



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting  
February 03, 2022 5:00 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 5:01 PM:**

Present:

Diane Ferrucci  
CeCe Grubbs  
Mark Maselli  
Gethsemane Moss  
Sheri Zada

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

Minutes:

President Zada called the meeting to order at 5:01 pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Minutes:

Trustee Ferrucci was only present during closed session and had to leave once closed session ended at 6:59pm.

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

Quick Summary:

**4. CLOSED SESSION - 5:00 P.M.**

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 5:02 pm.

**4.1. Public Employment/ Action/ Appointment/ Discipline/ Dismissal/  
Evaluation / Release/ Superintendent Search**

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 reconvened to open session at 7:00pm.

#### **5.1. Report on Closed Session Items**

Minutes:

There was nothing to report from closed session.

#### **5.2. Announcement**

Quick Summary:

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

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

Minutes:

The pledge of allegiance was led by President Zada.

### **7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the agenda as presented Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by Gethsemane Moss.

Absent Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

## **8. HIGHLIGHT: William B. Adkins Scholars Program**

Minutes:

The William B. Adkins Scholars Program was unable to make it and will be rescheduled for another time.

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

### **9.1. Student Reports**

Minutes:

Alice Wells from Liberty High School provided their student report this evening.

### **9.2. Superintendent Report**

Minutes:

Dr. Young shared the update from his weekly Friday phone call with Dr. Matyas, Solano Public Health Officer that we have peaked in the surge and are hopeful that it continue to move in the right direction. He also took the time to recognize that February is Black History month and spoke of some of the amazing contributions we have had in the history of our great country. Lastly, he shared that there are many good things taking place out at our schools sites that he has been able to see on his site visits. With that, he concluded his superintendent report.

### **9.3. Board Reports**

Minutes:

President Zada named the employees of the year for our district letting everyone know that we will be honoring them at the next board meeting. She also mentioned that there was some great awards given to a couple of our students from the debate team. One of our retired high school teachers is now the debate team advisor Michelle Gaines and two sophomores, Michael Delgado and Gabe competed at Varsity level to make it to quarter finals. Lastly, President Zada shared that as everyone is probably aware, with Dr. Young leaving us in June the Superintendent search process had begun. Today during closed session, they had some training to discuss and learn what they need to do moving forward in this process. The first step is interviewing search firms ant that will take place at our next board meeting on February 17. The selected search firm will then be tasked with conducting the superintendent search for the district. This will take place during open session and members of the community are welcomed to be at the meeting to provide input during public comments. Anytime throughout this process they want to make it very clear that they want to hear from the community. This is the biggest job that they are tasked with as elected officials and they will follow are proper necessary steps.

## 10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

The following public comments were made this evening:

- John Hilsenbeck-regarding the opening of the BHS field for public use
- Kasey Waggener-screen time and students having to wear mask
- Andrew Miller-release of mask mandate
- Greg Thomas-release of mask mandate
- Michael Miller-plea to reconsider volunteers that are not vaccinated

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.

## 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 Gethsemane Moss.

Absent 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: January 20, 2022

### 11.2. Approval of Personnel Action List

## 12. COMMUNICATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

## **12.1. Supplement the LCAP Annual Update**

### **Rationale:**

Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will provide an update on the implementation of the 2021-22 LCAP. California's 2021 22 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided BUSD with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. The Supplement to the LCAP Annual Update is a one-time mid-year report to the local governing board related to engagement on, and these Acts.

### **PRESENTATION**

### **Minutes:**

President Zada introduced Dr. Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services for tonight's Supplement the LCAP Annual Update.

## **12.2. Impact of 2020 Census Data on Trustee Area Map Population Balance**

### **Rationale:**

In 2019, the District transitioned to a by-trustee area election system to ensure compliance with the California Voting Rights Act ("CVRA"). However, following each federal census, the Board must approve adjustments of trustee area boundaries, if necessary, to make sure the population in each trustee area is as nearly as equal as practicable, amongst other considerations. (Education Code section 5019.5(a).) In late September 2021, following a delay due to COVID-19, the 2020 Census data was approved and released by the California Department of Finance. School districts with trustee area systems are required to review and, if necessary, adjust their trustee area map by March 1, 2022 to ensure population balance. If the population is no longer balanced, and the Board fails to adjust the boundaries after the Census data is released but before March 1, 2022, the County Committee on School District Organization is required to do so by April 30, 2022. In such cases where the County Committee must conduct this review and make changes on the District's behalf, the District is required to "reimburse all reasonable costs incurred by a county committee in adjusting the boundaries." (Education Code section 5019.5(b).) Analysis: After review of the current trustee areas, and based on the most recent census data, the District's demographer determined that the Trustee Area map is now no longer in compliance with California Education Code section 5019.5 since the population is no longer balanced. The demographer has created adjusted map options for consideration to ensure approval, compliance, and submission to County well in advance of the February 28, 2022 deadline. Benicia USD Redistricting Scenarios ([arcgis.com](https://arcgis.com))

### **Minutes:**

Brandon Lallande of Fagen Friedman & Fulfroost, LLP was here again tonight for

the final presentation in the selection of the Trustee Area Map.

### **13. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS**

#### **13.1. Resolution No. 21-22-19 Approving and Adopting an Adjusted Trustee Area Map following the release of the 2020 Census Data**

Rationale:

As you know, the District previously transitioned from an at-large election system to a by-trustee area election system. However, after reviewing current trustee areas, and based on the most recent census data, the District's demographer has determined that the Trustee Area map is not in compliance with California Education Code 5019.5. The District has provided opportunity for the community to provide input on adjusted map options under consideration to ensure population balance is reinstated. At today's meeting, the Governing Board will consider and vote to adopt a resolution and select an adjusted trustee area plan. The matter will now be put before the Governing Board to adopt the proposed resolution and to select an adjusted trustee area plan that provides the legally required population balance. Members of the Board, we will now open the matter up for initial discussion and comments regarding the proposed trustee scenarios.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-19 as presented on a roll call vote to approve adjusted Trustee area map number 3 Passed with a motion by Mark Maselli and a second by CeCe Grubbs.

Absent Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

Adjourned at 8pm

Quick Summary:

Next Regular Governing Board Meeting is February 17, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Clerk

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Secretary