

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 12, 2022

IN ACCORDANCE WITH AB 361 SIGNED BY GOVERNOR NEWSOM ON SEPTEMBER
16, 2021, THIS MEETING WAS HELD VIA THE ZOOM WEBINAR PLATFORM

Present: Dr. Steve Foulkes
Mrs. Cathy Herrick
Mr. Jack Roberts
Mr. Paul Zamoyta

Absent: Ms. Sudie Smartt

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

1. Call to Order Open Session

President Zamoyta called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m., noting this meeting is being audio recorded.

2. Adoption of Agenda

M21-22-080

President Zamoyta called for a motion to adopt the agenda, pulling agenda item 18.b. The First Reading and Adoption of the 2021-2022 School Accountability Report Cards, and with the addendum correcting the date of the next meeting, for the meeting as presented.

Motion by Mr. Roberts.

Second by Dr. Foulkes.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

3. Comments from CSEA Chapter #415 President

- a. CSEA Chapter #415 President, Mrs. South was unable to attend

4. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

Hearing none, President Zamoyta adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 4:38 p.m.

5. Call to Order Open Session at 5:30 p.m.

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

7. Report of Action Taken in Closed Session

a. Action Taken Pertaining to Student Personnel Item #21-22-014

The decision was made unanimously by the Governing Board to stay the expulsion this semester and next semester with the student completing a rehabilitation program.

8. Hearing Section

a. Public Comment

Hearing none, President Zamoyta moved on to agenda item 9.

9. Recognition Section

a. The Governing Board Recognizes Maxwell Sannes

The Governing Board recognized Maxwell Sannes for his outstanding accomplishment of being the CIF Southern Champion for 2021, Division IV, Boys Cross Country Individual Champion. President Zamoyta congratulated Max and presented him with a plaque for his accomplishment. Max was also recognized in the Grizzly Newspaper for being the Inland Empire Boys Cross Country Runner of the Year.

b. The Governing Board Recognizes Mrs. Cathy Herrick

President Zamoyta presented a plaque to Mrs. Herrick, saying that Governing Board and administration recognizes and appreciates Mrs. Herrick for her service as Governing Board President from December 2019 – to December 2021. President Zamoyta thanked Mrs. Herrick for her leadership during these difficult times.

10. Community-Staff Presentations

a. Mr. Michael Perry Presented Information on the Proposed Goldmine Music Festival with Discussion

Mrs. Herrick recluded herself from this agenda item.

Mr. Perry shared that Visit Big Bear has entered into an agreement with the promoter of the Goldmine Music Festival, which is meant to be a country-western concert as well as a lifestyle festival. They are looking at holding the festival in 2022. The original venue was Big Bear Mountain Resorts, but they cannot host the festival due to renovations. Mr. Perry is requesting the rental of the Big Bear Elementary School fields. Mr. Perry shared a map of the area for the event, which indicated the festival closure area. He stated that in 2023 the event would return to Big Bear Mountain Resorts. Mr. Perry stated that the fields would be used for four days, two days to set up, one day concert, one day for the takedown. Ticket sales would be limited to 5,000. Insurance would be provided by Visit Big Bear. There was discussion about the need to keep alcohol off the property. Mrs. Rosado will speak with the JPA regarding fees and liability exposure. When asked about a timeframe, Mr. Perry said that the venue needs to be secured by mid-March. The Governing Board directed Mrs. Rosado to speak with the JPA regarding liability and fees. Mrs. Rosado stated she would have information from the JPA by mid-March. Mr. Perry asked for the Governing Board's permission to begin discussions with the City about the proposed event. The Governing Board agreed to allow Mr. Perry to start the conversation

with the City about the proposed event. Mr. Perry asked that any conditions that need to be met should be addressed in the lease agreement. Mr. Perry stated that Visit Big Bear would cover legal fees moving forward.

Mrs. Herrick returned to the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

- b. **Mr. Bill Rauch, Partner, and Rachel Green, Senior Manager, with Eide Bailly LLP, will present the Bear Valley Unified School District's 2020-2021 Audited Actuals.**

Rachel Green, Senior Manager of Eide Bailly, LLP, presented the 2020-21 Audited Actuals Report results. Mr. Rauch was unavailable to attend this meeting. Ms. Green expressed her appreciation to the Bear Valley Unified School District administration and staff for their diligent assistance in getting this report done on time. "The District received an unmodified opinion over State compliance which is the highest level of assurance we can provide to you." There were no State compliance findings or questioned costs in this audit. There were no instances of noncompliance in the audit that required reporting.

11. Administrative Report

- a. **2020-21 Audited Actuals Financial Report**

M21-22-081

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the 2020-21 Audited Actuals Financial Report.

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

Second by Mrs. Herrick.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

12. CDPH/Covid-19 Update

Dr. Suzuki reported on a meeting she and other superintendents attended with Ted Alejandre, San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools, and the California Department of Public Health (CDPH). Dr. Suzuki stated that the Omicron variant is still having a significant impact on the number of cases in the county. The county positivity rate is currently at 29%, with a case rate of 173 per 100,000. Our school district positivity rate was 2.6%. Dr. Suzuki reviewed the CDPH quarantine guidelines, which are now aligned with the Centers for Disease Control (CDC). Dr. Suzuki expressed her appreciation to Ms. Newton and Brittanie Norton for their outstanding efforts with contact tracing. Dr. Suzuki also thanked the staff and families for their patience and understanding. Home COVID test kits will be distributed tomorrow at Big Bear High School. Kits will also be available at all school sites.

13. Hearing Section

- a. **Public Comment**

President Zamoyta read the Quick Summary Abstract regarding Public Comment.

David Rufner – Mr. Rufner expressed his appreciation for the survey that went out last week. He discussed substitute teacher challenges and suggested that Board members work in the

classroom for first-hand experience. He spoke about one of his children who tested positive, and he and his siblings were sent home. Mr. Rufner stated that policy is shameful.

Steve Perry – Mr. Perry stated he was disappointed in the lack of Board leadership. He shared that he felt the letter to the Governor was weak and submissive. Mr. Perry shared a letter sent by Apple Valley that he felt was stronger. Mr. Perry expressed his concern about the lack of Board Meeting minutes. Mr. Perry asked that when the Board returns to in-person meetings, they choose a larger venue as the current location of board meetings is insufficient to accommodate the public safely.

Alyssa – Asked that the Governing Board reconsider mandated testing for all unvaccinated staff. She stated there had been many vaccinated staff who contracted the illness. Staff should be treated the same as students and only be tested if they are symptomatic.

b. **Notice of Intent to Request Waiver from San Bernardino County Committee**
Hearing no request to make public comment, President Zamoyta moved on to Agenda Item 14.

14. Consent Calendar

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the Consent Calendar.

M21-22-082

Motion by Mr. Roberts to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

- a. Employ Associated Student Body (ASB) Bookkeeper/Clerk
Name: JoAnne Matlock
- b. Employ Attendance Clerk/Typist
Name: Donna Phoenix
- c. Employ Employee Benefit Technician
Name: Yasmin Kane
- d. Employ Lead Cafeteria Worker
Name: Lo-Ami Donoho
- e. Employ Two Utility Worker II
Names: Kenneth Efraim and Victor De Leon
- f. Classified Substitute for 2021-2022
Name: Heather Wylie
- g. Employ One FTE Special Education Teacher at Big Bear High School for the remainder of the 2021-2022 School Year
Name: Kathryn Olsen
- h. Home Hospital Teacher 2021-2022
Name: Robin Holmes
- i. Ratify Increase FTE for Certificated Teacher at Big Bear High School for the Remainder of the 2021-22 School Year
- j. Substitute Teachers for the 2021-2022 School Year
Names: Hora Booth, William Sweet, Nooshin Mazzoti, and Corinn Topoleski
- k. Memorandum of Understanding Between The University of Jamestown and Bear Valley Unified School District
- l. Revised Chautauqua Bell Schedule
- m. Quote for Flooring for Six Portables at North Shore Elementary School

- n. Purchase One Non-Retail 2022 Suburban Vehicle for the Transportation Department to Transport Students with Disabilities to Apple Valley
- o. Special Education Fee for Service with Redlands Unified School District (RUSD)
- p. Purchase Order Report - FY 2021-2022 Purchase Orders, Numbers 220458-220500 (Excluding 220495 & 220487)
- q. Memorandum of Understanding between Bear Valley Unified School District and Snow Summit, LLC for the 2021-22 School Year
- r. Reconsideration of Resolution #21-22-013 Continuing Board of Education Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361
- s. Williams Quarterly Report

Second by Dr. Foulkes.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

15. Items removed from the Consent Calendar

None.

16. Employee Announcements

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

17. Information Section and Reports

a. Superintendent Comments/Calendar

Dr. Suzuki expressed her appreciation to staff who have made it possible to keep our schools open and safe. Teachers and classified staff are putting students first. Dr. Suzuki spoke about her visit to Baldwin Lane Elementary last week. Dr. Suzuki shared that Nate Haston, Big Bear Middle School Teacher, was awarded the Disney Imagination Campus 50 Teachers Celebration. He was one of 50 teachers selected nationwide to receive this award. A Board Member asked Dr. Suzuki to review the qualifications needed to be a substitute teacher. Board Members cannot be a substitute teacher as it would be a conflict of interest.

b. Governing Board Member Reports

Mrs. Herrick - reported on her experience recently having COVID and being under quarantine.

Dr. Foulkes – reported on the Education Foundation. They did not receive the field grant. At the January 20th meeting, the proposed aquatic center will be discussed. The meeting agenda will be posted tomorrow.

Mr. Zamoyta – reported on attending the CSBA Conference online. He shared information from attorneys who said if you don't follow COVID policies, it would be challenging to find insurers for a school district. Without insurance, a school district could be held liable for anything COVID-related.

Mr. Roberts – asked Dr. Suzuki if both Lucerne and Apple Valley were walking back their strong statements. Dr. Suzuki said that they do not require vaccines until they are mandated, which is what we are doing.

18. Curriculum/Instruction Report

- a. **STEMSCOPES Science Curricula for Bear Valley Unified School District TK - 5th Grade** **M21-22-083**

Mr. Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the STEMSCOPES Science Curricula.
Motion by Dr. Foulkes to approve STEMSCOPES Science Curricula.
Second by Mr. Roberts.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

- b. **The First Reading and Adoption of the 2021-2022 School Accountability Report Cards**

This Agenda Item was pulled for lack of data.

19. Business/Financial Report

- a. **Notice of Completion of Baldwin Lane Elementary School Bid Number BL2021-01** **M21-22-084**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve Notice of Completion of Baldwin Lane Elementary School Bid Number BL2021-01.

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

Second by Mrs. Herrick.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

- b. **Obsolete Portable Classrooms at the Old Chautauqua High School** **M21-22-085**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve Obsolete Portable Classrooms at the old Chautauqua High School

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

Second by Mr. Roberts.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

- c. **Resolution No. 21-22-015 Request San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization** **M21-22-086**

**Approve a Waiver of the Election required by Education
Code 5020(a)(1)**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-22-015 Request San Bernardino County Committee on School District Organization Approve a Waiver of the Election required by Education Code 5020(a)(1)

Motion by Mrs. Herrick.

Second by Mr. Roberts.

After discussing this action being against the Governing Board Members' will and its negative impact on the community's voters, President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: Foulkes

ABSENT: Smartt

**d. Ratify Agreement for Services Agreement M21-22-087
No. 21-22-0822 Between San Bernardino County
Schools and Bear Valley Unified School District
(Kathryn Williamson)**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to ratify the agreement for services Agreement No. 21-22-0822 between San Bernardino County Schools and Bear Valley Unified School District

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

Second by Mr. Roberts.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

**e. Presentation of the Final Draft of the Big Bear M21-22-088
High School Science Classroom Renovation Plan**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the final draft of the Big Bear High School Science Classroom Renovation Plan.

Motion by Mr. Roberts.

Second by Dr. Foulkes.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

20. Personnel Report – Certificated

a. **Revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educator for the 2021-2022 School Year** **M21-22-089**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the revised Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educator for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

Second by Mr. Roberts.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

b. **Short-Term Staff Permit for the 2021-2022 School Year** **M21-22-090**

After a short discussion, President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the Short-Term Staff Permit for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

Second by President Zamoyta.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

c. **Employ One Temporary FTE Short-Term Staff Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year (Ashley Norton)** **M21-22-091**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the employment of one Temporary FTE Short-Term Staff Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

Second by Mr. Roberts.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: Smartt

d. **Teacher Consent for the 2021-2022 School Year** **M21-22-092**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve Teacher Consent for the 2021-2022 School Year.

Motion by Mrs. Herrick.

Second by Mr. Roberts.

President Zamoyta called for the vote.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

21. Suggestions for future meetings agendas

On February 16, 2022, Dr. Waner will present the LCAP Supplemental Report, review survey results, Closed Session on February 2, 2022.

22. Meeting Adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

- a. **Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 2, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

Secretary

President of the Governing Board