



BENICIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
GOVERNING BOARD

Notice of Regular Meeting  
March 17, 2022 6:00 PM

Benicia Unified School District Board Room 350 East K Street Benicia, CA 94510. This meeting will be in-person, mask are strongly recommended, but not required. For those not in-person, we will continue to Livestream and it will be recorded via the BUSD YouTube channel.

**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:

President Zada called the meeting to order at 6:02pm.

**2. ROLL CALL**

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

Quick Summary:

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

Minutes:

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 6:02pm.

**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 cases of #22-013, stipulated expulsion, and # 22-014, stipulated expulsion

The Education Code requires Closed Session in these cases to prevent the disclosure of confidential student information.

**Motion Passed:** Approvals of case #22-013, stipulated expulsion, and #22-014, stipulated expulsion 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

#### **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

**Motion Passed:** In closed session action was taken for denial of Claim No. 220044 and Passed with a motion by Diane Ferrucci and a second by Mark Maselli.

Yes Diane Ferrucci

No CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

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

Minutes:

President Zada reconvened the meeting to open session at 7:06pm.

## **6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Minutes:

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Trustee Grubbs.

## **7. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

Yes Diane Ferrucci

Yes CeCe Grubbs

Yes Mark Maselli

Yes Gethsemane Moss

Yes Sheri Zada

## **8. HIGHLIGHT: Benicia Middle School**

Minutes:

Dr. Young welcomed Principal Dalske for tonight's highlight.

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

### **9.1. Student Reports**

Minutes:

Brandon Martin, Rally Commissioner at BHS was here to share the schools happenings.

### **9.2. Superintendent Report**

Minutes:

Dr. Young pointed out that this is day 4 of the mask being strongly recommended but not required and all is going well. He also shared that this Wednesday, March 23, 2022 our second Community Forum with Epoch will be taking place via zoom from 6:30 - 7:30pm. Lastly, he shared and congratulated Benicia High School for their successful Western Accreditation of Schools and Colleges (WASC) visit. They perform an extensive review process that with a positive report provides BHS a six-year accreditation. Their hard work paid off because they received it. The last time they had to go through it was three years ago, so big congratulations to Benicia High School. Liberty High is in the middle of theirs now.

### **9.3. Board Reports**

Minutes:

President Zada attended the legislative action week via zoom with Senator Dodd and Assembly member Grayson. There were four basic items that they covered which included 1-The increase in the Local Control Funding Formula, to heavily invest beyond the COLA, to attractively and retain high-level employees. 2-The school employer pension relief 3-COVID ADA release, and 4-Home to School Transportation. With that, she concluded her report.

## **10. COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Minutes:

There were no public comments this evening.

Quick Summary:

PLEASE NOTE: BUSD has moved to in-person Board meetings, masks are strongly recommended, but not required. 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 CeCe Grubbs 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: February 17, 2022. February 24, 2022, and March 3, 2022**

**11.2. Approval of Personnel Action List**

**11.3. Approval of the Consolidated Application**

Rationale:

The Consolidated Application (ConApp) is used by the California Department of Education (CDE) to distribute categorical funds from various state and federal programs to county offices, school districts, and direct-funded charter schools throughout California. Annually, in May, each local educational agency (LEA) submits the spring release of the application to document participation in these programs and provide assurances that the district will comply with the legal requirements of each program. Program entitlements are determined by formulas contained in the laws that created the programs.

**12. COMMUNICATION/INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**12.1. A-G Improvement Grant**

Rationale:

Dr. Leslie Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services, will present a plan for a new A-G Improvement Grant. The purpose of the grant is to increase the number students who graduate A-G eligible, with a focus on students who are economically disadvantaged, English learners and foster youth who graduate A-G eligible. PRESENTATION

Minutes:

Dr. Beatson, Assistant Superintendent of Education Services shared her presentation on the A-G Improvement Grant requirements with the Board. She explained that this grant requires a two board meeting presentation. The first meeting to provide the information on and the next meeting it will be brought back to the board for action.

**12.2. Health and Safety Guidance Update for the 2021-22 School Year along with updated Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs)**

Rationale:

The Benicia Unified School District (BUSD), Benicia Teachers Association (BTA), and Classified School Employees Association #1096 (CSEA) recognize that the 'BUSD Health and Safety Guidelines' need to be aligned with the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) and Solano County Health and Social Services Departments. The revised BUSD Health and Safety Guidelines reflect the recent guidance from CDPH regarding wearing masks in the K-12 schools and childcare settings and other COVID-19 related protocols. BUSD greatly appreciates BTA and CSEA leaders for the collaboration on the attached BUSD

Health and Safety Guidelines and Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs). Staff desires to inform the Governing Board of the revised 'BUSD Health and Safety Guidelines' and attached MOUs.

Minutes:

Dr. Young spoke to the updates made to the Health and Safety Guidelines.

### **12.3. Initial Sunshine of Benicia Teachers Association with Benicia Unified School District and Benicia Unified School District's Proposal for 2022-23 Negotiations with the Benicia Teachers Association**

Rationale:

The District, per Education Code, must publicly disclose negotiation proposals prior to commencing negotiations with the Benicia Teachers Association (BTA). The current collective bargaining agreement between Benicia Unified School District (BUSD) and BTA requires specific articles to be opened by April 1. Detailed information is listed on the attached document regarding the articles to be negotiated. BUSD agrees with these openers.

Minutes:

Every year both bargaining unions announce what items they will be opening up during their respective negotiations.

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

### **13.1. Consideration and Approval of Updated Course Outlines for CTE-Advanced Dance, CTE-Advanced Digital Media, and AP Seminar**

Rationale:

Mrs. Stephanie Rice, Director of Education Services, will present the following new updated course proposals and outlines for the 2022-2023 school year: CTE-Advanced Dance, CTE-Advanced Digital Media, and AP Seminar. CTE-Advanced Dance: Propose to make this course an Honors/Weighted Course CTE-Advanced Digital Media: Propose to make this course an Honors/Weighted Course AP Seminar: Propose to make this course a "b" English Language Arts course or "g" elective (currently only offered as a "g" course) Recommendation: Approve the updated courses as presented.

**Motion Passed:** Approval of the updated courses as presented for BHS 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. Governing Board review and approval of the 2021/22 2nd Interim Financial Report for the Benicia Unified School District (BUSD)**

Rationale:

The district provides the 2021/22 2nd Interim Financial Report using the information from the State-approved 2021/22 Budget and the Governor's January Proposal for 2022/23. The 2nd 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). The district provides a positive certification for the 2021/22 2nd Interim Financial Report.

**Motion Passed:** Approval the 2021/22 2nd Interim Financial Report for the BUSD as presented 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

### **14. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

President Zada adjourned the meeting at 8:12pm.

Quick Summary:

The next Regular scheduled meeting is Thursday, April 7, 2022

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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Clerk

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Secretary