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The Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, December 13, 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; Chief Business Officer, Tara Campanella; Director of Special Projects and Programs, Michelle Townsend; Principal, Tim McGrew; Principal, Heather Archer; Director of Operations, Robert Dias; Technology Director, Steffan John; Jeanne Ratchford.

Others Present: Bob Kaspar, Curt Pollock, Martha Robrahan

3. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

- 3.1 Elected Board Members Oaths of Office
- 3.2 Election of Board President.
- 3.3 Election of Board Vice President.
- 3.4 Election of Board Clerk.
- 3.5 Election of Representative to Executive Board of the Madera County School Boards Association.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Bill Atwood and seconded by Ann Mangold to elect Ronda Clarke as the new President of the Board, Steven High as the new Vice President, Ann Mangold as the Board Clerk, and for Bill Atwood to remain the Representative to the Executive Board of the Madera County School Boards Association. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ronda Clarke, aye; Steven High, aye; Ann Mangold, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; and Julie Greenwood, aye.

3.6 Establishment of Time, Day and Place of Regular Board Meetings.

Most Board Meetings are scheduled on the second Wednesday of the month.

January 12	February 9	March 9	April 6*
May 11	June 22*	June 29*	July – None
August 10	September 14	October 12	November 9

December 12 (Monday) (= not second Wednesday of the month)

A MOTION WAS MADE by Bill Atwood and seconded by Steven High to approve the establishment of Time, Day and Place of Regular Board Meetings to those listed above.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Ronda Clarke, aye; Steven High, aye; Ann Mangold, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; and Julie Greenwood, aye.

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, November 10, 2021.
- 4.3 Disposition of Surplus Items.
- 4.4 Approval of monthly payroll \$588,346.12.
- 4.5 Approval of the Certification of Compliance from DSA (Division of the State Architect).
- 4.6 Approval of compensation for additional duties for Matthew Corrigan, \$500 Wasuma Boys Flag Football; Gabby Franck and Jenn McMechan, \$250 each for Wasuma Girls Volleyball; Leslie Peterson, \$500 for Wasuma Boys Soccer; Terry Baker \$2,000 for Wasuma Cadet Corps; and Erik Peterson, \$500 Oak Creek Girls Basketball.
- 4.7 Approval of Trafera Chromebook lease.
- 4.8 Approval of the hiring of Maria Cachu for the 6.5 hour OSSI position at Oakhurst Elementary; and Daisy Perez as the Bilingual Liaison for Oak Creek.
- 4.9 Approval of donations.

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

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 Bill Atwood and seconded by Ann Mangold to approve the monthly warrants. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ronda Clarke, aye; Steven High, aye; Ann Mangold, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; and Julie Greenwood, aye.

5.2 Quarterly Reports on Investments (July 1 - September 30, 2021)

Tara Campanella explained the reports and made a correction on the dates.

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 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.

Martha Robrahn spoke about her concerns regarding the summarization of board member comments in the minutes, board policies that break students into various groups and her belief it is not necessary to teach children about minority sectors so they don't use them as an excuse for their failures or the reasons for their success. Ms. Robrahn's notes that she read at the meeting are attached to these minutes.

ACTION ITEMS

7. POSITIVE CERTIFICATION, FIRST INTERIM REPORT

Consideration and Action to accept the District's First Interim Report.

Tara Campanella, Chief Business Officer explained that we're certifying whether we can meet our financial obligations for the next two years. She presented her report (which is available on the District website under the Business Department/Financial Reports.) She invited the Board Members to attend a Budget Workshop from Capital Advisors that will discuss federal funding and what's going on politically behind the scenes. She stated there are discussions that the State may move away from ADA funding and use Enrollment instead which would help to offset declining enrollment. Superintendent Seals will send the Board more information on the workshop when it becomes available.

Steven High asked about the deficit that was on page 2 of the report and Ms. Campanella clarified that all of our funding hasn't come in yet. Bill Atwood asked about the 10-14% board reserve. He would prefer that it be 10%. Ronda Clarke asked about the Wasuma bus barn damage and whether we could use Bass Lake School site proceeds to cover the costs. Superintendent Seals said the current building isn't built to code and was damaged by Mono Winds. Safety concerns on the Wasuma campus indicate the building will need to be replaced. We will receive money for the damage from our risk management insurance but we're not sure how much. The Board will decide where the rest of the money will come from.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Steven High and seconded by Julie Greenwood to accept and approve the First Interim Report. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ronda Clarke, aye; Steven High, aye; Ann Mangold, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; and Julie Greenwood, aye.

8. EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS GRANT

Consideration and Action to accept the Educator Effectiveness Grant that was presented for first reading at the November meeting.

A MOTION WAS MADE by Bill Atwood and seconded by Julie Greenwood to accept and approve the First Interim Report. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ronda Clarke, aye; Steven High, aye; Ann Mangold, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; and Julie Greenwood, aye.

9. ADOPTION OF BOARD POLICIES

Consideration and action to adopt the following Board Policies that were presented for first reading at the November, 2021 meeting:

- BP 0470 COVID-19 MITIGATION PLAN
- BP 3516.5 EMERGENCY SCHEDULES
- BP 4131 STAFF DEVELOPMENT
- BP 5120 RESPONSE TO INSTRUCTION AND INTERVENTION
- BP AR 6164.4 IDENTIFICATION AND EVALUATION OF INDIVIDUALS FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION
- BP AR 6164.41 CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES ENROLLED BY THEIR PARENTS IN PRIVATE SCHOOL

A MOTION WAS MADE by Julie Greenwood and seconded by Steven High to approve the listed Board Policies and Administrative Regulations. **ROLL CALL VOTE:** Ronda Clarke, aye; Steven High, aye; Ann Mangold, aye; Bill Atwood, aye; and Julie Greenwood, aye.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

10. ENROLLMENT REPORT

Fresno Flats Community Day School 2; Oak Creek Intermediate, 180; Oakhurst Elementary, 322; Wasuma Elementary, 295; BLISS, 38; for a District Total of 837.

11. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REPORT

There were 5 Interdistrict Transfers out of our district since the last Board Meeting (2 to YUSD and 3 to Chawanakee). There were 0 Interdistrict Transfer into our district since the last board meeting.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Seals reported he had heard from Ball and Frost (a legal group representing the Central Valley Consortium) that as of December 15, 2021, all indoor activities will require masks and that the guidance for mega events and those who are traveling into California would change.

He reiterated what he shared with the District Principals that morning; that the two weeks off for the holiday break will do wonders for our team. He asked us to reflect on where we've been and what we've been able to accomplish this year. We will continue to plow through.

13. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Steven High attended the virtual CSBA conference and enjoyed most of it. It was the first he attended. He thought it was spot on and saw the concern for kids and our school. He thought it was a good experience and wishes the Board could have gone in person. He thanked everyone for their hard work. **Bill Atwood** missed the conference because of browser difficulties. He said he had the opportunity to visit Mrs. Mills' classroom and it was great. He thanked our transportation department and experienced first hand the training they've had when he tried to board a bus at the Christmas Tree Lighting in Oakhurst. He said driver, Chuck Kramer, didn't know who he was and immediately shut the bus door to protect our kids. He commented on how impressed he was with our tree representing BLSD and plans to visit more classrooms this Friday. He has spoken with older students applying for colleges and said they gave credit to the base of education they received in our district. He thanked Tara Campanella for all the work she put into her interim report. **Julie Greenwood** is happy to not be President. She thanked Tara Campanella and stated she appreciates how she breaks the reports down to make them understandable. She enjoyed the CSBA conference and wants to wish Ronda Clarke the best in her Presidency. **Ronda Clarke** attended the CSBA conference as well and took lots of classes relating to Board Presidents and how meetings are run and the relationship between Boards and District Management. She would like to schedule a workshop at the next meeting to discuss Board norms and goals.

14. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

Ronda Clarke would like to add to the next agenda scheduling a board workshop to go over norms and goals for the coming year.

Bill Atwood would like to revisit the Board Member Benefits discussion.

15. NEXT MEETING DATE

Unless otherwise announced, the next meeting will be the Regular Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, January 12, 2022, 6:00 p.m. at the Oakhurst Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room.

16. 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 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 a comment 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.

There were none.

17. CLOSED SESSION Personnel/Negotiations/Litigation

The Board went into Closed Session at 7:21 p.m.

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.

- 17.1 Employee Negotiations (Gov. Code 54957.6)
- 17.2 Personnel (Gov. Code 54957) – CSEA and BLTA contracts
- 17.3 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)
- 17.4 Conference with Legal Counsel Regarding Existing Litigation pursuant to Gov. Code 54956.9(d)(1). Case name unspecified as disclosure would jeopardize service of process or existing settlement negotiations.

18. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

The Board reconvened into Open Session at 7:44 p.m. There were no announcements.

19. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

RS/jr



Randall Seals, Superintendent



Ann Mangold, Clerk of the Board

Martha Robrahn

I wanted to quote Rhonda Clark and Bill Attwood's remarks from the October meeting in my comments tonight, but while they each spoke in detail for several minutes on two board policies, their comments were each summarized in a single sentence in the board meeting minutes. In my opinion, neither of the summaries accurately reflected the member's position. If the community were to make voting decisions based upon these board minutes, they would be misled on the members' positions. Why are board members' comments not accurately transcribed in the minutes?

Recently, I ran into a teacher that I worked with at Oak Creek Intermediate in the early 2000s. I mentioned that we had been attending the recent board meetings and my concerns that the board policies seemed to be "slicing and dicing" the students into various groups. Her response was "Just the opposite of what we always tried to teach them." While it may be necessary to create board policy to make sure that the staff is aware (how could they not be) of all the ways our society is dividing humanity into various factions, for political exploitation, I hope we are not emphasizing those differences to the children. Rather we should be teaching them that everyone is the same and everyone is unique, everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect, and everyone deserves an opportunity to succeed. End of story.

When I was in college in the 1970s, I studied Computer Science Engineering. My partner for the most important year long final project happened to be the only black man in the program. It never occurred to me not to team up with Rick because he was another race. We chose to work together because we got on well and believed the other was smart and we would be successful, which we were. When I got a summer job with General Motors using that education, my brother commented that I probably got the job because I was a minority. I remarked "What do you mean? I am white." He said, "You are a woman." It had never occurred to me that I was an oppressed minority, even at 21 years old, because until that day, no one had told me! Children are not born recognizing their differences. Let's not teach them to make an issue of them and use them as an excuse for their failures or the reasons for their success.

Thank you.