



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Special Meeting

June 04, 2020 5:00 PM

In Compliance with Executive Order N-29-20 and N-35-20 issued by Governor Newsom on March 12th and 21st, 2020 respectively, this meeting will be Livestreamed and recorded via the BUSD YouTube channel linked here:

<https://www.youtube.com/c/beniciaunifiedschooldistrict>

Meeting will be conducted via Zoom from the
Benicia Unified District Board Room
350 East K Street
Benicia, CA 94510

Attendance Taken at 5:10 PM:

Present:

Diane Ferrucci
Stacy Heldman-Holguin
Mark Maselli
Gethsemane Moss
Sheri Zada

1. CALL TO ORDER - 5:00 p.m.

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by President Ferrucci at 5:10 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Quick Summary:

For this meeting public comments may be submitted via a google form on this link that will be opened from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and must be submitted using the following link:
<https://forms.gle/DnkdjWBXpuvoHGmo6>

4. CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.

Minutes:

With no public comments submitted via the linked google form, President Ferrucci adjourned the meeting to closed session at 5:11 p.m.

4.1. Public Employment/ Action/ Appointment/ Discipline/ Dismissal/ Evaluation / Release

Rationale:

Dr. Khushwinder Gill will present the Personnel Action List to the Board.

4.2. Conference with Labor Negotiators

Rationale:

The Governing Board will conference with Labor Negotiator, Dr. Khushwinder Gill, regarding Employee Organizations BTA, CSEA and unrepresented groups.

5. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - 7:00 P.M.

Minutes:

President Ferrucci reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:11 p.m.

5.1. Report on Closed Session Items

Minutes:

There was nothing to report from closed session.

5.2. Announcement

Quick Summary:

This meeting is recorded for live-streaming and archiving on the District YouTube channel linked here for your convenience.

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

President Ferrucci led us in the pledge of allegiance.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Updated Approval of Amended Agenda to include Superintendent Young and Dr. Gill, Assistant Superintendent Human Resources comments. Passed with a motion by Stacy Heldman-Holguin and a second by Sheri Zada.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes Stacy Heldman-Holguin

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

8. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

After the public comment announcement was made by President Ferrucci, both she and Dr. Heldman-Holguin took turns reading the public comments received via the google form link from the following people: Patricia Nedialkova, Nam Nguyen, Gia Quinn, Catherine Flitcroft, Patrick Quinn, Kelly Chau, Joannette Sorkin.

Quick Summary:

Public Comment Members of the public may submit comments on items on the agenda, and any item within the jurisdiction of the school district in the following manner for meetings during the Shelter-in-Place Executive Order: Via a google form on this link: <https://forms.gle/DnkdjWBXpuvoHGmo6> that will be opened to the public from 6:00 to 7:00 pm on the day of the meeting. The Governing Board allows speakers to speak at regular meetings on agendized and non-agendized matters under public comment. Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker. By law, no action may be taken on any item raised during the public comment periods and matters may be referred to staff for placement on a future agenda of the Governing Board.

9. CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed with a motion by Stacy Heldman-Holguin and a second by Sheri Zada.

Yes Diane Ferrucci
Yes Stacy Heldman-Holguin
Yes Mark Maselli
Yes Gethsemane Moss
Yes Sheri Zada

Quick Summary:

All matters listed under the Consent Calendar are considered by the Board to be routine and will be approved by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items unless members of the Board, staff or public request specific items to be pulled and discussed.

9.1. Minutes for the Meetings of: May 28, 2020 Regular Minutes

10. DISCUSSION ITEMS

Minutes:

Prior to moving onto our first discussion item, President Ferrucci requested that we go back to the approval of the agenda vote to have an updated action to amend the agenda to include comments by Dr. Young and Dr. Gill's. Dr. Young thanked everyone for tuning in this evening reminding them that tomorrow was the last day of school. With that

being said he thanked everyone, the amazing staff, teachers, and classified sharing that the entire team as a whole did a great job taking care of ours kids. He also shared that today he and the trustees had the opportunity to attend the Liberty High School graduation drive-thru event put together by Principal Lewis and her team who did such a wonderful job. The students and the families were very appreciative. It was an adjustment that we needed to make for safety reasons, but it was beautifully done. Dr. Young went on to say that he knew that tonight's meeting was of particular interest to folks. As he talked about in the video update that he sent out last week regarding what school could look like potentially when we come back in the fall, tonight we will be having that presentation. He also encouraged the public who has not taken a look at the letter mentioned by one of the public comment submitters regarding our thoughts during these challenging times as a country on how as a district we would like to support all of our students of color. Lastly, turn it over to Dr. Gill, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources for a recognition of those retiring from the district with a video presentation put together by our director of technology Mr. Padoan and Dr. Gill.

10.1. Budget Update (COVID-19 Impact)

Rationale:

The District will provide current information on the status of the State Budget and the potential impacts from the COVID-19, Coronavirus pandemic.

Minutes:

Mr. Rahill provided a quick update on the status of the budget. He explained that given the current situation another budget update will be provided at next week's regular board meeting on June 11th instead of bringing the budget for approval. The budget will instead be submitted for approval at a special meeting of June 18th at this point. He shared that it was his understanding that the board would also be scheduling a special meeting for June 25th just as a backup in case the budget is not ready to be submitted for approval. Adding that we feel we will be in a better position if we take just a little more time to prepare given the current circumstances. Informing everyone that our school district's budget approval deadline as is for all California school districts is June 30th. Dr. Young added that we have the responsibility to pass one by the end of the month and will continue to work with our bargaining units to ensure it is the best one for the district.

10.2. Update on Distance Learning & Initial Planning for Reopening Schools

Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will report on the initial planning for returning to school. The purpose of the report is to provide information on the process, the design team, and the next steps in planning. Presentation

Minutes:

Dr. Beatson was introduced by President Ferrucci for this evening's presentation on an update on Distance Learning & Initial Planning for the Reopening of Schools. Dr. Beatson began the evening by thanking the members of the public for providing feedback in this area and went through her presentation. Trustee Heldman-Holguin expressed that she was very impressed with the various models they came up with. She went onto say that these will now be able to be used for others scenarios that we have experienced the past few year where students had to loose instruction time. Trustee Zada asked if there was a Model 3 and Dr. Beatson thanked her for catching the typo it should actually be Model 3 not 4. President Ferrucci thanked Dr. Beatson and the team as well. Adding that she was impressed and excited about the professional development that they are looking to help teachers be more comfortable. Lastly, Trustee Heldman-Holguin how we will continue to deliver counseling services within these models. She also asked if it would it be possible to have an update on what our counselors have been doing through this time, lessons learned and how the support and student services continue to be delivered next year.

11. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

12. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

President Ferrucci ended the evening by congratulating the Class of 2020 in all of the grade levels and adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Clerk

Secretary