



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting
April 22, 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 6:02 PM:

Present:

Diane Ferrucci

CeCe Grubbs

Mark Maselli

Gethsemane Moss

Sheri Zada

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

Minutes:

The meeting was called to order by President Zada at 6:02 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEMS

Quick Summary:

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

Minutes:

President Zada adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:03 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:

The meeting was reconvened by President Zada to open session at 7:06 p.m.

5.1. Report on Closed Session Items

Minutes:

There was nothing to report from closed session.

Quick Summary:

5.2. Announcement

Quick Summary:

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

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The pledge of allegiance was led by Ms. Manoukian Benicia Grad Nite committee member.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda a written 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

8. HIGHLIGHT - Week of the Young Child Family Celebration

Minutes:

Dr. Young introduced June Regis, Director of the Child Development Unit to share about the "Week of the Young Child Family Celebration" that this year was a drive through event because of COVID-19 this past Saturday.

9. REPORTS - (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

9.1. Student Reports

Minutes:

There were no students present to report.

9.2. Superintendent Report

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed all back to In-Person Hybrid instruction and informed the community that our plans and intention is to bring back full time in-person in the fall.

9.3. Board Reports

Minutes:

There were no board reports.

10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

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

- Amanda Sanderson, item 12.4 there has been no communication as to when we will be moving into "Model 3" and concern regarding use of laptops.
- Gia Quinn, items 12.2 Equity for Special Education students. 12.4 Her student no longer wants to do speech therapy via zoom. Please begin fall planning now so that parents can make decisions of what to do for their children. Fully open schools now!
- Andrew Barratt, item 12.4 commending all BUSD staff for all of the hard work and preparation to transition into hybrid learning. Far ahead of other districts in particular Contra Costa Unified.
- Joy Lerner, item 12.2 more diversity in staff.
- Keshawna Paxton, item 12.2 advocating for curriculum that is historically accurate.
- Lindsay Arentz, item 12.2 Racial Equality.
- Jonelle Couture, item 12.4 requesting discussion of plans for 21-22 school year to return to full in-person instruction.
- Kelly Kristen, item 12.4 expressed disappointment of the hybrid in-person learning that is taking place at BHS.
- Julie Steiner, item 12.4 expressed disappointment of her daughters being chosen to continue in virtual learning and their need for them both to be back to full in-person learning in the middle school.
- Robert Crowley, item 12.2 need for administrators of color in BUSD.
- Justin Hubbard, item 12.4 and 12.2 happy to see the joy in his students to return to school, but also would like inequity that exist within the community.
- Brittainy Sapien, item 12.4 expressed surprised that this presentation is needed when their cries have not been heard about the need for their children to be back in school.
- Crystal Heredia, item 12.2 eager to hear presentation and for our students to have access to curriculum that is historically correct.
- Michael Shepherd, item 3 (12.4), expressed extreme disappointment in the hybrid in-person schedule.

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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: April 1, 2021 Special (Virtual) Meeting Minutes

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.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

12.1. Benicia Grad Night Lite

Rationale:

Benicia Grad Night Lite committee representatives would like to host a scaled down, distanced, outdoor event in keeping with state guidelines at Benicia High School for the senior class of 2021 on June 5th, 2021.

Minutes:

President Zada introduced Ms. Manoukian to speak about Benicia Grad Night Lite for our graduating seniors this year. This is a program that has been in our town for 32 years and will still take place this year with all of the COVID-19 precautions, outdoors for a shorter duration.

12.2. Equity & Opportunity Update and Discussion

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:

Stephanie Rice, Director of Educational Services provided and Equity & Opportunity update presenting some of the data that Dr. Moss had requested at the previous meeting.

12.3. Student Assessment Update

Rationale:

Mrs. Stephanie Rice, Director of Education Services, will report on the California waiver for the state assessment, CAASPP. The purpose of this report is to inform the Board and public of the intent of the waiver, the requirements of the approval, and BUSD's plan for assessment this spring. PRESENTATION

Minutes:

President Zada welcomed back Ms. Rice once again to present the Student Assessment Update.

12.4. Return to In-Person Instruction Update

Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will provide an update on the return to in-person learning for students in grades 3-12. The purpose of this report is to highlight the successes at each level. PRESENTATION

Minutes:

President Zada invited Dr. Beatson to share about the reopening.

13. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

13.1. Consideration and Approval of the 2022-23 and 2023-24 School Year Calendars

Rationale:

The 2022-23 and 2023-24 School Calendar presented for approval was drafted by the Calendar Committee composed of representatives from the District management team, the Benicia Teachers Association, and the California School Employees Association, Chapter #1096. These calendars have been ratified by the BTA Unit Members. Staff requests Board approval of the calendars so that they may be finalized and distributed to all District employees, parents, and members of the Benicia community.

Motion Passed: Approval of the 2022-23 and 2023-24 School Calendars 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

14. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Meeting was adjourned at 9:45 p.m. by President Zada.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Clerk

Secretary