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The Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oakhurst Elementary School Multi-Purpose.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Julie Greenwood.

2. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Board President, Julie Greenwood; Board Vice President, Ronda Clark; Board Clerk, Steven High; Bill Atwood and Ann Mangold.

Staff Present: Superintendent, Randall Seals; Principal, Tim McGrew; Principal, Heather Archer; Michelle Townsend; Tara Campanella; Robert Dias; Steffan John; Jeanne Ratchford; Dawn Smith, Kris Barnes, and Cat Williams

Others Present: Scott O'dell; Joe Clarke; Nancy Harmelin; Bob Kaspar; Kriszti Mendonca

3. TRUSTEE AREA REDISTRICTING BOARD WORKSHOP

PUBLIC HEARING started at 6:01 p.m. Scott Odell presented his report on redistricting recommendations for our trustee areas.

PUBLIC HEARING ended at 6:20 p.m.

**MONTHLY ITEMS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS**

4. CONSENT AGENDA

NOTE: The Board will be asked to approve all of the following items by a single vote, unless any member of the Board or of the public asks that an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered and discussed separately.

- 4.1 Approval of agenda.
- 4.2 Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting, October 13, 2021
- 4.3 Approval of October payroll \$579,276.76

- 4.4 Approval of Disposition of Surplus Items
- 4.5 Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between BLJUJESD and Madera Unified School District for the Madera Induction Consortium for Induction of Preliminary teachers.
- 4.6 Approval of the Contract between BLJUJESD and Rainforth Grau Architects for 11 new portable buildings.
- 4.7 Approval of the Agreement between BLJUJESD and National University for a student teacher's field experience.
- 4.8 Approval of the License Agreement between Pacific Gas and Electric and BLJUJESD for use of the Wasuma Elementary School property in case of an Emergency Event.
- 4.9 Approval of the contract between BLJUJESD and GAMUT for use of Gamut Meetings technology platform to publish board agendas and board packets.
- 4.10 Approval of resignation of Ryan Minter (OSSI at Oakhurst Elementary) as of October 29, 2021.
- 4.11 Approval of additional hours for Media Services/Library Teh at Oakhurst Elementary (from 3 hours per day to 5 hours per day), and Approval of additional hours for a Special Education Instructional Aide at Wasuma Elementary (from 3.5 hours per day to 5 hours per day.)
- 4.12 Approve hiring of Topanga Jackson as an Instructional Aide - Home Instruction, Special Education.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Bill Atwood, seconded by Ann Mangold to approve the Consent Agenda. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ann Mangold, aye; Steven High, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; Ronda Clarke, aye; Julie Greenwood, aye. Motion carried.

## 5. FINANCIAL REPORTS

- 5.1 Monthly approval of warrants. (Action needed)

Tara Campanella answered a few questions from the Trustees regarding some of the warrants.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ronda Clarke, seconded by Ann Mangold, to approve the monthly warrants. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ann Mangold, aye; Steven High, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; Ronda Clarke, aye; Julie Greenwood, aye. Motion carried.

6. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

The public may address the Board on any matter pertaining to the school district that is not on the agenda. Members of the public may sign up requesting to address the Board by filling out a request form and giving it to the Board President prior to the start of the meeting. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person is limited to three (3) minutes and 20 minutes per topic if multiple people speak. You may also email [jratchford@basslakesd.org](mailto:jratchford@basslakesd.org) prior to 12:00 p.m. on the date of the meeting if you would like to address the Board. Your email will be read by a staff member at the meeting (up to 3 minutes in length.) There will be no Board discussion and no action will be taken unless listed on a subsequent agenda. The public may also submit a request to address the Board on each of the remaining items on the agenda as those items are taken up by specifying the agenda item on the public comment request form. Unless otherwise determined by the Board, each person is limited to 3 minutes per item.

*Items requiring lengthy discussion, at the Board's discretion, may be scheduled as a specific agenda item at future meetings. Those submitting comments are requested to provide their name and to address comments to the Board of Trustees.*

**Kritszi Mendonca** spoke and her comments are attached to these minutes.

**Nancy Harmelin** spoke about her concerns that Bill Atwood was interrupted twice at the last meeting. She is praying for wisdom, protection and health for our board.

**Bob Kaspar** spoke and his comments are attached to these minutes.

**ACTION ITEMS**

7. APPROVAL OF SINGLE PLANS FOR STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT (SPSA) FOR OAKHURST ELEMENTARY, OAK CREEK INTERMEDIATE AND WASUMA ELEMENTARY

Consideration and action on the SPSA's for the 2021-22 school year for the District's Schools.

Superintendent Seals explained the plans. Bill Atwood applauded the staff for the work put into these reports.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Bill Atwood, seconded by Steven High to approve the SPSA's.  
ROLL CALL VOTE: Ann Mangold, aye; Steven High, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; Ronda Clarke, aye; Julie Greenwood, aye. Motion carried.

8. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF CHANGING THE NAMES OF THE FOLLOWING POLICIES TO BRING THEM IN ALIGNMENT WITH RECOMMENDED TITLES FROM CSBA. (Action required.)

- 8.1 BP 4118 from Suspension/Disciplinary Action to Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action
- 8.2 BP 4131.1 from Beginning Teacher Support/Induction to Teacher Support And Guidance
- 8.3 BP 5148 from Assessing Family Fees: Part Day California State Preschool Programs to Child Care And Development
- 8.4 BP 6153 from Field Trips to School-Sponsored Trips
- 8.5 BP 6163.2 from Service Animals At School to Animals At School
- 8.6 BP 6174 from Education For English Language Learners to Education for English Learners
- 8.7 AR 4112.22 from Staff Teaching English Language Learners to Staff Teaching English Learners
- 8.8 AR 4118 from Suspension/Disciplinary Action to Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action
- 8.9 AR 6163.2 from Service Animals At School to Animals At School
- 8.10 AR 6174 from Education For English Language Learners to Education for English Learners
- 8.11 BP 9220 from Board of Trustees Elections to Governing Board Elections
- 8.12 BP 9321 from Closed Session Purposes And Agendas to Closed Session

Superintendent Seals explained the reasons for changing the names of the policies to bring them into alignment with CSBA's policy names.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Ronda Clarke, seconded by Ann Mangold to approve the SPSA's. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ann Mangold, aye; Steven High, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; Ronda Clarke, aye; Julie Greenwood, aye. Motion carried.

9. CONSIDERATION AND APPROVAL OF DELETING THE FOLLOWING POLICIES FOR REASONS SUCH AS REPEAL OF THE LAW ON WHICH THEY ARE BASED AND/OR CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES THAT HAVE RENDERED THEM UNNECESSARY OR OUTDATED. (Action required.)

- 9.1 BP 3111 Deferred Maintenance Funds (NEW LAW AB 97 repealed sections of law containing requirements pertaining to deferred maintenance categorical funds. Pursuant to AB 97, such funds have been redirected into the LCFF and the board has exclusive authority over the use of the funds.)

- 9.2 BP 4112.24 Teacher Qualifications Under The No Child Left Behind Act (Policy, regulation, and exhibits deleted since NEW FEDERAL LAW [P.L. 114-95] repealed requirements that teachers meet criteria of "highly qualified" teachers, as defined.)
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Superintendent Seals explained the reasons for deleting these policies.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Julie Greenwood and seconded by Steven High to delete these policies per CSBA's recommendation. ROLL CALL VOTE: Ann Mangold, aye; Steven High, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; Ronda Clarke, aye; Julie Greenwood, aye. Motion carried.

### **INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

#### 10. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Fresno Flats Community Day School 3; Oak Creek Intermediate, 185; Oakhurst Elementary, 324; Wasuma Elementary, 292; BLISS, 35 for a District Total of 839.

Tara Campanella went over the enrollment report.

#### 11. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REPORT

There were 4 Interdistrict Transfers out of our district since the last Board Meeting (1 to YUSD, 1 to Mariposa and 2 to Chawanakee Unified). There were 4 Interdistrict Transfers into our district (3 from YUSD and 1 from Chawanakee Unified).

#### 12. EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS GRANT PLAN

Superintendent Seals reviewed the plan with the board and explained that it would be merged into our other grant plans so we are accomplishing the same goals.

13. FIRST READING OF BP 0470 COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN

First reading of proposed updates to BP 0470 COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN.

Superintendent Seals explained the updates to the plan. Board President, Julie Greenwood thanked him for staying current with all of these plans and policies.

14. FIRST READING OF BP 3516.5 EMERGENCY SCHEDULES

First reading of proposed new BP 3516.5 Emergency Schedules.

Superintendent Seals explained the reasons for the policy and stated he would be working on developing a plan.

15. FIRST READING OF BP 4131 STAFF DEVELOPMENT

First reading of proposed updates to BP 4131 Staff Development.

Superintendent Seals explained the updates. Bill Atwood expressed concern about the removal of the word Discipline. Superintendent Seals explained that discipline is covered in other areas of the policy.

16. FIRST READING OF BP 5120 RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION

First reading of proposed new BP 5120 Response to Instruction and Intervention.

Superintendent Seals explained the new policy.

17. FIRST READING OF BP AR 6164.4 IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION

First reading of revisions to BP AR 6164.4 Identification and Evaluation of Individuals for Special Education.

Superintendent Seals explained the new policy. He stated that it's our responsibility to find students in our district ages 3 and above and to provide them with special education services to those who need it.

18. FIRST READING OF BP AR 6164.41 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED BY THEIR PARENTS IN PRIVATE SCHOOL

First reading of proposed revisions to BP AR 6164.41 Children with Disabilities Enrolled by their Parents in Private School.

Superintendent Seals explained the policy updates.

19. FIRST READING OF BP AR 6164.5 STUDENT SUCCESS TEAMS

First reading and proposed revisions to BP AR 6164.5 Student Success Teams.

Superintendent Seals explained the revisions to this policy.

20. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Seals said he did not have a report this month. He wished a happy Veteran's Day to all who have served.

21. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

**Steven High** stated he was grateful the meeting was short. **Bill Atwood** dovetailed on to the comments Superintendent Seals made thanking our veterans. He clarified that Veteran's Day honors every person who has served in the military of any kind and that Memorial Day honors those injured or killed. He stated that our campuses look wonderful and the principals are doing a great job. "We have a happy student population and it's so nice being a part of that as a school board member." **Ronda Clarke** read a letter she received from a concerned citizen and her response. Both are attached to these minutes.

22. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Request that various items be placed on the next agenda for discussion and/or action.

None requested.

23. NEXT MEETING DATE

Unless otherwise announced, the next meeting will be the Regular Meeting scheduled for Monday, December 13, 2021, 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

24. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Persons wishing to address the governing board on any closed session item may do so at this time. A maximum of 3 minutes is set aside for persons wishing to address the Board. If you wish to address the Board on closed session items, please sign up before the meeting begins. A maximum of three (3) minutes may be allowed. Items requiring lengthy discussion, at the Board's discretion, may be scheduled as a specific agenda item at future meetings. Speakers are requested to state their name and to address comments to the Board of Trustees. The Board is governed by the Brown Act and may briefly respond to public comments, but take no action, except on items scheduled on the agenda.

Members of the public may email their comments to [jratchford@basslakesd.org](mailto:jratchford@basslakesd.org) prior to 12:00 pm on the date of the meeting. In the subject line of the email please state your name and the closed session item that you wish to make comments about. Please be aware that written comments, including your name, may become public information. Comments received by 12:00 pm will be read aloud by a staff member provided that such comments may be read within the normal three minutes allotted to each speaker. Any portion of your comment extending past three minutes may not be read aloud due to time restrictions.

The open session adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Closed session began at 7:25 p.m.

25. CLOSED SESSION Personnel/Negotiations/Litigation

NOTE: The Board will consider and may act upon any of the following items in closed session. Any action taken will be reported publicly at the end of the closed session as required by law.

- 25.1 Employee Negotiations (Gov. Code 54957.6)
- 25.2 Personnel (Gov. Code 54957)
- 25.3 Student Discipline or other confidential Student matters (Ed. Code sections 35146, 48900 et seq., 48912(b) and 49060 et seq., and 20 U.S.C. section 1232g)



26. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Closed session adjourned at 7:25 p.m. and open session began. There were no announcements.

27. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

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Randall Seals, Superintendent



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Steven High, Clerk of the Board

Hi, Good Evening.

My name is Krisztina Mendonca and I was a parent volunteer in BLUSD for 13 years. Through my nonprofit education foundation I also ran art and science clubs, two science fairs and a half a dozen computer science workshops for kids over the course of a decade.

I had two children go through this district, my son won the 8th grade science award at OCI in 2018 and is college-bound senior at YHS. My daughter, also a product of OES, OCI and YHS, has a science degree from a good UC and is about to start as a substitute teacher here locally, as she works on her next steps towards graduate school. One her good friends from here, same K-12 schools, has a degree in Forestry and is buying a house in northern California, another one of her peers has a degree in bio-engineering from UC Berkeley and is gainfully employed in San Jose. The list goes on. These kids are 24 and 25 years old, all products of the California education and the local public school system.

Many of us who are seeing our youngest finish the K-12 system are alarmed by the wedge issues of partisan politics recently creeping into the local conversations. The nonsensical issue of the concept known as CRT, define that as you will, has some local community members with false beliefs, incorrect knowledge of history (or no knowledge) suddenly demanding to have a say in what public schools teach. They are being egged on by local and national conservative groups, even though it's been explained, in great detail that CRT is not being taught in the K-12 system. I'm not even sure what some of these outside groups pushing this nonsense hope to accomplish other than splitting the community and whitewashing history. Nevertheless, these groups have been successful enough to win an election in Virginia using an issue most of the voters couldn't even define. I won't even get into the misinformation being spread about the Covid vaccine. Let's just say that molecules matter; the different between polyethylene glycol and ethylene glycol might be small but one is in your vaccine and laxatives and the other is in your antifreeze. There is no antifreeze in the Covid vaccines. It would be hard to overstate how much ignorance like this (originally attributed to an Air Force doctor and parroted in foothill opinion pieces) hurts my brain.

The point of this public comment was to say thank you to the BLUSD Board, Staff and Administrators and to let you know that you have our support. Do not get discouraged by misinformed public vitriol, most of us have your back. Thank you for protecting our children and thank you for supporting and teaching a curriculum that prepares children for a science-based, equitable, verdant future in the 21st century.

Oh, and regarding these new demands for school choice? These folks can use our taxpayer dollars to fund their religious schools the minute the churches start paying taxes.

Thank you.

Intro

I think the public has a right to transcripts or tapes of actual board discussions instead of non-informative and concealing summaries. <sup>such as appears to be the present case</sup> So when elected persons such as Rhonda Clarke literally offer cartoons for arguments in favor of unequal distribution of resources, or reveal that she thinks it's OK for the public to applaud at public school board meetings <sup>just</sup> as long as she thinks it's not too much, or waxes on about "Social-Emotional Learning" which to appears to me, as a former teacher, what you can always claim to be doing when you can't actually demonstrate that you're teaching students how to count, read or write in order that they can feel good about their ignorance, get along well with others who also feel good about their ignorance and subsequently are receptive to the desired political <sup>appeals and</sup> exploitation. It should be self-evident that people should be able to see, hear and read who and what they voted for.

Bob Kaspar, Bass Lake Elementary BM, 11-10-21

Letter sent to  
Trustee Clarke.

To the Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School Board:

Last month I attended one of your board meetings.

I was pleased to see it fairly well attended and relieved that it was not like the free-for-all I witnessed at the Yosemite High board meeting!

I am writing because I have something serious to contend with Ms. Clark. We were all wearing masks, as required, to protect one another from each others contaminants. Yet there sat Ms. Clark, waving her arms about and nearly yelling about how she cares for the kids, families, etc and WEARING HOSPITAL SCRUBS THAT SHE CLEARLY WORE ALL DAY at her job.

Is she so obtuse that she is unaware of her hypocrisy? If she really cared about the public, at all, she would not be wearing those infested, and germ laden clothes to a public meeting. It is way more than bad manners. In these present days of hyper-awareness we all have to disease, pandemic, hand-washing, etc , Ms. Clark's in-your-face behavior shows flagrant disregard for other peoples health and is entirely unacceptable and unprofessional.

I lost considerable respect for Ms. Clark when I saw this, and it completely obliterated her point she was trying to make about "caring for other's health", etc

I am writing this so that she may hear my complaint, which I am sure others share, and remedy it quietly.

However, if I see this again, my next letter will be to the editor of the Sierra Star, and perhaps some online sites.

- a citizen who really does care about others health!

*Response to letter received by  
Trustee Clarke*

Since the letter was not signed I decided I would address it here tonight in hopes that the concerned citizen will know that I received a letter. First off I'd like to let you know a little bit about my work. I am a licensed locational nurse and I work for a local clinic. I've been in this position for 24 years. We are required to attend annual trainings which include infection control and prevention. I take my job and public health very seriously as I work with infants, children, the elderly and immunocompromised patients.

To protect and care for all of the patients we see in our clinic Everyone is screened for possible infectious conditions before they enter the building. And once they're in our facility must wear a mask regardless of vaccine status.

Anytime we do work with a potentially infectious disease we must wear personal protective equipment also known as PPE. This includes a gown, gloves, a mask plus a face shield, shoe covers and hair net... all the PPE needed while in direct contact with the patient is disposable single use with very detailed specific protocols for doffing or removing possible contaminated PPE. Since Covid I feel working in a clinic I'm much safer and exposed to far less contaminants than at the grocery store or a lot of the local businesses.. I would also like you to know that I have received three doses of the Covid vaccine along with my annual flu shot and I continue to wear my mask in public out of an abundance of caution to protect myself and others.

We know the COVID Is an airborne Disease and The best things that we can do to protect ourselves and others is to wash our hands, wear our masks, stay home when sick, and get vaccinated. I do appreciate the concern brought to my attention And to be on the safe side I did contact Madera county public health department, the CDC, and infectious disease doctor I work with. I let them know about the Anonymous writers concern and asked if there was any validity to this and it and NONE of them felt there was. I do appreciate the feedback. And hope that in the future if anybody has a question or concern that they feel comfortable reaching out to me directly.

I would also like to mention that finally after months and months it does appear that come Thanksgiving I will finally have my part-time job making this a moot point because once I am working in my part-time position I will no longer have to run from work to the school board meeting and will have time change my clothes. Thank you all for being here tonight.