



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting  
March 04, 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 6:05 PM:**

Present:

Diane Ferrucci

CeCe Grubbs

Mark Maselli

Gethsemane Moss

Sheri Zada

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

Minutes:

Clerk Moss will chair the meeting. She opened the meeting at 6:05p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Minutes:

There was no public comment.

Quick Summary:

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#### **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.

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

Minutes:

Clerk Moss reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:06 p.m.

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

Minutes:

There was no reportable action.

## **5.2. Announcement**

Quick Summary:

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

## **6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Minutes:

Trustee Maselli led the Pledge of Allegiance

## **7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Agenda as presented. Passed with a motion by Gethsemame Moss and a second by Diane Ferrucci.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemame Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

## **8. HIGHLIGHT- The Trustees will highlight Elementary "Student Kindness"**

Minutes:

Principal Slater gave a report on Random Acts of Kindness Week at Matthew Turner.

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

### **9.1. Student Reports**

Minutes:

Mikayla Moldero, ASB President - reported out on upcoming and current events for Benicia High School.

### **9.2. Superintendent Report**

Minutes:

Dr. Young reported on some of the exciting things coming up in the meeting and the work being done around the District.

### **9.3. Board Reports**

Minutes:

The trustees reported on these events: the Rotary meeting including the assistance to our Liberty students, and Solano County School Boards Equity

Series.

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

Minutes:

The public commented as listed:

1. Joy Learner - spoke on equity and the 1619 Project
2. Robert Crawley - spoke on equity and the 1619 Project
3. Shawn Henderson - spoke on equity and the 1619 Project
4. Brittany Sabian - spoke on hybrid learning and in-person learning.
5. Shelby Delaney - spoke on equity and the 1619 Project
6. Krista - spoke on equity and the 1619 Project
7. Public Member spoke on COVID and the safe return to school.
8. Amy Lerner - spoke on equity and the 1619 Project
9. Scott Swoboda - spoke on the safe return to school.

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

**Motion Passed:** Approve the Consent Calendar 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

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: February 18, 2021 Regular (Virtual) Meeting Minutes**

**11.2. Approval of Personnel Action List**

**11.3. Approval of the Consolidated Application**

Rationale:

The Consolidated Application (ConApp) is used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds from various state and federal programs to county offices, school districts, and direct-funded charter schools throughout California. Annually, in May, each local educational agency (LEA) submits the spring release of the application to document participation in these programs and provide assurances that the district will comply with the legal requirements of each program. Program entitlements are determined by formulas contained in the laws that created the programs. Recommendation: Approve the ConAPP as written.

**11.4. Ratification and Award the Bid for Special Education Transportation Services**

Rationale:

The authorization of 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 was approved by the Board at the December meeting. The contract needs to be revised to include the word "vehicle" in place of "bus" and ratified.

**12. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**12.1. Update and Discussion Regarding the Vaccination Process for Education Employees in Solano County.**

Rationale:

The Board Trustees will discuss the vaccination process for education employees in Solano County. Staff will provide an update on the progress to date and next steps for Board discussion

Minutes:

The Board Trustees discussed the vaccination process for education employees in Solano County. Dr. Gill, Assistant Superintendent, provided an update on the progress to date and next steps for Board discussion. All staff are now able to receive the vaccine if desired.

## **12.2. Update and Discussion on Equity and Opportunity**

Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will report on the District's work on equity and opportunity. The purpose of this presentation will update on parent meetings, professional learning, curriculum updates, and systems work. Presentation

Minutes:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, reported on the District's work on equity and opportunity. The purpose of this presentation was to give an update on parent meetings, professional learning, curriculum updates, and systems work.

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

### **13.1. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-13, Release of Temporary Certificated Employees**

Rationale:

As the Board is aware, the District employs a number of temporary employees each year to cover teachers on leave. Each year the District must release said temporary employees where there is no longer a position for them to fill. The attached resolution confirms that the employee listed will be non-reemployed, or their positions reduced, effective with the 2020-2021 school year, and authorizes that the Superintendent and/or her designee give final notice of this action on behalf of the Board as required in Education Code.

Minutes:

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reemployed, or their positions reduced, effective with the 2020-2021 school year, and authorizes that the Superintendent and/or her designee give final notice of this action on behalf of the Board as required in Education Code.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Resolution No. 20-21-13, Release of Temporary Certificated Employees 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 the 2020/21 2nd Interim Financial Report for the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD)**

Rationale:

The district provides the 2020/21 2nd Interim Financial Report using the information from the State-approved 2020/21 Budget, and current information from the Governor's January Budget Proposal for the 2021/22 fiscal year. The 2nd 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). The district provides a positive certification for the 2020/21 2nd Interim Financial Report. The governing board of the BUSD is asked to approve the 2020/21 2nd Interim Financial Report for the BUSD.

Minutes:

Tim Rahill, CBO, reported that the district provides the 2020/21 2nd Interim Financial Report using the information from the State-approved 2020/21 Budget, and current information from the Governor's January Budget Proposal for the 2021/22 fiscal year. The 2nd 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). The district provides a positive certification for the 2020/21 2nd Interim Financial Report.

**Motion Passed:** Approve the 2020/21 2nd Interim Financial Report for the BUSD. Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by Diane Ferrucci.

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

## **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:  
8:46 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Clerk

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Secretary