



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting
March 03, 2022 6:00 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 6:04 PM:

Present:

Diane Ferrucci
Mark Maselli
Gethsemane Moss
Sheri Zada

Absent:

CeCe Grubbs

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

Minutes:

President Zada called the meeting to order at 6:04pm.

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 6:04pm.

**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 reconvened to open session at 7:01pm.

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 livestreaming and archiving on the District YouTube channel at: <https://www.youtube.com/c/beniciaunifiedschooldistrict> 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 Diane Ferrucci.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Absent CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

8. HIGHLIGHT: Willie B. Adkins Scholars Program

Minutes:

Dr. Young was thrilled to welcome the Willie B. Adkins Scholars Program leaders and participants this evening. Through their presentation, they conveyed an inspiring message and outlined the profound benefits of participating in program. Well done to all!

9. REPORTS - (NO ACTION REQUIRED)

9.1. Student Reports

Minutes:

Alice Wells from Liberty High School and Marie Markus from Benicia High School were here this evening to provide their reports on the latest happenings at each of their schools.

9.2. Superintendent Report

Minutes:

Dr. Young thanked President Zada for taking a moment of silence for the Ukraine. He went on to express that to him this is an exciting time of the year because we have about three months of school left and when we stop to remind ourselves about finishing strong. Some of the things he highlighted this evening were that first, we have the Strategic LCAP Stakeholder Engagement survey please take a moment and give us your feedback. He shared about the Policy Development Workshop conducted over a three day period in which more than 600 policies were reviewed and updated with help from a couple of California School Board Association (CSBA) representatives. That was a big heavy lift by all the members of the team to get that work done. All of the Board Policies and Regulations will now be put together to be presented to the board, reviewed and be brought for a global adoption for the district. He shared that we have our second community evening with EPOCH Education in regards to our equity community forum on March 23, 2022 at 6:30pm. Info on that went out with the topic "Creating a Sense of Belonging". Lastly, he shared that we as a District have a goal for kids to be reading by 3rd grade. As part of that effort, we put together Benicia Reads, which is a partnership between BUSD and the City with this focus in mind with an event called Books and Blankets in the park from 10am-12pm on April 2. He thanked Dr. Beatson for her work on this and asked that everyone look for more information out on that soon. With that, he ended his report.

9.3. Board Reports

Minutes:

President Zada shared that she attended the Willie B. Adkins Opening Ceremony for the Rites of Passage. It was truly moving and she was honored to have been a part of that group and able to participate. It was a wonderful evening that was beautifully put together. Trustee Ferrucci shared that she decided to visit all the sites in the last two days. It helped her recall that this is something she has done for the last eight years on the board. It made her realize that we really took a hard left hand turn two years ago when COVID hit our society. She shared some of the details that she understood why we had to do what we had to do, but doing this for her it reaffirmed the importance of connection and why we do what we do. Just to be on each campus, see, talk to kids, and really experience firsthand what is going on. It was a great two days for her and she each Principal and sites for their openness in welcoming her.

10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

David Hartfield local Pastor in Vallejo, here to commend the Board for allowing the Willie B. Adkins Scholars Program to take place in the district and expressed the full advantage his student is taking of it and all that it offers.

Kashanna Harmon-Lee addressed the Board in protest of the Dare program blue line t-shirts that were handed out.

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 over their nose and mouth 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 on the entrance 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" general comments (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 with the timer displayed on the monitors. 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 Diane Ferrucci and a second by Gethsemane Moss.

Yes Diane Ferrucci
Absent 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: None at this time

11.2. Approval of Personnel Action List

11.3. Acceptance of Gifts to the District

11.4. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 21.22.21 for the 2022/23 Constitutional Advance for the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD)

Rationale:

Each year the district requests that the Solano County Treasurer make a constitutional advance to the district equal to 85% of its anticipated property tax revenues, which will be used to cover any cash shortages caused by delays in receipt of revenues from the State to which the district is lawfully entitled. The district will repay the advances from revenues accruing to the district.

Motion Passed: Approval of the 2022/23 Constitutional Advance for the BUSD on an individual roll call vote Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Gethsemane Moss.

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

11.5. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-22, Declaration of Obsolete Property

Motion Passed: with an individual roll call vote Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Gethsemane Moss.

Yes Diane Ferrucci
Absent CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli
Yes Gethsemane Moss
Yes Sheri Zada

11.6. Consideration and Approval of Resolution No. 21-22-23, Declaration of Obsolete Property

Motion Passed: with an individual 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
Yes Gethsemane Moss
Yes Sheri Zada

12. COMMUNICATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

12.1. Student Services and Special Education Department Mid-year Update

Rationale:

Ms. Julie Corona, Director of Student Services and Special Education will provide a mid-year update to the Board regarding her departments. Presentation

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed Mrs. Corona for a Mid-Year Student Services and Special Education department update.

13. INFORMATIONAL/NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS

13.1. COVID-19 Response Update

Rationale:

Staff will provide an update to the Board regarding Governor Newsom's report to California Public Schools delivered on Monday, Feb 28, 2022, regarding COVID-19 safety protocols. The update will include information on any potential changes as they relate to current COVID-19 mitigation safety protocols that are currently in place, including the mask mandate.

Minutes:

Dr. Young provided the update on the Governor's announcement that the mask mandate will be lifted for schools on March 14, 2022. They will be highly recommended, but not required. He informed the Board and community that they have been doing the quick work in making the changes to the MOUs to be ready for the March 12 mask mandate lift date to be ready on that Monday,

March 14, 2022 after two long years. Starting with the updating of the Health and Safety Guidelines, to align with the MOUs.

14. NON-CONSENT ACTION ITEMS:

14.1. Selection of the Superintendent Search Firm

Rationale:

The Board will discuss and reconsider their selection of the superintendent search firm.

Motion Passed: Approval to not continue with McPherson and move forward with the Leadership Associates Proposal as presented Passed with a motion by Sheri Zada and a second by Diane Ferrucci.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Absent CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

No Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

15. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Prior to adjournment Trustee Ferrucci asked that we please be presented with reading data of our students.

The meeting Adjourned at 8:37pm

Quick Summary:

The next Regular Governing Board Meeting is March 17, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Clerk

Secretary