021 school year (Sonia Amaral)
Extra Duty Stipends Not Paid on Schedule C for the 2020-2021 school year
Ratify 2019-2020 Extra Duty Stipend for the Big Bear High School Athletic Director
Increase Number of Workdays for the District Nurse Commencing with the 2020-2021 School Year
Employ Health Aide, Baldwin Lane Elementary School (Brandie Zapotosky)
Notice of Completion of North Shore Elementary School Bid No. NS2020-2 Asphalt Replacement Project
Resolution Number 20-21-004 Intra-Fund Temporary Borrowing
Donation – 100 face shields by Arnauld and Ariana Martinez; approximate value \$50.00
Purchase Order Report FY 2020-2021 Purchase Orders, Numbers 210109 through 210180 (Excluding 210033, 210034, 210097, 210098, 210101, 210117, 210143, 210144, 210145, 210146, 210147, and 210148)
Governing Board Meeting Minutes from a Regular Board Meeting held on July 15, 2020

Consent
Calendar
M20-21-017

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

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

Dr. Suzuki introduced the new employees approved under the Consent Calendar Sonia Amaral and Brandie Zapotosky.

Dr. Suzuki reported on the opening of the school year and thanked the entire staff noting the Technology Department prepared the devices for distribution. Classified Staff checked out 2100 devices to students in a matter of days. The permission form was online and parents completed the form prior to checking out the devices. Dr. Suzuki thanked Dr. Waner and Ms. Newton for creating the training site. Dr. Suzuki noted the District listened to parents about the organization of Google Classrooms noting their response is it is more user

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friendly. Dr. Suzuki stated, overall, we were able to connect students to the classroom meetings. It was exciting to watch the level of proficiency that we did not have a year ago. Dr. Suzuki reported 96% attendance on the first day of school. Principals are doing amazing jobs at the sties; they are very calm and supportive.

Dr. Suzuki provided a COVID-19 update noting the District did receive information on the elementary waivers; however, since San Bernardino County is 239 cases per 100,000, they do not believe any waivers will be approved for the County. Locally, we are 128 cases per 100,000 over the last two weeks. The County has a 17% positivity rate and that rate needs to be below 8%. Dr. Suzuki explained the possibility of writing a waiver just to get the document in the queue due to the anticipated back log of requests. The waiver needs to be in consultation with the Governing Board, Unions, and Community. Mr. Goepp asked what the effect of distance learning is for our special education students. Dr. Suzuki stated it is difficult to meet these needs in distance learning. Dr. Suzuki noted if we just brought special education students back in to the classroom, it could be an equity issue. Dr. Foulkes stated we need to have data in Big Bear; what about the testing requirements. If we did want to go back and bring teachers back to the sites and we wanted someone with symptoms tested, we would want that done right away. Mr. Goepp asked if there was a timeline we needed to have the funds expended. Those funds must be spent by December 30, 2020. Dr. Suzuki noted we have meetings scheduled for the community and staff input for the expenditure of these funds. Dr. Suzuki noted, in order to be ready to go in case we are granted a waiver, the District has ordered Hepa filters for classes, easy ups, desk shields, sanitizer. Dr. Foulkes stated there is a salvia test available for \$150.00; we may consider having the ability to do limited testing with results in five to seven days. Mr. Zamoyta stated it is hard to decide for our community when we do not have an accurate number.

Mr. Goepp stated he is dismayed with the photos of the high school seniors noting it is an example of how difficult it will be to reopen when we have individuals not being conscious of others; he was sorry to hear the Boosters decided to post the photos. Dr. Suzuki stated a number of Bear Backers called her and asked if we wanted them to take it down. Dr. Foulkes stated it is the fact they did it. Mr. Goepp stated it was a lack of education or will fullness on their part to not follow the process Dr. Suzuki stated it was student led and the Senior Advisor let them know we could not be part of that activity because it was not safe.

Dr. Foulkes noted the Foundation is proceeding and they are building trails. Ms. Smartt stated she is following schools in Ventura and La Jolla noting they are both seriously struggling; they were not prepared with one-to-one

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technology: they had never done computer lessons. Ms. Smartt is thinking our teachers are much better prepared and it shows. Ms. Smartt noted we are honored to have Mr. Chatham.

Mr. Zamoyta stated it was nice to start this meeting with Ms. Burton talking and giving accolades to the administration and Mr. Chatham for getting school off to a great start. Mr. Zamoyta is hearing other areas are a nightmare. Mr. Zamoyta also has heard how hard the teachers are working and how high attendance was the first day. Accolades to the administration, Mrs. Rosado, et.al for looking into the air filters; this will help beyond COVID and it may make a difference in attendance.

President Herrick stated she is very excited with the 96-97% attendance on the first day of school. President Herrick congratulated staff, Cabinet, Dr. Suzuki, everyone involved in getting off to a great start. Not only were we ready but we are ready prior to other districts because we start the year so early. President Herrick is thrilled and proud of our District and community for doing what is needed right now.

Dr. Suzuki touched on the process used for the distribution of Chromebooks earlier in the meeting while reporting on the opening of the school year. Dr. Suzuki again stated it was an amazing process. Dr. Suzuki explained the QR codes were applied for those who had not filled out the form online prior to checking out their Chromebook.

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President Herrick called for a motion to approve the Classified Personnel Report.

Personnel
Report
#20-21-002
M20-21-018

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #415 and Bear Valley Unified School District (BVUSD). Second by Dr. Foulkes. Discussion followed where it was asked about a Health Clerk at Fallsvale. It was explained there are 73 students at Fallsvale and an eight hour Secretary; the Secretary handles the duties of the Health Clerk at Fallsvale. Mr. Goepf clarified this is as needed because right now we do not need these positions because students are not back on campus. 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

Suggestions for future meeting agendas: President Herrick noted, for future meetings, we may be considering a different format; possibly Zoom webinar.

President Herrick adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Secretary

President of the Governing Board