



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting  
September 17, 2020 6:00 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 6:03 PM:**

Present:

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

**1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:00 p.m.**

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President Ferrucci.

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS**

Minutes:

With public comments, President Ferrucci adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:04p.m.

Quick Summary:

For this meeting public comments may be submitted via a google form on this link that will be opened from 5:00pm to 6:00pm and must be submitted using the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/DnkjWBXpuvoHGmo6>

#### **4. CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 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.

##### **4.3. Individual Student Matter(s)/ Student Need(s)**

Rationale:

The Governing Board will discuss student matters in the case of

The Education Code requires Closed Session in these cases to prevent the disclosure of confidential student information.

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

Minutes:

President Ferrucci reconvened the meeting to Open Session at 7:20 p.m.

##### **5.1. Report on Closed Session Items**

Minutes:

There was nothing to report from closed session.

##### **5.2. Announcement**

Minutes:

This evening we had technical difficulties at the beginning of the meeting with our livestream, which were resolved shortly after the beginning of tonight's highlight in item #8.

Quick Summary:

This meeting is recorded for live-streaming and archiving on the District YouTube channel at [youtube.com/c/beniciaunifiedschooldistrict](https://youtube.com/c/beniciaunifiedschooldistrict) for your convenience.

#### **6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Minutes:

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Ferrucci.

## **7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Because of livestreaming technical difficulties the public hearing in item 13.4 was pulled to be placed on the meeting of October 1st and agenda was approved as amended. Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by Stacy Heldman-Holguin.

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

**Motion Passed:** The livestreaming technical difficulties were resolved and President Ferrucci paused to take action again on approval of the agenda as presented with the public hearing in item 13.4 being able to take place. Passed with a motion by Stacy Heldman-Holguin and a second by Mark Maselli.

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

## **8. HIGHLIGHT: Maintenance, Operations & Facilities**

Minutes:

This evening's highlight was presented by Alfredo Romero, Director of Maintenance, and Operations & Facilities. He took us through the various projects they have been working on as well as the safety precautions that have been implemented to ensure everyone's safety when everyone returns to school.

## **9. REPORTS - (NO ACTION REQUIRED)**

### **9.1. Superintendent Report**

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed everyone tonight and spoke about the literary event that Rotary had led by Andrew Lewis put on Saturday at the Benicia Yacht Club on behalf of our community and our students. It was a great event in which those that participated received a little bag with a book a rubrics cube, and ice cream if they wanted one. It was beautifully done, focused on literacy and we are very grateful to have been a part of it. We appreciate the partnership with Rotary. He also shared that in our "Virtual" educational model we are in week five and he took a moment to recognize everyone's efforts, students, families, staff and the

great job they are doing. It is a lot of work and we continue to watch the data and monitor the four tier systems implemented by the governor. Solano County is in the purple tier currently, but according the data received today for Solano County it continues to improve. Based on his understanding we are 7 days into moving into the red category and if the current data trends remain the same there is a possibility that Solano County by September 29th could be in the red tier which would afford schools the opportunity to reopen in the capacity that schools are able to do. The one caveat for schools is that after September 29th schools have to wait 14 more days to be in the clear. So we continue to watch the data and keep the public informed of what are the right steps for the district. More information to come possibly in the next few weeks.

## **9.2. Board Reports**

Minutes:

There were no reports from the governing board tonight.

## **10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Minutes:

There were no comments from the public this evening.

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.

## **11. CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION ITEMS**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented. Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli 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.

### **11.1. Minutes for the Meetings of: September 3, 2020**

### **11.2. Approval of Personnel Action List**

## **12. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **12.1. Report and Discussion regarding Food Services**

Minutes:

Mr. Rahill introduced Food Services & Nutrition Director Tania Courtney to provide an update on the free meals that are now available to all students and the changes that have taken place in pick up times, locations etc.

## **13. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

### **13.1. Consideration and Approval of the 2019/20 Unaudited Actuals with 2020/21 Budget**

**for the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD).**

Rationale:

The district provides the 2019/20 Unaudited Actuals with the 2020/21 Budget using the information from the State Adopted Budget.

**Motion Passed:** For the governing board of the BUSD to approve the 2019/20 Unaudited Actuals with 2020/21 Budget for the BUSD. Passed with a motion by Stacy Heldman-Holguin and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes Stacy Heldman-Holguin

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **13.2. Consideration and Adoption of Savvas: Experience Chemistry in The Earth's System Textbook for NGSS Chemistry**

Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will present an NGSS Chemistry Textbook, Savvas: Experience Chemistry in The Earth's System, for consideration and adoption. Using rigorous, standards-based materials is integral to providing 21st Century learning opportunities and preparing students for college and career. Departments/classes wishing to adopt new material engage in a thorough process of reviewing, piloting, and evaluating

available materials. Materials for consideration are on display at the District office and parents are notified of the opportunity to come view and provide feedback. Each piloted material is evaluated for standards alignment, program overview, assessment, universal access, and inclusivity. Tonight I am bringing forth a curriculum for your consideration and approval. Both Chemistry and Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Chemistry are offered at BHS to 10th graders. This textbook is the for NGSS Chemistry sections. NGSS standards were published by the state of California in 2013, prior to any materials being released. Textbook companies are now publishing NGSS aligned materials. The other science course at BHS are still piloting a variety of textbooks. However, this particular textbook was piloted at the end of last school year for use in NGSS Chemistry. Recommendation: Approve the adoption of the Savvas: Experience Chemistry in The Earth's System as the NGSS Chemistry textbook.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Savvas: Experience Chemistry in The Earth's System textbook for NGSS Chemistry. Passed with a motion by Sheri Zada and a second by Gethsemane Moss.

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

### **13.3. Consideration and Approval of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP)**

Rationale:

Each District is required to write a Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) EC Section 43509 for the 2020-2021 school year. The purpose of the plan is to: Seek to address funding stability for schools while (LCFF, Supplemental, One Time Learning Loss Mitigation Funds) Provide information at the District level for how student learning continuity will be addressed during the COVID-19 crisis in the 2020 21 school year Take the place of the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) for the 2020-2021 school year BUSD staff has consulted with teachers, principals, school personnel, students, parents and local bargaining units to gather input regarding the update of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP). Staff presented the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) for Public Hearing on September 3, 2020 at a meeting of the Governing Board. The LCP is being presented for final approval at the September 17, 2020 meeting of the Governing Board. Recommendation: Approve the Learning Continuity Plan as presented. Presentation

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Learning Continuity Plan as presented. Passed with a motion by Sheri Zada and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci  
Yes Stacy Heldman-Holguin

Yes Mark Maselli  
Yes Gethsemane Moss  
Yes Sheri Zada

Quick Summary:

Approval of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) as presented.

#### **13.4. Public Hearing: Resolution No 20-21-03, Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials**

Rationale:

Ed Code Section 60119 requires the Governing Board to approve an annual resolution stating that each student is provided the materials needed to support this year's course instruction. PUBLIC HEARING: Disclosure To ensure that each student is provided the necessary textbooks and instructional materials to support this year's course instruction, the following has occurred: New and replacement textbooks were ordered, and received, to support course outlines. New and replacement books were ordered, and received, to accommodate increased student enrollment. Curriculum and Instruction has solicited communication from sites relative to any potential textbook or instructional materials deficiency. District administration have not been able to conduct classroom walkthroughs to ensure compliance with this resolution due to COVID-19 at this time, however, appropriate instructional materials are being provided to all students. Public Comments Close the Public Hearing

Minutes:

President Ferrucci opened the public hearing regarding the sufficiency or insufficiency of instructional materials. With no public comments she closed the public hearing and called to take action on the item.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-03 on a roll call vote of 5-0 Passed with a motion by Stacy Heldman-Holguin and a second by Mark Maselli.

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

#### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m. by President Ferrucci.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Clerk

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Secretary