



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Special Meeting
April 01, 2021 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 5:03 PM:

Present:

Diane Ferrucci

CeCe Grubbs

Mark Maselli

Gethsemane Moss

Sheri Zada

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

Minutes:

Meeting was called to order by President Zada at 5:03 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Minutes:

Meeting was adjourned to closed session at 5:04 p.m.

**3.1. Public Employment/ Action/ Appointment/ Discipline/ Dismissal/
Evaluation / Release**

Rationale:

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

3.2. 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. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION - 5:30 P.M.

Minutes:

Meeting was reconvened at 5:35 p.m. to open session by President Zada.

4.1. Report on Closed Session Items

Minutes:

There was nothing to report from closed session.

4.2. Announcement

Quick Summary:

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

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as presented 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

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Principal Moore from Robert Semple Elementary.

7. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

Comments from the following people were submitted into public record via our public comment voicemail line:

1. Chris Zimmerman, item 9.1 in support of reopening schools full time for in-person instruction.
2. Sarah Ferrucci, item 9.1 to advocate for the reopening of schools full time for in-person instruction as soon as possible.
3. Robert Crowley, item 9.1 pointing out that BUSD has failed to acknowledge the fact that the pandemic and the reopening of schools has disproportionately affected black and brown students/curriculum audit that needs to be more inclusive.
4. Unable to understand the name, item 9.1 and Equity conversations. A request that a "Curriculum Audit Taskforce" be created.
5. Lindsay Meaner, item 9.1 in support of more in-person learning following new CDC guidelines.

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.

8. CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented Passed with a motion by CeCe Grubbs 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.

8.1. Minutes for the Meetings of: March 18, 2021 Regular (Virtual) Board Meeting

8.2. Approval of Personnel Action List

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1. Report and Discussion on the Reopening of In-Person Learning

Rationale:

Staff will provide an update on the return to in-person learning
Presentation

Minutes:

President Zada introduced Dr. Young and Dr. Beatson to provide a report and discussion on the reopening of In-Person Learning. Dr. Young began by providing an update on the San Diego County lawsuit and the ruling that took place as questioned by many of our parents and the specifics of the ruling were included in tonight's presentation linked on item 9.1. As far as the updated guidance from the CDPH of going from the classroom distancing from 6' to 3', Dr. Young explained the steps that we as a district need to go through to make this happen. Of which the details were also included in tonight's presentation. From there Dr. Young turned it over to Dr. Beatson to provide the update on In-Person Learning and how the first week went for our TK - 2 grade students. Dr. Beatson also invited all of the elementary principals to provide input on how it went. Thank you to Principals Harley, Slater, Moore and Buck for your leadership in the process. They in turn thanked everyone behind the scenes that made sure this went smoothly from their Office Managers, Office Techs, Maintenance, the District Office people, Safety, Technology, Food Services, and our parents for their patience, grace, and their understanding of our process. Thank you for being true "Partners in Education". An in-person spot was offered to everyone and the ultimate decision was by the parents and families to accept one or not. President Zada thanked and applauded everyone for making this pronominal job happen! Trustee Ferrucci shared that she drove around and it was great to see. Monday after break we will be welcoming back grades 3-12. Dr. Beatson also thanked everyone and ended her presentation with two quotes.

10. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

10.1. Discussion and Possible Action to Award the Contract for the Benicia Middle School Seismic Upgrades Project

Rationale:

The project is currently in the public bid process. Bids are due March 30th. A bid summary and staff recommendations will be presented to the board for consideration and possible action to award the contract for the Benicia Middle School Seismic upgrade project.

Motion Passed: Approval to Award the Contract for the Benicia Middle School Seismic Upgrades Project to the Recommended Bidder of J Walt Construction in the bid amount of \$3, 730, 000.00 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

10.2. Second Reading and Approval of the Following Board Policy: BP/AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures

Rationale:

Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 1312.3 - Uniform Complaint Procedures The District has been working with CSBA on approving the Uniform Complaint Policy that would more closely comply with what the State needs due to the Federal Program Monitoring (FPM) that the District participated in 2 years ago. CSBA updated their Uniform Complaint Policy in December. This is a more current policy than the one we submitted and approved in October. This policy needs to be fast-tracked due to the deadlines for the FPM. This policy was brought for a first reading at the March 18th meeting.

Motion Passed: Approval of BP/AR 1312.3 Uniform Complaint Procedures, as presented Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Gethsemane Moss.

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Prior to the adjournment of the meeting Dr. Moss requested that an equity update be included on the next meeting agenda that covered the specifics she outlined. President Zada wished everyone a wonderful Spring Break and adjourned the meeting at 6:37 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Clerk

Secretary