

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A GOVERNING BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 18, 2021, BOARD MEMBERS IN PERSON
PUBLIC IN PERSON AND VIA THE ZOOM WEBINAR PLATFORM
PURSUANT TO GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S EXECUTIVE
ORDER N-29-20 DATED MARCH 17, 2020

Present: Mrs. Cathy Herrick
Mr. Paul Zamoyta
Mr. Jack Roberts

Absent: Dr. Steve Foulkes
Ms. Sudie Smartt

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

President Herrick noted this meeting is being audio recorded.

1. Call to Order Open Session

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

M21-22-021

President Herrick called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting with the addendum as presented.

Motion by Mr. Roberts.

Second by Mr. Zamoyta.

President Herrick called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Foulkes/Smartt

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

4. Community/Staff Presentation (Item removed per addendum)

5. Hearing Section

a. Public Comment

President Herrick reviewed the Quick Summary/Abstract for Public Comment. President Herrick announced that board meetings will be held only in person beginning September 1, 2021. This will be the last meeting that we are holding both in person and on Zoom.

1. **Mrs. Heather Wylie – (Zoom)** Mrs. Wylie expressed her appreciation to the Governing Board for agendizing the mask discussion for the upcoming September 1st meeting. She stated that she is encouraged by the willingness of the Board for having that discussion. She will make sure, as best she can, that everyone is aware the meeting will be held in person as we move away from Zoom comments. Mrs. Wylie provided information on a rally that will take place in front of the District Office before the September 1st Board meeting.
2. **Mr. Kirk Garrison – (Zoom)** Mr. Garrison shared that he has a daughter that attends Fallsvale Elementary School. Mr. Garrison expressed his support for the mask policy in order to keep our kids learning in person. Mr. Garrison cited statistics indicating that there were 121,000 child COVID-19 cases last week, 99 percent of which were of the Delta variant. Mr. Garrison stated that he has young, healthy coworkers who have gotten sick, given it to their parents, and the parents have passed away. Mr. Garrison cited an article in the Tampa Bay Times by the chief pathologist for the V.A. system in Iowa. The Delta variant was four times more infectious than the original. Mr. Garrison continued saying that the Delta variant is primarily seen in younger people, as evidenced by the American Academy of Pediatrics. There have been outbreaks amongst kids in summer camps, which may have been related to one of the recent outbreaks in Big Bear. Mr. Garrison stated that the American Academy of Pediatrics recommends masks for schools. Mr. Garrison said the most important thing is keeping the kids learning in school. As a forensic pathologist working crime scenes, Mr. Garrison shared that wearing a mask is not uncomfortable, and they do work. Mr. Garrison expressed his support for what the school district is doing.

6. Consent Calendar

M21-22-022

President Herrick called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar with the addendum as presented.

Motion by Mr. Zamoyta to approve the Consent Calendar with the addendum as follows:

- 6.a. Employ Attendance Clerk, Name: Whitney Hernandez**
- 6.b. Employ Bus Drivers, Names: Angela Marmolejo, Mercy Valencia, Christopher Wright.**
- 6.c. Employ Campus Safety Assistants, Names: William Hardwick, Jenna Murphy**
- 6.d. Increase Number of Work Days for the Director's Secretary, Student Services/Alternative Education Commencing with the 2021-2022 School Year**
- 6.e. Employ Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year**
- 6.f. Big Bear High School Coaches for 2021-2022**
- 6.g. Extra Duty Stipends Not Paid on Schedule C**
- 6.h. Second Reading and Adoption of Board Policy 6158 - Independent Study**

Second by Mr. Roberts.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Herrick/Roberts/ Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Foulkes/Smartt

7. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

No items were removed from the Consent Calendar.

8. Employee Announcements

Dr. Suzuki welcomed the employees approved under the Consent Calendar.

9. Information Section and Reports

9.a. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Suzuki provided an update on her visit to Big Bear High School, where students are enjoying learning together. Dr. Suzuki provided information on the popular Learning by Making course which is a CSTEM course and College Board approved. This class is taught by Mr. Hoak. Dr. Suzuki expressed her appreciation to Dr. Waner for bringing this course to our district and Mr. Hoak for attending the required training over the summer. Dr. Suzuki continued sharing information on the new aviation class that is being offered this year. There are 17 students enrolled in this class. The simulators the Governing Board approved should be here soon. Dr. Suzuki expressed her gratitude to Julie Smith for attending training this summer and Dr. Waner for researching and bringing this program to our district. Dr. Suzuki spoke about the Governor's order that came out on August 11th requiring the district to have proof of vaccine documentation. Dr. Suzuki outlined the process for testing unvaccinated employees and shared that we need to comply with the Governor's Order by October 15th. There will be no cost to employees for this mandated testing. Dr. Suzuki shared that our current enrollment is 2176.

9.b. Governing Board Member Reports

Mr. Roberts spoke about the school lunch options. He shared that his children told his wife they would rather go hungry than eat what they are given at school. Mr. Roberts continued saying that what we offer students is important, not packaged, and full of preservatives. Mr. Roberts stated that we can do better and need to look into it.

Mrs. Rosado shared that Child Nutrition Services offers hand-packed salads because, due to COVID requirements, we cannot have an open salad bar. Mrs. Rosado also spoke to some of the challenges Child Nutrition Services is having obtaining food.

10. Business/Financial Report #21-22-002

M21-22-23

10.a. Agreement Between Bear Valley Unified School District and Parker & Covert LLP for Special Counsel Services to Obtain Lease-Leaseback Financing

Mrs. Rosado gave a summary of the lease-leaseback financing for the high school stadium project and special counsel services.

President Herrick called for a motion to approve the agreement between Bear Valley Unified School District and Parker & Covert LLP for special Counsel services to obtain lease-leaseback financing as presented.

Motion by Mr. Roberts.

Second by Mr. Zamoyta.

President Herrick called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Foulkes/Smartt

11. Suggestions for Future Meeting Agendas

September 1, 2021 – COVID-19 Mask Discussion

Food Services

September – Kagan Strategies

Achievement Data

12. Meeting Adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

12.a. Next Board Meeting Scheduled September 1, 2021, at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary

President of the Governing Board