



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Special Meeting

December 10, 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 6:04 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 by President Ferrucci at 6:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Minutes:

With no public comments, President Ferrucci adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:04 p.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/DnkdjWBXpuvoHGmo6>

4. CLOSED SESSION - 6:00 P.M.

4.1. Public Employment

4.2. Conference with Labor Negotiators

5. Reconvene to Open Session - 7:00 P.M.

Minutes:

President Ferrucci reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:07 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. Also, for tonight's public hearing, public comments may be submitted via the google form linked in item 12. Thank you!

6. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda 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

7. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The pledge of Allegiance was led by President Ferrucci.

8. REPORTS - (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

8.1. Superintendent Report

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed all of our guest this evening, informed the public that this was a special board meeting and lastly shared that he and the governing school board had attended the California School Board Association conference last

Thursday and Friday. It is a conference that always has good topics from them to learn and grow from.

8.2. Board Reports

Minutes:

-Trustee Heldman-Holguin and Trustee Zada were able to attend the CTE stakeholders meeting. She shared that it was really fascinating and that they did a great overview of the CTE programs and progress that the campus is making. They will be introducing two new programs in the year to come. So she just wanted to give a shout out to them and let everybody know that they are working to continue to improve the program for our students.

-Trustee Zada thanked the district for allowing them to attend the CSBA conference once again this year. She shared that it gave her a new found appreciation for teachers this conference have been completely virtual.

-President Ferrucci shared that she had sat in a lot of zoom meetings in the last couple of weeks as well. She attended the delegate's meeting the day before the CSBA conference started and at that meeting they had voted and supported the motion that school district personnel also be on the priority list to be vaccinated with the COVID-19 vaccine. She also attended the Valero Cap meeting the other evening of which all information can be found on both the Valero and the City of Benicia websites. Today she also sat in a Rotary and Liberty high school meeting. That is always fun for her because they are always planning good stuff for our kids. There were many other topics covered but the big focus was the Wellness Center and ensuring that our students have mentors and feel supported and not alone. Lastly, President Ferrucci took the opportunity to say thank you to all of our mentors for their support of our students. With that she concluded her comments.

9. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

After the public comment announcement the following public comments were read into record President Ferrucci and Trustee Heldman-Holguin.

1-Christin Eales, in favor of two hybrid days at the Elementary level rather than four half days.

2-Laura Cohen, in support of Social and Emotional Wellness and calling the school board and district to action to an equitable and antiracist lens.

3-Socorro Rodrigues, Equity and the fact that the district has done nothing to address or speak to racial inequity in our schools.

4-Cherie Giannotti, Concerns regarding the push to require families to make definitive commitments to the types of "return" to school during cold and flu season as well as rising numbers for COVID.

5-Krista Heredia, regarding the district's plan to combat racial inequity in our schools. Especially as we move to reopening hybrid and eventually full time in person learning.

6-Eddie Emerson, would like to see the school district actively create an anti-racist and inclusive environment for our children.

7-Page Ellinger, racism and the price of internet for families struggling & how that can affect their access to education.

8-Tara Bonneville, our schools need to be more inclusive and representative of the diverse community that they serve.

9-Nicole Apadula, bringing attention and concerns about the district not addressing or speaking to racial & social inequity in our schools.

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.

10. CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Calendar 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:

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.

10.1. Minutes for the Meetings of: November 19, 2020 Regular (Virtual) Meeting Minutes

10.2. Approval of Personnel Action List

10.3. Consideration to Review and Award the Bid for Special Education Transportation Services

Rationale:

Authorize the Superintendent or his Designee to enter into a contract for special education transportation services with HopSkipDrive for a term of 1 year, in an amount not-to-exceed \$200,000, which was procured in accordance with Education Code 39802 and Public Contract Code 20111 and 20112.

11. DISCUSSION ITEMS

11.1. Social and Emotional Well-Being, Support Systems and Suicide Awareness and Prevention.

Rationale:

Ms. Jessica Garcia, Mental Health Coordinator, will provide a report on mental health supports and suicide prevention. She will discuss the current data, supports in both the District and within our community and warning signs. Presentation

Minutes:

Dr. Young introduced this very important discussion item on Social and Emotional Well-Being, Support Systems and Suicide Awareness and Prevention to address this important topic and to acknowledge and bring awareness to the work and support available to our staff, families and students. Jessica Garcia, Mental Health Coordinator along with our Community Partners that included: Ric Small-Benicia Community Mentors, Barbara Gervase and Lynn Hoyle-Kyle Hyland Foundation Teen Center, Meredith Wedd, Clinical Services Director-Solano County Office of Education, Lieutenant Edward Criado, Benicia Police Department Lieutenant over Investigations Unit and School District Resource Officers provided a very comprehensive presentation that is linked on the December 10th board meeting agenda.

11.2. Update on Processes and Timelines for In-Person Small Group Learning

Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will provide an update on the timelines and processes for returning to in-person small group learning. The report will include a review of the November 19, 2020 Board Action, eligibility criteria for in-person instruction for small group and support structures, steps in process for implementation and discussion. Presentation

Minutes:

Dr. Young introduced this discussion item along with Dr. Beaton to review the decision that was made by the board at the November 19th board meeting, discuss where we are and what the next steps are.

12. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

12.1. Consideration and Approval of the Appointment of a Bond Oversight Committee Member

Rationale:

As recommended by the Superintendent, the board is being asked to appoint Mark Hughes to the BUSD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee as an at-large member in the District, with a two-year term from 12/10/2020 to 10/1/2022.

Motion Passed: Approval of the Appointment of Mark Hughes to the Bond Oversight Committee 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

12.2. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-10 To Meet Legal Requirements of Mitigation Fee Act, Government Code 66000 et seq.

Rationale:

For the 2019/20 fiscal year, in compliance with the Government Code regarding school facility mitigation fees, the district provides this Resolution with Exhibits A & B reporting the School Facility Developer Fee accounting and fund balance which are restricted for the purpose of adding facilities needed by students generated from development.

Motion Passed: Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-10 as presented on a roll call vote of 5 - 0. 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

12.3. Consideration, Approval and Adoption of the 2020-21 Budget Overview for Parents

Rationale:

For 2020 21, local governing boards or governing bodies are required to adopt and submit the Budget Overview for Parents on or before December 15, 2020, in conjunction with the LEA s first interim budget report.

Motion Passed: Approval and Adoption of the 2020-21 Budget Overview for Parents as presented 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

12.4. Governing Board review and approval of the 2020/21 1st Interim Financial Report for the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD)

Rationale:

The district provides the 2020/21 1st Interim Financial Report using the information from the State-approved 2020/21 Budget. Based upon this 2020/21 report, and the current information available from the State Budget, the 2020/21 1st Interim Financial Report provides for the State's 3% Reserve for Economic Uncertainties and the additional Board Policy Reserve (which amounts to an additional 4% reserve). Thus, the district is able to provide a positive certification for the 2020/21 1st Interim Financial Report. The governing board of the BUSD is asked to approve the 2020/21 1st Interim Financial Report for the BUSD.

Motion Passed: For the Governing Board of the BUSD to review and approve the 2020/21 1st Interim Financial Report for the BUSD 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

13. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 p.m. by President Ferrucci.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Clerk

Secretary