

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 2, 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  
Ms. Sudie Smartt  
Mr. Paul Zamoyta

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

**1. Call to Order Open Session**

President Zamoyta called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m., noting this meeting is being audio recorded.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**M21-22-096**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting as presented.

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/Smartt/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

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

**4. Community-Staff Presentations**

**a. Presentation of the Draft of the Big Bear High School Landscape Plan**

Mrs. Linda Rosado, Executive Director of Business Services and Classified Personnel, presented a draft of the Big Bear High School (BBHS) Landscape Plan. This plan was developed with input received from Mrs. Tina Fulmer, Principal of BBHS, and Mr. Brian Willemse, Assistant Principal of BBHS. The landscape plan showed the proposed expansion of patios in front of the cafeteria and library, additional fencing, drought-tolerant trees, and some hardscape. Mrs. Rosado stated the original cost of the project was approximately \$100,000. Due to inflation, we

believe the cost could be between \$200,000 to \$300,000. Mrs. Rosado is seeking board input before going out for bid on this project. Discussion included the use of drought-tolerant plants, plants to prevent erosion, irrigation systems to ensure the plantings survive, curb appeal, possible partnership with forest service, obtaining input from local landscapers.

#### **5. CDPH/CDC COVID-19 Updates and Survey Results**

Dr. Mary Suzuki, Superintendent of Schools, provided a detailed review of the results of the COVID-19 Parents, Staff, and Community Survey. These results have been posted on the Bear Valley Unified School District (BVUSD) website with links to the California Department of Public Health. Dr. Suzuki expressed her gratitude to everyone who took part in this survey. Dr. Suzuki encouraged parents to contact their State Legislators to let them know their opinions. Contact information for various State Legislative offices can be found on the BVUSD website. Dr. Suzuki read a statement from CDPH regarding the differences in policy between vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals' quarantine. There was a discussion about the number of COVID cases having dropped last week. There was discussion amongst the Governing Board about the number of students who say they will move out of State or remove their children from the school district if Senator Pan's legislation regarding a vaccine mandate passes without personal exemptions. The Governing Board discussed drafting another letter to the Governor advocating for vaccine exemptions for students and staff, with the need to stress the adverse effects a vaccine mandate will have on our school district. Board members will submit bullet points to Dr. Suzuki by February 8<sup>th</sup> so that she and President Zamoyta can formulate a letter to be presented at the February 16<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

#### **6. Hearing Section**

##### **a. Public Comment**

President Zamoyta read the Public Comment Summary Abstract.

**David Rufner** – Spoke from Senior Night at Big Bear High School. Mr. Rufner thanked Dr. Suzuki for sharing the survey result. He also spoke about his displeasure with the Big Bear High School sports testing protocol and questioned the use of masks as a mandate, not as guidance. (Mr. Rufner's call dropped.)

##### **b. Bear Valley Unified School District (BVUSD) Proposes the 2021-22 Negotiations Sun-shined Articles (notice)**

##### **c. California School Employees Association (CSEA) Chapter #415 Proposes 2021-22 Negotiations Sun-shined Articles (notice)**

#### **7. Consent Calendar**

**M21-22-097**

President Zamoyta asked if anyone would like anything removed from the Consent Calendar. Hearing none, President Zamoyta called for a motion.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the Consent Calendar as follows:

##### **a. Employ Health Aide, Big Bear Middle School**

**Name: Elizabeth Robertson**

##### **b. Employ High School Secretary**

**Name: Rebecca Murphy**

- c. Employ Instructional Aide at North Shore Elementary School

**Name: Johanna Dwight**

- d. Employ Night Custodian

**Name: Timothy Pierce**

- e. Employ Special Education Instructional Aide, Chautauqua High School

**Name: Karen Hawkins**

- f. District Drivers

**Names: Dawn Wortham and April Oberkraemer**

- g. Board Meeting Minutes: 10-06-2021 Regular Board Meeting, 10-20-2021 Special Board Meeting, 11-03-2021 Regular Board Meeting, 11-17-2021 Board Workshop Meeting, 11-19-2021 Special Board Meeting
- h. Revised 2021-2022 Salary "C" Schedule
- i. Wide Area Network (WAN) Internet Services for E-Rate Funding Bid No. 2021-BVUSD-WAN
- j. Reconsideration of Resolution #21-22-013 Continuing Board of Education Authority to Hold Virtual Meetings Pursuant to AB 361
- k. Purchase Order Report - FY 2021-2022 Purchase Orders, Numbers 220501-220527(Excluding 220519)
- l. Resolution Number 21-22-017 - Transfer of Redevelopment Agency (RDA) Funds

Second by Ms. Smartt.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Smartt/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

## **8. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar**

None.

## **9. Employee Announcements**

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

## **10. Information Section and Reports**

### **a. Superintendent Comments/Calendar**

**Dr. Suzuki** - commended the staff for their continued flexibility and support to keep our students in school. She spoke about the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ski Program and expressed her gratitude to Big Bear Mountain Resorts, Wade Reeser, Rob Hendricks, and Dr. Waner for making the program a reality. Dr. Suzuki will send the dates of the ski program to the Governing Board.

**b. Governing Board Member Reports**

**Dr. Foulkes** - spoke about his visits to North Shore Elementary School and Fallsvale School. He was impressed to see that the staff is doing a fabulous job educating our students. Aside from students wearing masks, you would not know anything was different.

**Mr. Roberts** - shared that he is excited about what happens when the maintenance staff approved at the last meeting starts working to assist our current staff. He said that studies show how our schools look impacts learning.

**President Zamoyta** - spoke about an article in the Grizzly newspaper about the aviation program at Big Bear High School. He expressed his gratitude to Mr. Roberts for bringing this successful and meaningful program to the attention of the School Board. President Zamoyta shared an article he read about COVID and how the rollout of rules from masking to vaccines could be done better by citing studies and research supporting those mandates.

**11. Personnel Report – Certificated**

**a. First Reading of Board Policy #4111 Recruitment and Selection**

**M21-22-098**

Dr. Waner discussed the process of streamlining the onboarding of new substitute classified and certificated employees.

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the first reading of Board Policy #4111 Recruitment and Selection.

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

Second by Mr. Roberts.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Smartt/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

**12. Suggestions for future meeting agendas (Board/Superintendent)**

COVID letter and other vocational programs.

**13. Meeting Adjourned at 6:37 p.m.**

**d. Next Board Meeting scheduled for February 16, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.**

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Secretary

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President of the Governing Board