

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2020 VIA THE ZOOM WEBINAR PLATFORM
PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE ORDER N-29-20
DATED MARCH 17, 2020

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

Absent: Dr. Stephen Foulkes

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

President Herrick called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

President Herrick called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting. Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to adopt the agenda for the meeting noting the removal of item four – Comments from B.V.E.A. President. Second by Mr. Goepf. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion as approved by the following roll call vote:

Adoption of
Agenda
M20-21-028

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

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

Ms. Lucinda Newton presented information regarding the beginning of the year elementary assessments. Ms. Newton noted the i-Ready assessments were utilized. Ms. Newton explained how the test was taken and that it was taken in student's homes. Teachers and parents know the best practices of taking these tests at home. The tests were taken during Zoom meetings and Go Guardian was used to monitor. Teachers felt this went much better this year and they feel much better with the results. Ms. Newton reviewed 2nd grade i-Ready reading assessments and math assessments. 3rd grade typically is given the CAASP assessment; we are not able to do that this year. Ms. Newton reviewed the cohorts for 3rd grade. 4th grade information was

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reviewed as well as the cohorts. 5th grade information was reviewed with the cohort information as well. Ms. Newton noted we are looking at this information with optimistic caution because the tests were taken at home. We will progress monitor again in December and April. Ms. Newton stated the test starts with a grade lower than the student. When the student gets answers correct, the test adjusts. A certain percent of the questions are new every year. Ms. Newton noted the December data will be very important.

President Herrick opened the Hearing Section at 5:51 p.m. President Herrick noted no requests to make public comment were received. President Herrick closed the Hearing Section at 5:52 p.m. Hearing Section

President Herrick called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar. Motion by Mr. Goepp to approve the Consent Calendar as noted below: Consent Calendar
Additional .1 FTE for Big Bear High School Teacher for the 2020-2021 School Year (Sonia Amaral) M20-21-029

Increase FTE for the Big Bear High School Independent Study Program for the Remainder of the 2020-2021 School Year (Sonia Amaral)
Big Bear Middle School Extra Duty Units for 2020-2021
Employ Executive Assistant to the Bear Valley Unified School District Governing Board and Superintendent of Schools (Sue Nunes)
Employ in Existing Position of Utility Worker (Jason Haldeman)
Employ 12-Month Custodian (Anthony Vargas)
Classified Substitutes (Martin Gill/Zachary Bowman/Judith McKillop)
Child Nutrition Expenditures in Excess of Revenues Received due to COVID-19
Apple, Inc. Purchase Order 210339
Declare Child Nutrition Equipment Obsolete
Governing Board Meeting Minutes (8/27/2020-9/2/2020)
Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

Dr. Suzuki introduced the new employees approved under the Consent Calendar.

Dr. Suzuki extended congratulations to Dr. Catherine Tamayo noting the district is very proud of her in receiving her doctorate.

Dr. Suzuki announced our elementary waiver was approved on September 14, 2020 noting we are the second district in our County to have a waiver approved for a public school. Dr. Suzuki stated she is thrilled we are able to welcome students back. September 28, 2020 TK, K, 1 are returning. We will look at grades 2-3 at the beginning of November or December. Consider grades 4-5 back after grades 2-3. Right after Fall Break, we will continue to monitor data and if it continues to stay low, then we will look at the other grades coming back in succession. Once we get into the red, it opens it up for grades 6-12 to return. This will be a different model; in grades 6-12, we do not have the small cohort. The Middle and High schools are currently exploring how this will look.

Dr. Suzuki stated the district had been hopeful the Stadium would be something the Foundation could participate in under Prop 68. Because we are a school district, the lease option would not work for us as the property would be surplus property. The Foundation is looking at moving toward the community fields. We will need to investigate other options for the district field. Mrs. Rosado will share more information during the update of the Facility Master Plan. The Foundation will go forward with the trails.

No reports were offered.

Board
Member
Reports

President Herrick called for approval of the Curriculum/Instruction Report. Dr. Suzuki explained how the attendance reports were utilized to develop the 2021-2022 School Calendar. Dr. Waner explained how the A2A data was considered for the week of Thanksgiving. Teacher input was used for the three weeks of Winter Break. Snow days were considered especially the days prior to Spring Break as well as the snow days connected to a weekend. The snow days were moved to the end of the year on this calendar which means, if these days are not used, we could possibly be out of school in May. We typically know by Spring Break if we need the snow days or not. Mrs. Fulmer will set the graduation dates once we have this information. Appreciation was extended to Dr. Waner, Ms. Newton, and the teachers who worked on this calendar. They really used the data and took into consideration parents and teachers.

Curriculum/
Instruction
Report

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the First Reading of the 2021-2022 School Calendar. Second by Ms. Smartt. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote: M20-21-030

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

Mr. Zamoyta commented the 2020-2021 Learning Continuity Plan (LCP) was great; Mr. Goepp agreed with Mr. Zamoyta. This document is a great tool to give to people when they want to know what the district has done. It is nice to see all we have done in one place. The document also memorializes what has happened for future reference. Mr. Goepp stated this is a fantastic document and a great place to put in the dollars we are spending during this situation. It was noted the budget will be in more detail in December. It was recommended the budget information be added to this document as well.

Motion by Mr. Goepp to adopt the 2020-2021 Learning Continuity Plan (LCP). Second by Mr. Zamoyta. President Herrick called for the vote. Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote: M20-21-031

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

The following suggestions were made for future meeting agendas:
Review of the Facility Master Plan scheduled for October 7, 2020
6-12 Data Review scheduled for October 7, 2020.

President Herrick adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Secretary

President of the Governing Board