



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting
September 16, 2021 6:00 PM

This meeting is being held pursuant to Executive Order N-29-20 issued by California Governor Gavin Newsom on March 12, 2020. Any or all board members may attend the meeting by phone and/or zoom. Benicia Unified School District Board Room 350 East K Street Benicia, CA 94510. This meeting will be in-person and mask are mandatory. For those not in-person, we will continue to Livestream and it will be recorded via the BUSD YouTube channel.

Attendance Taken at 6:03 PM:

Present:

Diane Ferrucci
Mark Maselli
Sheri Zada

Absent:

CeCe Grubbs
Gethsemane Moss

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

Quick Summary:

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

Minutes:

President Zada adjourned the meeting to closed session at 6:04 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:

President Zada reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:04 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 Trustee Ferrucci.

7. HIGHLIGHT: Robert Semple Elementary

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed and introduced Principal Moore to provide tonight's highlight.

8. 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

AbsentCeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

AbsentGethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

9. REPORTS - (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

9.1. Student Reports

Minutes:

Tonight we had Alice Wells, Liberty High School Representative as well as Ally Ballinger, ASB President and Marie Markus, ASB Vice President to provide updates and inform the community about what has/is taking place at both high schools.

9.2. Superintendent Report

Minutes:

Dr. Young once again welcomed everyone this evening and shared that this week he had the opportunity to speak at Rotary and wanted to share that what came to mind for him were "milestones". Specifically the milestone that we are indeed back to full time in person instruction. School is in session and he, some of the trustees have been going out and visiting schools sites, and both students and staff are delighted to be back. He also shared that we are continuing to manage our COVID cases, reminding everyone that we have a dashboard on the website and so far we had 42 cases since the beginning with only of the year, with only 15 active cases which less than 1% of our students. He is happy to see that the mitigations the district has put in place are working. He also shared about the testing service we started every Friday through Spectrum Testing for staff and students that need to get a test. So far, we have tested around 800 individuals over three Fridays and so far, we have had only one positive case. He spoke about the implementation of the new student information system "Aeries" which has been an important feat for our district along with testing and other support systems put in place to address any gaps for our students. We are on our way and these are all a part of the important milestones that we need to remind ourselves of. Lastly, he shared that the Executive order from Governor Brown's

office that was put in place giving more flexibility to school district's because of the pandemic regarding how board meetings were conducted, was expiring on September 30th and as we transition back to in person meetings we will removing the call in public comment option. If folks would like to make a public comment, they will need to do so in person. With he ended his Superintendent report.

9.3. Board Reports

Minutes:

Trustee Ferrucci wanted to publicly thank Michael Shariff for working his magic in order for her to participate in the September 2nd board meeting via zoom and YouTube and to her colleagues and Dr. Young and his team for their support as she was not able to attend in person because she was struggling with her asthma because of the smoke.

President Zada shared that she has been visiting the school sites while they are in session and she is amazed about the perseverance of these kids. She was able to speak to different teachers and students and they are all so happy to be back at school. In every class she walked into, the kids were engaged, it was quiet and it felt relaxed. She just wanted to take a moment to compliment the learning taking place. It was a great experience and she wanted to commend all of our teachers, staff, students and parents for a job well done.

10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

Once again, we had several community members present to submit public comments this evening, as well as several voicemails left in our public comment voicemail line. There was none for the public hearing.

Quick Summary:

PLEASE NOTE: BUSD has moved to in-person Board meetings. We ask that members of the public, who wish to attend, including those who wish to address the board, wear a mask at all times. For those who do not wish to attend the meeting but would like to submit a public comment, we have opened the "Public Comment" voicemail line again. Comments can be submitted between 5:00-7:00 p.m. by calling 707-748-2787 (one comment per person, per item limited to 3 minutes) on the day of the meeting. Please remember to state your name and item you wish to address. If your comment is for "closed session," please be sure to state that at the beginning of your message so that it can be addressed prior to "closed session." Members of the public may address the Board at a meeting on any item within the Board's jurisdiction. Those in person are asked to fill out a speaker card, available at the back table, noting the item they wish to speak to. Please submit speaker cards to the Board Secretary. The Board President will call all the "open session" public comments not on the agenda (Gov. Code Section

54954.3) during the public comment item. The comments for items on the agenda will be called during the specific item. Comments are limited to no more than three minutes per speaker or the board may limit the total time to 20 minutes per item. 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. Please be reminded to keep your comments respectful as students may be watching the board meeting, thank you. For tonight's public hearing, public comments may also be submitted via the public comment voicemail line 707-748-2787 as well. Please remember to state "public hearing" as your item.

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 Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

AbsentCeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

AbsentGethsemane 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: September 2, 2021

11.2. Approval of Personnel Action List

11.3. Resolution No. 21-22-08, Establishing Appropriations Limit Pursuant to Article X111-B of the California Constitution and Adopting the 2020-21 Actual Appropriations Limit and the Estimated 2021-22 Appropriations Limit (Gann Limit)

Rationale:

Tim Rahill, Chief Business Official, is asking the Governing Board to approve Resolution No. 21-22-08. Article XIII B to the California Constitution, popularly known as the Gann Initiative, placed limits on the growth of expenditures for publicly funded programs. Division 9 of Title 1, beginning with Section 7900 of the Government Code, was then added to law to specify the process for calculating state and local government appropriation limits and appropriations subject to limitation under Article XIII B of the Constitution.

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

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

12. COMMUNICATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12.1. Proclamation Recognizing National Suicide Prevention Month

Rationale:

Staff will share the proclamation in recognition of National Suicide Prevention month in addition to highlighting activities within the district to support students.

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed Director Mrs. Julie Corona, Director of Student Services and Mr. John Michael Gomez, our new Mental Coordinator to speak to this item.

Several community members spoke to this item this evening.

12.2. Transitional Kindergarten New Legislation

Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will report on new legislation requiring Universal Transitional Kindergarten for all four year olds. This presentation will focus on: the requirements of the legislation, what Universal TK will mean for BUSD, and the initial planning steps. Presentation

Minutes:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Service provided information through a presentation informing the board and community about new legislation in this area.

13. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

13.1. Public Hearing: Resolution No 21-22-04, Regarding Sufficiency or Insufficiency of Instructional Materials

Rationale:

Ed Code Section 60119 requires the Governing Board to approve an annual resolution stating that each student is provided the materials needed to support this year's course instruction. PUBLIC HEARING: Disclosure: To ensure that each student is provided the necessary textbooks and instructional materials to support this year's course instruction, the following has occurred: New and replacement textbooks were ordered, and received, to support course outlines.

New and replacement books were ordered, and received with the exception of one last order of Every Day Math books (on back order-with expected delivery by Sept. 20th), to accommodate increased student enrollment. Curriculum and Instruction has solicited communication from sites relative to any potential textbook or instructional materials deficiency. District administration have not been able to conduct classroom walkthroughs to ensure compliance with this resolution due to COVID-19 at this time, however, appropriate instructional materials are being provided to all students. Public Comments Close the Public Hearing

Motion Passed: Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-04 with a roll call vote Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Absent CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

13.2. Consideration and Approval of the 2020/21 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report with 2021/22 Budget for the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD)

Rationale:

Each year the Governing Board approves the 2020/21 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report with 2021/22 Budget. The Report is prepared with information from the State's adopted budget and current information on enrollment. The BUSD Budget 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 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report.

Motion Passed: Governing Board approval of the 2020/21 Unaudited Actuals Financial Report with 2021/22 Budget for the BUSD as presented Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Absent CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

13.3. Consideration & Approval of New Job Description for Assistant Director of Health Services

Rationale:

Over the past year and half the role of the Health Services Coordinator has been

changed tremendously due to staff and student health related duties. Overall the number of responsibilities and the amount of work for the Health Services Department Leader has increased tremendously. The new health related laws and requirements necessitate significant modifications and documentation to minimize the health risks of students, staff, and their families while also providing equitable access to education for students. Request is to change the Coordinator of Health Services position to the Assistant Director of Health Services by approving this updated job description.

Motion Passed: Approval of the New Job Description for Assistant Director of Health Services as presented Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Absent CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

14. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47p.m. by President Zada.

Quick Summary:

Next Regular Governing School Board Meeting is Thursday, October 7th.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Clerk

Secretary