

BEAR VALLEY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF A BOARD WORKSHOP MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 16, 2022
42271 MOONRIDGE RD.
BIG BEAR LAKE, CA 92315

This meeting was open to the public and streamed on the BVUSD YouTube Page:
<https://www.youtube.com/user/BearValleyUnifiedEdu>

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

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 4:00 p.m., noting this meeting is being recorded.

2. Adoption of Agenda

M21-22-113

President Zamoyta called for a motion to adopt the agenda for the meeting with the addendum 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. Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items

Hearing none, President Zamoyda adjourned to Closed Session at 4:01 p.m.

4. Closed Session

- a. Liability Claim, One (1) Case, Claimant: Justice Randall, Agency
Claimed Against: Bear Valley Unified School District**

- b. Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6: Conference with Labor Negotiators: Agency Negotiators: Mrs. Linda Rosado, Executive Director Business Services/Classified Personnel, and Dr. Lisa Waner, Executive Director 6-12 Curriculum and Instruction/Certificated Personnel. Bargaining Units: California School Employee Association (CSEA) Chapter #415, Bear Valley Education Association (BVEA), and Non-union Management.**

5. Call to order Open Session 5:30 p.m.

6. Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance

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 Liability Claim, One (1) Case, Claimant: Justice Randall, Agency Claimed Against: Bear Valley Unified School District**

The Governing Board voted unanimously to deny the liability claim by the claimant, Justice Randall, against Bear Valley Unified School District.

8. Hearing Section

- a. Public Comment**

Mr. Zamoyta read a letter for public comment sent by Nancy Haldeman.

Dear Governing Board Members:

I'm unable to attend due to prior engagements this evening, so I appreciate the opportunity to voice my concerns with you.

I have concerns on the content coming out of the Middle School. I'm not entirely sure who is deciding on the spirit week themes, but their content is not age appropriate in my opinion and there are other parents that agree with me on this.

I'm disappointed in the spirit weeks that are being encouraged at the Middle School for both the Valentine's week and the week of March 14. In regard to the Valentine's spirit week it was really only Tuesday of the week that was concerning as it was asking the kids to wear a specific color to validate their relationship status. I find this inappropriate for the age of these children. We shouldn't be promoting relationships in this manner at their ages.

For the week of March 14 all of the topics require more in-depth conversations, and my 7th grader didn't know what these topics were when I asked him about the spirit themes. There has been no education on these topics and now they are being asked to support them in school. Based on my knowledge these topics were conveyed in some form over the loudspeaker during class.

I'm not sure to the extent as my son said it was difficult to hear, regardless these topics shouldn't be broadcast over the loudspeakers at school.

Also, I've heard some disturbing news over the past few weeks of things happening on the middle school campus and while I understand there are privacy laws, are parents not notified of anything causing the Sheriff's department to be brought to campus? As a parent seeing the Sherriff's department on campus makes me wonder what is happening there and if there is enough supervision. Are they safe? Should I pull them out of school? These are thoughts that have crossed my mind and have me considering what happens with my children in the future.

I'm not naïve to think nothing bad will happen on campus, but something needs to change as it doesn't seem that the Middle School is promoting a safe and healthy environment for all students.

Thank you for your time.

Nancy Haldeman

9. Consent Calendar

M21-22-114

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

Motion by Dr. Foulkes.

a. Employ Clerk/Typist Attendance

Viridiana Salinas

b. Ratify Job Description for Account Clerk/Dispatcher/Bus Driver

c. Ratify an Additional .2 FTE for a Middle School Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year

Kelly Schetter

d. Ratify an Additional 35 days of .2 FTE for a Middle School Teacher for the 2021- 2022 School Year

Jason Schetter

e. Employ Three (3) Summer School Administrators for the 2022 Summer School Session

This agenda item was pulled as per the addendum.

f. Board Meeting Minutes – 12-10-2021, 12-15-2021, January 12, 2022, January 18, 2022, January 24, 2022

g. Authorization to Participate in the California Multiple Award Schedule - Purchase Core Switches and Wireless Access Points Replacement

h. Signing Authority to Process Wire Transfers for Debt Service Payments

i. Purchase Order 220624 - Gold Star Foods

Second by Mrs. Herrick.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

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

10. Items Removed from the Consent Calendar

None.

11. Employee Announcements

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

12. Information Section & Reports

a. Superintendent Comments/Calendar

Dr. Suzuki discussed site visits and how wonderful it is to see student faces and their joy as they walk into school. Dr. Suzuki reported on upcoming events happening within the District, such as April 9, 2022 - BBHS Prom at March Air Field and Museum and Open House events at the school sites.

b. Governing Board Member Reports

Dr. Foulkes shared information about his new social studies curriculum review, particularly the sixth and 11th-grade editions. He stated that he was pleasantly surprised at the balanced presentation of specific events. Dr. Suzuki shared that the public viewing of the curriculum begins tomorrow. If members of the public cannot come during the viewing time, call the District Office, and we will make arrangements for you. Dr. Waner stated that she would check with the publisher to see if the links could be shared with the public. Discussion continued regarding the differences between U.S., World History, and Government Economics curriculum

Mr. Roberts expressed that he has some concerns about what is going on at Big Bear Middle School, similarly aligned with the letter Mrs. Haldeman wrote. Mr. Roberts stated he knows Dr. Suzuki and the staff will address, but those concerns need to be handled pretty quickly.

President Zamoyta discussed the Big Bear High School performance of Lillies of the Field. He shared that the performance by students was outstanding, on par with the movie. He also enjoyed the discussion with the performers and comments by students at the end of the performance. President Zamoyta commented on the retirement of Mr. Brian Adams, director of the BBHS Performing Arts Department, and how several people expressed their hope that we can find a replacement as good. President Zamoyta also spoke about an article in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), citing a study on children's mental health, the 27% rise in anxiety and depression and 50% increase in female students attempted suicide. President Zamoyta spoke about the increase in counseling staff for the district and requested a report from the counseling staff.

13. Administrative Report

a. Resolution No. 21-22-020 Rural School District Exemption for Senate Bill 328 Middle and High School Start Time **M21-22-115**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve Resolution No. 21-22-020 as presented.

Motion by Mr. Roberts.

Second by President Zamoyta.

After discussion, said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Smartt/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

14. Curriculum/Instruction Report

a. First Reading of the 2022-2023 Instructional Minutes and Bell Schedules for all Bear Valley Unified School Sites **M21-22-116**

President Zamoyta called for a motion to approve the first reading of the 2022-2023 Instructional Minutes and Bell Schedules as presented.

Motion by Mr. Roberts.

Second by Dr. Foulkes.

Said motion was approved by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Foulkes/Herrick/Roberts/Smartt/Zamoyta

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

ABSENT: None

15. Suggestions for future meeting agendas (Board/Superintendent)

Counseling Report

April 20, 2022 - Update on Safety and Security at sites.

Upcoming Event - April 28, 2022, 5:30 p.m., at Big Bear High School – One Pill Can Kill

16. Meeting Adjourned at 6:04 p.m.

a. The next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for April 6, 2022, at 5:30 p.m.

Secretary

President of the Governing Board