

MEETING MINUTES

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Attendees

Voting Members

Ronda Clarke, Board President
Steven High, Board Vice President
Ann Mangold, Board Clerk
Bill Atwood, Representative to Executive Board
Julie Greenwood, Trustee

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board met in Regular Session on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. at Oakhurst Elementary School Multi-Purpose Room. The meeting was live-streamed at <https://tinyurl.com/blsdlive>.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President, Ronda Clarke.

2. ROLL CALL

Members present: Board President, Ronda Clarke; Board Vice President, Steven High; Board Clerk, Ann Mangold; Board Member, Bill Atwood and Board Member, Julie Greenwood.

Staff present: Principal, Tim McGrew; Principal, Heather Archer; Principal, Kathy Murphy; Chief Business officer, Tara Campanella; Director of Special Programs and Projects, Michelle Townsend; Chief Technology Officer, Steffan John; Director of Operations, Robert Dias; Teacher, Catherine Williams, Director of Special Education, Diane Hagood; Classified Staff Member, Anna Palmer; Teacher Christy Newell, Teacher Jacqueline Neff; Teacher Karen Forbes; Superintendent Randall Seals and Executive Assistant Jeanne Ratchford.

Others present: Phil Blas, Karen Wood, Mary Pence, Diane Flaherty, Debbie Jackson, Karen Neklason, Nancy Harmelin, Leigh Anne Brodewolf, John Pero, Robbie Duncanson, Kritzi Mendonca, Annie Scott.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion made by: Bill Atwood

Motion seconded by: Ann Mangold

Voting:

Ronda Clarke - Yes

Steven High - Yes

Ann Mangold - Yes

Bill Atwood - Yes

Julie Greenwood - Yes

- a. Approval of agenda**
- b. Approval of minutes of the Regular Meeting February 9, 2022.**
- c. Approval of the Monthly Payroll \$584,522.41.**
- d. Approve transferring of Denise Morrison, Instructional Aide at Wasuma to 6.5 hour position and Ryan Olson to SOSS I at Wasuma.**
- e. Approve additional hours for Michael Wiese, Instructional Assistant at MCSOS (additional 15 minutes per day.)**
- f. Approve the hiring of Delaney Gunter as an Instructional Aide at Wasuma, Alicia Martinez as an Instructional Aide at Wasuma, Anthony Spacke as an OSSII at OCI and Shawn Groth as an OSSII at OCI.**
- g. Approve the Retirement of Peggy Myers, Reading Specialist at Wasuma.**
- h. Approval of correction to Compensation for Additional Duties**
- i. Approval of Compensation for Additional Duties**
- j. Approve the California Risk Management Authority agreement for Controlled Substances and Alcohol Testing.**
- k. Approval of Independent Auditor Selection Contract for 2022-2024.**
- l. Approve Contract for Mechanical Services Between Yosemite Unified School District and Bass Lake Joint Union Elementary School District.**

4. MONTHLY ITEMS AND FINANCIAL REPORTS

- a. Monthly Approval of Warrants (Action needed)**

CBO, Tara Campanella answered a few questions from the Board about the warrants.

Motion made by: Bill Atwood

Motion seconded by: Julie Greenwood

Voting:

Ronda Clarke - Yes

Steven High - Yes

Ann Mangold - Yes

Bill Atwood - Yes

Julie Greenwood - Yes

- b. Report on Investments (October - December 2021)**

CBO, Tara Campanella explained the Report on Investments (October - December 2021.) No action required.

c. Second Interim Report (Action Needed)

CBO Tara Campanella made her presentation to the board explaining the Second Interim Report. (PowerPoint that was presented at the meeting is attached to this item in the agenda.)

Trustee Atwood thanked Tara for all the work that went into creating her report. He asked about the ending balance and Tara explained restricted budgets. We no longer have a 14% reserve, it's down to 4% but is likely to come up once the budget is finalized and additional funds become available that were not expended.

Motion made by: Julie Greenwood

Motion seconded by: Ann Mangold

Voting:

Ronda Clarke - Yes

Steven High - Yes

Ann Mangold - Yes

Bill Atwood - Yes

Julie Greenwood - Yes

d. Certification of Corrective Action on Audit Findings for Fiscal Year 2020-21 (Action needed)

CBO, Tara Campanella explained we are certifying the audit findings that were reported in our last meeting and stating that we plan to rectify them for Madera County.

Motion made by: Steven High

Motion seconded by: Julie Greenwood

Voting:

Ronda Clarke - Yes

Steven High - Yes

Ann Mangold - Yes

Bill Atwood - Yes

Julie Greenwood - Yes

5. HEARING OF PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

Phil Blas spoke about concerns over the District's technology security and mask mandates. (Notes attached to this item on the agenda.)

Lenna Pavelich feels there was an unprofessional response to her Williams Act complaint. (Notes attached to this item on the agenda.)

Kaydance Pavelich spoke about poor treatment she received from a teacher at Wasuma. (Notes attached to this item on the agenda.)

Michael Montgomery mentioned 4 Williams complaints he has filed regarding his concerns at Wasuma. (Notes attached to this item on the agenda.)

Kritzi Mendonca talked about a new initiative in California initiative called the Educational Freedom Act that she opposes. She spoke of her concerns over what the passing of this act could do to our public schools.

Nancy Harmelin thanked the board for giving students a choice for wearing masks and apologized to Heather Archer for the stress she's endured at Wasuma. She's praying for all the Board.

Annie Scott spoke of the important role teachers play in the emotional support of transgender children.

An email from Diana Strimling was read by Mr. Seals expressing the increased risk of suicide and mental health issues for LGBTQ youth. (Her email is attached to this item on the agenda.)

6. ACTION ITEMS

a. RESOLUTION 22-10 REVISED TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARIES PURSUANT TO CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE SECTION 5019.5

Superintendent Seals explained this Resolution was to confirm the Revised Trustee Area Boundaries that were agreed to in the February meeting.

Motion made by: Ann Mangold

Motion seconded by: Julie Greenwood

Voting:

Ronda Clarke - Yes

Steven High - Yes

Ann Mangold - Yes

Bill Atwood - Yes

Julie Greenwood - Yes

b. BLJUESD SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE HANDBOOK

This item will be brought forth in the April meeting after corrections are made to the Handbook.

7. INFORMATION ITEMS

a. ENROLLMENT REPORT

b. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFER REPORT

c. E-RATE CATEGORY 2 CABLING PROJECT BID/CONTRACT UPDATE

CBO Tara Campanella explained the Cabling Project that was planned and wanted to inform the Board of the bids we had received to complete the project. Trustee Atwood expressed concerns over the differences in the bids and worries about the level of services. Ms. Campanella clarified that the overhead for the various firms who bid is very different based on the size of the company and that is why there were such different amounts bid.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Seals spoke about the value of the CISC Symposium that he and Michelle Townsend were able to attend over the February Break.

He expressed his continued kudos to all District staff and admires the way they have navigated through this unprecedented time. He said this team pulls together and has gotten our students through it. He thanked the Board for their leadership.

9. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Julie Greenwood loves that we're saving paper with the new Gamut Meeting System. She was able to attend the track meet held earlier in the day and said all 3 schools were participating. She's proud to represent our District.

Bill Atwood attended the Madera County School Board Meeting recently and heard much about what is going on in Sacramento relating to school funding. He thanked Millers Resort for their donation of a \$700 patio boat rental which was used to raise funds for scholarships given to high school seniors by the County Board. On Dr. Seuss' day he read in two classes at OES and had so much fun.

Ann Mangold is really excited for Friday (lifting of the mask mandate) and happy about some of the things that are getting back to normal in our schools with no masks.

Steven High thanked those who attended tonight's meeting and appreciated the input from those who spoke. He said it's helpful to have the community involved. We take their words into consideration and hear them.

Ronda Clarke attended the Madera County School Boards meeting and it was great to hear what's going on in education and the potential changes in funding. She is cautiously optimistic with lifting of mask mandates and says we need to be prepared that things could change. A lot of what has been talked about we have been working on for months. We are required to follow the guidance and are doing the best we can with the information we have.

10. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Trustee Atwood wants the schools to provide what we're teaching in regard to the "ethnic studies bill" for his review next month. Superintendent Seals said this curriculum is not required for a couple of years and hasn't been developed yet.

Trustee High still has a policy he would like to include on next month's agenda and will present it in the next 10 days to run by our legal firm.

11. NEXT MEETING DATE

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

12. PUBLIC COMMENT REGARDING CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

None

Open session ended at 7:45 p.m. and the Board went into closed session.

13. CLOSED SESSION

After a brief break, closed Session began at 8:00 p.m.

- a. **Approval of Tentative Agreement between BLJUESD and California School Employees Association, Chapter #757.**
- b. **Personnel (Gov. Code 54957)**

- c. **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)**

14. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION: ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTIONS

Closed session ended at 8:37 p.m. There were no announcements.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 p.m.