



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting

January 14, 2021 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

CeCe Grubbs

Mark Maselli

Gethsemane Moss

Sheri Zada

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

Minutes:

President Zada called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Minutes:

With no public comments, President Zada adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:04 p.m.

**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:

Meeting was reconvened at 7:13 p.m. by President Zada.

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

Minutes:

There was nothing to report from closed session.

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>

#### **5.2. Announcement**

Quick Summary:

This meeting is recorded for livestreaming 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:

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Moss.

### **7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the agenda as presented passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

## **8. HIGHLIGHT: None**

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

### **9.1. Student Reports**

Minutes:

Students Mikayla Moldero, ASB President and Madison Firle, ASB Vice President provided and update on all that has been happening and is happening at Benicia High School. The most exciting news was that around 60 seniors graduated early this past December with the ending of the first semester.

### **9.2. Superintendent Report**

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed everyone that was tuning in tonight and once again thanked all staff, the teachers and everyone doing the hard work of hanging in there along with the kids. He spoke about the items on our agenda tonight that are of interest to many i.e. the reopening of school. He also took some time to reflect and share about Martin Luther King Jr. day. He encouraged people to take the time to listen to his speech again. It's one of the most powerful speeches he thinks that he has ever heard. Dr. Young shared that he actually takes the time to read through the words as he listens. Something so relevant to our time is Dr. King's call to urgency and the need to get after the challenging issues in our country. This year, he walked away from this powerful message with a sense of "profound hope" in the opportunity for unity in our country. Switching topics he thanked First 5 Solano, the Solano County Office of Education, and the Solano County Library for the donation of 300 backpacks that will be distributed to our youngest learners at each of our elementary schools.

### **9.3. Board Reports**

Minutes:

~Trustee Moss shared that she was able to attend the Solano County School Board Association meeting which is comprised of representative of school board members from throughout the county and they come together to discuss the issues that are happening. One of the things that came up is that they have a training that is going to be coming up in March around equity and to be able to

address the disparities that are happening in education. The presenter will be Nicole Anderson and it will be open to public officials, city council, school board and she believes they are looking inviting other members of the community in particular some of our staff in our schools. So once the flier is available she will be sure to share it. The second thing is that she just wanted to say thank you because she was able to attend the African American network meeting that was led by Dr. Beatson and appreciated being a part of that discussion. She appreciates her taking the lead in this work as it is vitally important to do the work that is needed on behalf of all of our students.

~Trustee Ferrucci shared that she had the privilege of sitting in on the two phone calls regarding COVID and the conversations on the vaccine rollout and the different tiers of groups, one with the county and the other with in town hall with Senator Dodd which had positive information. With that President moved onto our next item.

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

Minutes:

Comments from the following people were read into public record by President Zada and Clerk Moss this evening:

Laura Cohen, Equity & Opportunity Update

Krista Heredia, Equity & Opportunity

Page Ellinger, Equity & Opportunity

Brittany Mager, Equity & Opportunity

Andrew Barratt, Equity & Opportunity

Rebecca Lind, Equity & Opportunity

Nicole D Rosa, Equity & Opportunity

Victoria Greener, Equity & Opportunity and Reopening of Schools

Meagan Carroll, Equity & Opportunity

Christin Eales, Reopening of Schools Vote

Amie Patenaude, Reopening of Schools Vote

Maureen E. McIntosh, Equity & Opportunity

Sarah Ferrucci, Reopening of Schools Vote

Cherie Giannotti, Reopening of Schools

Elyse Padua, Reopening of Schools

Rich & Angela Grigas, Reopening of Schools

Kathleen Smith, Reopening of Schools

Jena Phillips, Reopening of Schools

Kathleen Ruiz, Reopening of Schools

Lea Miyos, Reopening of Schools

Brittainy Sapien, Reopening of Schools

James Ferrucci, Reopening of Schools

Leah Wilson, Equity & Opportunity and Reopening of Schools

Tara Bonneville, Equity & Opportunity

Robyn Dismuke, Reopening of 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.

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

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

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: December 17, 2020**

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

#### **11.3. Approval of the Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints**

##### Rationale:

There were no Williams Uniform Complaints for this period.

#### **11.4. Approval of the School Accountability Report Card for Each School Site**

##### Rationale:

According to Ed Code and Board Policy the Board shall annually approve a school accountability report card (SARC) for each school site as part of the review of the District's programs. The goal of the SARC is to provide data by which parent/guardians can make meaningful comparisons between schools. The California Department of Education (CDE) has a standardized template for use by Districts in creating the SARC. The template lists the specific legal requirements and definitions (including federal Title I requirements for district report cards pursuant to 20 USC 6311), as well as references to help access the data. These reports will be posted on the website and available on the website and in paper copy in Ed Services.

### **12. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **12.1. Equity & Opportunity Update**

##### Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will provide an update on the equity work being done in BUSD. The purpose of the report is to provide the history of the equity journey in BUSD, elaborate and gather feedback on the draft goals, and share information on next steps. Presentation

##### Minutes:

Dr. Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services provided an update on the continued work by the district in the Equity and Opportunity.

#### **12.2. Learning Plan Update & Governor Newsome's California's Safe Schools Plan**

Rationale:

On December 30, Governor Newsome, announced a new return to school learning plan titled: California's Safe School for All Plan. The plan is comprised of four broad areas including Funding; Safety and Mitigation including testing, PPE, contact tracing and vaccinations; Oversight and Assistance; Transparency and Accountability. More details will be provided by Governor Newsome on Friday, January 8th. The plan must be approved by the legislature. Staff will provide a summary of the plan to date and how the plan may inform and influence the work BUSD has previously established regarding in-person learning and possible next steps. The California's Safe School for All Plan is linked [HERE](#)

Minutes:

Dr. Young provided a quick summary on the \$2 billion "Safe Schools for All" plan announced on December 30th by Governor Newsome.

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

#### **13.1. Implementation Timeline for the Reopening of Schools Plan for In-Person Hybrid Learning**

Rationale:

Due to the alarmingly high increases in COVID-19 positivity cases, Board Trustees will discuss and consider the implementation timeline of the previously approved Reopening of Schools Plan for In-Person Hybrid Learning vote that took place at the board meeting of November 19, 2020 to: Provide One-to-One and Small Group Instruction after the holiday's as allowed in the Purple Tier; Implement the hybrid learning model K-12 after the holiday's if Solano County is in the Red Tier.

**Motion Passed:** Approval to remain in Distance Learning through March 19, 2021 with the desire to return to In-Person Learning on March 22, 2021 which is the first day of the 4th quarter state rules permitting. Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

#### **13.2. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-22 of Benicia Unified School District Awarding the Online Student Information System Contract Pursuant To Public Contract Code Section 20118.2**

Rationale:

For approximately the last 17 years, Benicia Unified School District (BUSD) has used PowerSchool as its Student Information System (SIS) and BUSD is the only unified district in Solano County to still use PowerSchool. BUSD continues to experience problems with its existing SIS, and after informing the board in November, a district team of about 28 staff members considered other systems through a Request for Proposal (RFP) process. The district team recommends moving forward to award a new contract for its Student Information System based on the proposal that best meets the evaluation standards and will be most advantageous to BUSD with price and all other factors considered.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-11, which authorizes the Superintendent to enter into a Student Information System contract pursuant to public contract code section 20118.2, in a form of agreement acceptable to the District's legal counsel. Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci  
Yes CeCe Grubbs  
Yes Mark Maselli  
Yes Gethsemane Moss  
Yes Sheri Zada

#### 14. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:57p.m. by President Zada.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Clerk

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Secretary