



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting
May 06, 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:

Meeting was adjourned to closed session by President Zada at 6:02 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.

Motion Passed: Consideration and approval of adopting the newer 3 ft. physical distance between students on our campuses.

Board directs Dr. Young and the Management team to reach out to our Unions to go back to the bargaining table to negotiate the impacts and effects regarding the newer guidance related to 3 ft. physical distancing (from 6 foot) recommendation moving forward

Passed with a motion by Sheri Zada and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

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.

4.4. Conference Regarding Anticipated Litigation

Rationale:

Government Code section 54956.9 Conference with Legal Counsel: Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (d)(2) of

Section 54956.9 number of potential cases: 1

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

Minutes:

President Zada reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:11p.m.

5.1. Report on Closed Session Items

Minutes:

Refer to action taken in item 4.2 Conference with Labor Negotiators.

Quick Summary:

5.2. Announcement

Quick Summary:

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6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Moss.

7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Passed: Approval of the agenda as written 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

8. HIGHLIGHT: Classified Employee of the Year to Represent Solano County at State Level, Andre Finn - Skills Trades Technician

Minutes:

Dr. Gill and Solano County Superintendent Lisette Estrella-Henderson had the honor of introducing and honoring Mr. Andre Finn from our very own Benicia Unified School District as the 2021-22 Solano County Classified Educator of the Year.

9. REPORTS - (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

9.1. Student Reports

Minutes:

Alice Wells from LHS - shared how excited they are to be back to in-person instruction. She said that they are doing better being back in their classes and that it has been nice to reconnect with fellow students to see how they have been dealing with things. They have also been introduced to their wellness center. Lastly, she congratulated four more of their students who graduated early and they wish them well.

Mikayla Moldero from BHS- provided some of the happenings such indoor sports starting back up, they have also celebrated a couple of senior nights, and she also shared some the things they did for Teacher's Appreciation week along with various other things.

9.2. Superintendent Report

Minutes:

Dr. Young began his report by welcoming everyone and gave a shout out to our teachers. He shared that we had expanded the appreciation week to all of our staff. In appreciation individually boxed gourmet cupcakes were distributed to every one of the amazing BUSD staff. Dr. Young also shared about the board study session that took place on Saturday, April 24th for the board to do more work on Equity. He was also proud to let everyone know that News Weekly had Benicia High School ranked best high school in Solano County. He also reminded everyone that May is Mental Health month and shared some of the things available in recognition of that. Lastly, he shared about the Principal position opening we had at Mary Farmer Elementary. He shared the robust recruitment process Dr. Gill and her HR staff went through to fill it and with that had the pleasure of introducing Ms. Rhonda Fleming as the newly hired principal for Mary Farmer Elementary sharing her bio with everyone.

9.3. Board Reports

Minutes:

Trustee Ferrucci shared that she attended two curriculum meetings this week and the LCAP (Expanded Learning Grant) meeting. Also, the LHS committee for scholarships, sharing that the three students had been selected. She also reported out the Solano County Public Health weekly call.

10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

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

-Andrew Miller, general comment regarding diversity issues heard about from the

meeting of April 22nd.

-Shon Henderson, general comment regarding racial iniquity in our schools.

-Jason Mueller, general comment regarding using a lens of equity and racial diversity.

-Lisa Saari, MTE Library Media Specialist, district virtual Book Fair announcement.

-BUSD Parent, general comment to look at entire district/sites through a lens of equity.

Have the same kind of courage that Trustee Grubbs had to point out inequities.

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11. CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION ITEMS

Motion Passed: Approval of the Consent Calendar 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

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 22, 2021 Regular (Virtual) Board Meeting and April 24, 2021 (Virtual) Board Study Session

11.2. Approval of Personnel Action List

11.3. Acceptance of Gifts to the District

11.4. Approval of the 2021-2022 Designation of CIF Representative to League

11.5. Approval of the Declaration of Need for Fully Qualified Educators

Rationale:

Each year prior to June 30, public school districts must file with the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) a declaration of need for fully qualified educators. The declaration provides the District's best current estimate of the number of emergency teaching permits and limited assignment permits it may need to appropriately staff its schools as well as local efforts it will undertake to certify, assign, and develop fully qualified certificated personnel for the pending school year. The signed, Board-approved declaration must be on file with the CCTC in advance in order for any emergency permits to be issued to certificated employees on the District's behalf.

12. DISCUSSION ITEMS

12.1. The Governing Board conducts a Public Hearing on the School Facility Fee Justification Report for the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD)

Rationale:

State law gives school districts the authority to charge school facility fees on new residential and commercial/industrial developments. The Government Code authorizes school districts to collect school facility fees on future development of no more than \$4.08 per square foot for residential construction and \$0.66 for commercial/industrial construction (Level I fees). Previous BUSD rates were \$2.97 for residential and \$0.47 for commercial/industrial. Level I fees are adjusted every two years according to the inflation rate for Class B construction as determined by the State Allocation Board. The School Facility Fee Justification Report shows that BUSD meets the requirements of State law regarding the collection of school facility fees. After conducting the Public Hearing on this item, the board will be asked to approve the board resolution to establish the school facility fees of \$4.08 per square foot for residential construction and \$0.66 for commercial/industrial construction.

Minutes:

President Zada introduced Tim Rahill, CBO to explain the process and reason for this public hearing. President Zada then opened the public hearing for public comment and closed and reconvened the meeting with no public comments tonight.

12.2. Summer School Update

Rationale:

Dr. Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will provide a preliminary Summer School update. The purpose of the presentation is to provide information about the need and structure of the summer school program. Presentation

Minutes:

Dr. Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services provided the update.

12.3. Initial Sunshine of the Classified School Employees Association #1096's proposal with Benicia Unified School District and Benicia Unified School District's Proposal for 2021-22 Negotiations with the Classified School Employees Association #1096

Rationale:

The District, per Education Code, must publicly disclose negotiation proposals prior to commencing negotiations with the Classified School Employees Association (CSEA) #1096. The current collective bargaining agreement between Benicia Unified School District (BUSD) and CSEA #1096 requires specific articles to be opened before starting negotiations. Detailed information is listed on the attached document regarding the articles to be negotiated.

Minutes:

President Zada asked Dr. Gill to join us once again to go over the articles that would be opened by Benicia Unified School District and the Classified School Employees Association #1096 for this year's negotiations.

13. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

13.1. Resolution 20-21-15 Board Resolution to adopt the School Facility Fees of \$4.08 per square foot for residential development and \$0.66 per square foot for commercial/industrial development.

Rationale:

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Motion Passed: Approval and adoption of Board Resolution No. 20-21-15 for the School Facility Fees of \$4.08 per square foot for residential development and \$0.66 per square foot for commercial/industrial development on a roll call vote of 5-0 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

13.2. Discussion and Approval of Course Outline for CTE Business Foundations Class

Rationale:

Mrs. Stephanie Rice, Director of Education Services, will present a new course proposal and outline for the 2021-2022 school year. The Business Foundations Course is the second in a CTE Marketing Pathway. The first course began during the 2020-2021 school year. The purpose of this presentation is to request the Board's approval of the new CTE course: Business Foundations.

Recommendation: Approve the New Course for CTE Pathways: Business Foundations- BHS

Motion Passed: Approval of the New Course for CTE Pathways: Business Foundations- BHS 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

13.3. Discussion and Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant

Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent Education Services, will report on the actions and services in the Expanded Learning Opportunities Grant (ELO.) The purpose of the presentation is to provide information regarding the requirements for the new one-time grant funds (ELO, In-person learning, ESSER II, ESSERIII), review the stakeholder engagement process, discuss proposed expenditures for the ELO grant, and to request approval of the ELO grant as written. Presentation

Motion Passed: Approval of the Expanded Learning Opportunity Grant 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

13.4. Consideration and Approval of the Single Plans for Student Achievement 2021-2022

Rationale:

The Single Plan for Student Achievement is developed in conjunction with School Site Councils to develop goals to support the academic performance and Social-Emotional wellness of all students. Site goals are directly aligned with our District's Strategic Plan/Local Control Accountability Plan. Each site team designates and studies state and local measures to measure progress and establish a plan that represents the uniqueness of their schools. Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent for Education Services will report on the goals and high leverage actions for each site. Presentation

Motion Passed: Approval of the Single Plan for Student Achievement for BUSD as presented Passed with a motion by Gethsemane Moss and a second by Diane Ferrucci.

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

14. ADJOURNMENT

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Clerk

Secretary