

# Bonsall Unified School District Minutes

## Board of Trustees Workshop

November 19, 2016 8:00 AM

Bonsall Community Center

31505 Old River Road

Bonsall, CA 92003

### Attendance Taken at 8:00 AM:

#### Present:

Dr. Timothy Coen

Dr. Erin English

Mr. Richard Olson

Mr. Lou Riddle

Dr. Sylvia Tucker

### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call

#### Minutes:

President Riddle called the meeting to order at 8:05AM. All members reported present, establishing a quorum.

### 2. Open Session

#### 2.1. Welcome to Guests and Pledge of Allegiance

##### Minutes:

President Riddle led the Pledge of Allegiance.

#### 2.2. Approval of Current Agenda

**Motion Passed:** Passed with a motion by Dr. Timothy Coen and a second by Dr. Sylvia Tucker.

Yes Dr. Timothy Coen

Yes Dr. Erin English

Yes Mr. Richard Olson

Yes Mr. Lou Riddle

Yes Dr. Sylvia Tucker

### 3. Discussion

#### 3.1. High School

Minutes:

Major Points of Discussion:

Is BUSD eligible for any Prop 51 funding? Assistant Pickering responded affirmatively; that submissions have already been prepared for the 2 story building. He explained that eligibility is on a first come, first-served basis. Many districts will be applying and getting in line for the funds, therefore, time was of the essence.

How long will it take for site prep at Gird Road? Superintendent Cunningham responded that it would take approximately 2 years for environmental impact studies, grading, etc., before construction would be "out of the dirt."

Member Tucker wondered how much had been spent on the Gird Road property to date. Assistant Superintendent Pickering responded that he believed the figure to be approximately \$83K, not including the current fence contract and most recent survey.

Can portable buildings from SMS be moved to the Gird Road site? Yes. How many? Exact numbers will depend on growth and retention after 8th grade.

Where would portable buildings most likely be placed at Gird? The south west edge of the property would make the most sense, allowing for future classroom locations to remain accessible for work as needed.

Would BHS students be moved to the Gird site in phases or all at once? Dr. Cunningham indicated it would be one mass move, all grades. Dr. English pointed out that the effectiveness of student programs is greatly diminished by separating student populations.

How long until BHS is at capacity in the 2 story on the SMS campus? Growth projections suggest BHS will reach 500 students in the 2019-2020 school year, if not before.

When should BUSD consider putting school bond measure on the ballot again for approval? Two years? Four years? Special Election? No consensus.

Member Olson asked how much a Special Election measure would cost the District? Based on estimates provided by consultants in 2012, the cost of a special

election would run in the neighborhood of \$200k. This cost is avoided by participating in a general or Presidential election cycle.

Member Coen suggested a separate board workshop was needed to analyze why Measure DD was unable to achieve 55%. Members concurred.

Member Olson asked if the Board was missing any other alternatives with the Gird Road site. Is the Board certain there are no viable options to sell or trade Gird Road property to a developer? Member English reminded the Board of the pain-staking process they went through two years ago with the County when she was a brand new board member. She recalled numerous scenarios were considered for disposition of the property. President Riddle remarked that he could not imagine a situation under which a developer with tentative maps already drawn and well into the approval process would have any interest in attempting to rezone the currently un-surveyed, unimproved land at Gird.

How long is the approval process for a school site? President Riddle suggested that DSA approval can take 8-15 years for school designation.

Member Tucker expressed her belief that portables are visually a "stick in the eye" and are not desired by the community, students or the District. She wondered if the Ocean Breeze developers would consider giving the District some of their land around the perimeter of Sullivan MS in order to expand the high school until passage of a bond. President Riddle reminded the Board that they didn't have the luxury of time.

Member English wondered if creating an aesthetically pleasing "facade" (similar to the Sullivan campus) would be an option for Gird Road.

Member Olson suggested mature trees could be placed at the western border of the Gird property to restrict neighborhood views of portable buildings.

Do the current financing options take into account possible rising costs of construction? Yes, but with jobs generated by Prop 51 hitting the market, costs will continue to escalate warned Mr. Pickering.

President Riddle stated that it was the board's job to house, accommodate and educate students upon their arrival in the district, not after the fact. He reiterated that the district, without the passage of DD, was now facing a time crunch.

Member Coen admitted the options presented (Plans B and C) were more "hopeful" than he had originally anticipated.

Member English stated that it seemed Plan B was at the forefront of the discussion. How long would that scenario take to execute? David Medcalf

responded it would take approximately two years to get the site ready for "stick construction", and approximately four years until the campus would be ready for student occupancy.

David Medcalf reiterated that to stay on this schedule, the environmental impact surveys would need to begin right away in order to take advantage of the approaching "nesting season" and to attain a report by October 2017.

Member Coen asked if the proposed COP funding would be eligible for matching funds under Prop 51? Mr. Pickering answered affirmatively; but, re-stated the sooner the submission is made to the State Allocation Board, the better the chance for approval. "With all of the bond approvals state-wide, the money will go quickly."

Member Coen stated that it seemed the consensus was to move forward with Plan B. The members each concurred without dissension.

### **3.1.1. Site Review**

### **3.1.2. Financing Option A (20 minutes)**

### **3.1.3. Financing Option B (20 minutes)**

### **3.1.4. Financing Option C (20 Minutes)**

## **4. Public Comment**

### **4.1. Public Comment**

Minutes:

Clerk English received public comment request(s) as follows:

1. Kerry Patterson re: Item 3.1 High School Planning

## **5. Planning**

### **5.1. Future Meetings**

## **6. Adjournment**

Minutes:

President Riddle adjourned the meeting at 9:21AM.

---

Board President

---

Board Clerk