



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular (Annual Organizational) Meeting  
December 09, 2021 6:30 PM

Benicia Unified School District Board Room 350 East K Street Benicia, CA 94510. This meeting will be in-person and masks 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 6:29 PM:**

Present:

Diane Ferrucci  
CeCe Grubbs  
Mark Maselli  
Sheri Zada

Absent:

Gethsemane Moss

**1. CALL TO ORDER - 6:30 p.m.**

Minutes:

President Zada called the meeting to order at 6:29pm.

**2. ROLL CALL and ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM**

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

Minutes:

With no public comments, the meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:30pm

Quick Summary:

Notice is hereby given that a closed session of the Board of Education will be held under the general provisions of Govt. Code Section 54957. This opportunity is provided to allow the public to comment prior to the Board's consideration (Govt. Code Section 54954.3)

**4. CLOSED SESSION - 6:30 P.M.**

Minutes:

Meeting was adjourned to closed session at 6:30pm.

**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. OPEN SESSION - 7:00 P.M.**

Minutes:

With nothing to report from closed session, President Zada reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:02pm.

### **6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Minutes:

The leadership students present led the pledge of allegiance.

### **7. 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

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **8. ANNUAL ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD**

Rationale:

During the Organizational meeting portion the Board shall:

1. Confirm president and a clerk and/or vice president from its members
2. Confirm the Chief Assistant to the Superintendent as secretary to the Board
3. Authorize signatures
4. Approve a schedule of regular meetings for the year.

5. Designate Board representatives to serve on committees or commissions of the district, other public agencies, or organizations with which the district partners or collaborates  
Election of Officers: The Board shall each year elect one of its members to be (clerk). This member shall be one who previously has not served in office, unless all the Board's members have previously served in office. After serving one year as (clerk) the elected member shall serve two years as president of the Board once the standing Board President has completed serving their two-year term. No Board member shall serve more than 2 consecutive year(s) in the same office. The election of Board officers shall be conducted during an open session of the annual organizational meeting.

## **8.1. Confirmation of Officers for 2022**

Rationale:

The Board will elect its officers to serve immediately through December 2022. The President will call for Confirmation of President and Clerk.

### **8.1.1. Confirmation of President**

**Motion Passed:** Confirmation of President Zada for 2022 Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemene Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **8.1.2. Confirmation of Clerk**

**Motion Passed:** Confirmation of Clerk Moss for 2022 Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemene Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **8.1.3. Confirmation of Chief Assistant to the Superintendent as Secretary to the Governing Board**

**Motion Passed:** Confirmation of Georgina Martinez as secretary to the Board Passed with a motion by CeCe Grubbs and a second by Diane Ferrucci.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemene Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

## 9. General Services

### 9.1. Board Member Liaisons and Representatives to Specified Committees for 2022

#### Rationale:

Designate Board representatives to serve on committees or commissions of the district, other public agencies, or organizations with which the district partners or collaborates.

#### 9.1.1. Representative to the Solano County School Boards Association (1)

##### Rationale:

This committee is responsible for any opportunities for connecting with other districts in the county along with planning professional development to support the students in our county and only requires one representative.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Mark Maselli as the 2022 representative to the Solano County School Boards Association Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

#### 9.1.2. District/City Liaison (2)

##### Rationale:

Representatives of the City of Benicia and the Benicia Unified School District meet 2-4 times a year to collaborate and discuss issues that impact both agencies in an effort to improve services and coordination of efforts for our community stakeholders. This requires two representatives.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of CeCe Grubbs and Sheri Zada as the 2022 District/City Liaison representatives Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### 9.1.3. Benicia Youth Action Committee (BYAC) (1)

#### Rationale:

This committee consists of a city team that are representatives to the county in support of the work of the BPD in educating our youth about the impact of Alcohol, Tobacco and Drugs (ATOD), as well as prevention programs to stop the onset of any of these on our youth. This group has a representative from the board, the middle school and the high schools since a lot of funds/programs go toward our students.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Sheri Zada as the 2022 Benicia Youth Action Committee (BYAC) representative Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemene Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### 9.1.4. Valero Community Advisory Panel (2)

#### Rationale:

Representatives from the city, school district and refinery meet 4 times a year to keep all informed of the workings and safety of the refinery. Mrs. Ferrucci will be the chair of this panel beginning in December. This advisory panel requires two board member representatives.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Diane Ferrucci and Dr. Gethsemene Moss as the 2022 Valero Community Advisory Panel representatives Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemene Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### 9.1.5. Board Policy Committee (2)

#### Rationale:

The policy committee meets to review and update Board policies to ensure alignment with current mandates and state and federal requirements. The work of this committee ensures that district policies remain current and that updates are ongoing. This committee also considers new policies being proposed at the local level. The committee meets quarterly. Two board representatives are needed for this advisory committee. The lead assigned staff representative to this committee is the Superintendent.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of CeCe Grubbs and Mark Maselli as the 2022 Board Policy Committee representatives Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

#### **9.1.6. District Curriculum Council (2)**

Rationale:

A primary goal of the Board of Education is to support student achievement by continuing to expand curriculum development, assessment systems, professional development opportunities and programs that support student success for the organization. This committee works to ensure actions taken by district staff support the vision for student achievement and high quality teaching and learning. The committee meets. Two board representatives are needed for this advisory committee. The lead assigned staff representative to this committee is the Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Diane Ferrucci and CeCe Grubbs as the 2022 District Curriculum Council representatives Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

#### **9.1.7. Facilities Steering Committee (2)**

Rationale:

This committee meets to review bond construction needs and next steps and has representatives from multiple district departments, school sites, and board. The main priority is to make recommendations to the board and meets as needed. Two board representatives are needed for this advisory committee. The lead assigned staff representative to this committee is the Bond Director.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Diane Ferrucci and Dr. Gethsemane Moss as the 2022 Facilities Steering Committee representatives Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **9.1.8. Benicia Education Foundation (BEF) Committee (1)**

Rationale:

Representatives of this committee meet with the parents of the Benicia Education Board, Superintendent and board to identify needs and plan any fundraising events. This board member's responsibility is to keep the board informed along with the community.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Sheri Zada as the 2022 Benicia Education Foundation (BEF) representative Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **9.2. APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR BOARD MEETING CALENDAR FOR 2022-23**

Rationale:

The Trustees will review and approve to adopt the attached schedule of regular Governing Board meetings for the 2022-23 school year.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the BUSD Regular Session Governing Board Meetings for the 2022-23 school year, as specified, with open session of the meetings to commence at 7:00 PM as presented Passed with a motion by CeCe Grubbs and a second by Diane Ferrucci.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

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

### **10.1. Student Reports**

Minutes:

President Zada welcomed Dylan Villanueva, Senior Class President from BHS and Alice Wells from LHS to provide the student reports this evening.

## 10.2. Superintendent Report

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed everyone this evening and began his report by sharing that this is the time of year that we would normally go down to the CSBA conference, but with COVID, we chose not to travel and are participating virtually. He shared that in this morning's session the keynote speaker Dr. Victor Rios had been very inspiring and spoke about the impact a teacher played in the trajectory of his life. Dr. Young also shared about Dr. Moss's new job working for Senator Bill Dodd. Lastly, he shared that BUSD were had been awarded a \$60,000 grant at the Valero Benefit for Children and expressed an immense thank you to them. THANK YOU VALERO!

## 10.3. Board Reports

Minutes:

President Zada echoed Dr. Young's sentiments on both the CSBA keynote speaker and as well as in thanking Valero for the \$60,000 grant award.

## 11. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

There was only one public comment this evening from Lisa Deloforce.

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. All functions of the Board meeting, including public comments, will take place in person. Members of the public may address the Board at a regular meeting on any item within the Board's jurisdiction. Speaker cards are available at the back table. Please note the item you wish to speak to and submit a card 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. 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.

## 12. CONSENT CALENDAR - ACTION ITEMS

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Consent Calendar as presented with a separate roll call vote for the resolution in item 12.3 Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by Diane Ferrucci.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent 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.

#### **12.1. Minutes for the Meetings of: November 18, 2022**

#### **12.2. Approval of Personnel Action List**

#### **12.3. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-15 in Support of Assembly Bill No. 75, Kindergarten-Community Colleges Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2022**

##### Rationale:

This resolution will place pressure on the state to fund AB75, which will provide state monies for school facilities, similar to Prop 51.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-15 as presented on a separate roll call vote Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by Diane Ferrucci.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

#### **12.4. Consideration and Approval of the Appointment of a Bond Oversight Committee Member**

##### Rationale:

As recommended by the Superintendent, the board is being asked to appoint Stacy Heldman-Holguin to the BUSD Citizens' Bond Oversight Committee as a member, with a two-year term from 12/9/2021 to 12/9/2023.

#### **12.5. Acceptance of Gifts to the District: Valero Benefit for Children Charity Partner 2021 \$60,000 Grant Award**

### **13. COMMUNICATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**

#### **13.1. New Expanded Universal Transitional Kindergarten Planning for next year**

##### Minutes:

President Zada invited Dr. Beatson to provide tonight's update on where we are in the Universal Transitional Kindergarten Planning.

## 14. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

### **14.1. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-11: A Resolution to Certify the Annual Accounting for Development Fees for Fiscal Year 2020/21 according to Government Code sections 66001(d) and 66006(b).**

#### Rationale:

Each year the school board is asked to approve this resolution to certify the annual accounting for development fees related to school facilities. For the 2020/21 fiscal year, the total expenses were \$14,370.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the Board Resolution No. 21-22-14 to Certify the Annual Accounting for Development Fees for Fiscal Year 2020/21 according to Government Code sections 66001(d) and 66006(b) as presented Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **14.2. Consideration of Resolution No. 21-22-14 for Increase in Compensation of Board Members: The Governing Board is asked to consider the resolution to provide an increase to the current school board stipend for School Board Members.**

#### Rationale:

Currently, a school board member is provided the statutorily-allowed school board stipend of \$240/month. It is at the school board's discretion to consider providing up to an annual 5% increase to the monthly school board stipend to its school board members. The total annual cost of the 5% increase to the district would be \$720.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of resolution no. 21-22-14 to provide an increase to the current school board stipend for school board members Passed with a motion by CeCe Grubbs and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **14.3. Consideration and Approval of Educator Effectiveness Grant Plan**

#### Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent Education Services, will present information about a newly released grant called Educator Effectiveness. The purpose of the presentation is to report on the grant requirements, the proposed

usage of the Educator Effectiveness Grant over the next four years and the alignment to BUSD's Strategic Plan and other grant funding sources. PRESENTATION

**Motion Passed:** Approval the Educator Effectiveness Grant as presented Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

#### **14.4. Governing Board review and approval of the 2021/22 1st Interim Financial Report for the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD)**

Rationale:

The district provides the 2021/22 1st Interim Financial Report using the information from the State-approved Budget. Based upon this report, and the current information available from the State Budget, the 1st 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). Thus, the district is able to provide a positive certification for the 2021/22 1st Interim Financial Report.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the 2021/22 1st 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

Absent Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

#### **15. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

President Zada wished everyone Happy Holidays and adjourned the meeting at 8:04pm.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Clerk

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Secretary