

**Borrego Springs Unified School District
BOARD OF EDUCATION MONTHLY BOARD MEETING**

April 13, 2022 5:00 PM

2281 Diegueno Road - Community Room, Borrego Springs, CA 92004 (760) 767-5357 Closed Session: 4PM

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A. CONVENE TO CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:

4:00 PM

Present:

Steve Riehle

Judy Coyle

Valeen Szabo

Ramien Shalizi

Mark Stevens

Jessica Gillespie

Zoom Attendee:

Steve Dunn

A.1. Public Employment (Government code Section 54957) Title: Classified, Certificated, Confidential and Administrative.

A.2. Public Employee Dismissal / Release / Non-Renewal / Resignation (Government Code Section 54957)

A.3. Conference with Labor Negotiators (Government Code Section 54957)

A.4. Anticipated Litigation (Government Code Section 54956.9) Title: Potential Case

B. ADJOURNMENT FROM CLOSED SESSION

B.1. Report on Closed Session

Minutes:

Nothing to report

C. PROCEDURAL ISSUES PART A / AGENDA

C.1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Board President Steve Riehle called the meeting to order at 5:20 PM

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Led by Board President Steve Riehle

C.3. Roll Call

Minutes:

Present:

Steve Riehle

Judy Coyle

Valeen Szabo

Ramien Shalizi

Zoom Attendee:

Steve Dunn

C.4. Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

Motion Passed. Motion to approve by Valeen Szabo with a second by Judy Coyle. All members vote yes.

C.5. Comments from the Public

Minutes:

The meeting had approximately 40 community members and parents present. Twenty two (22) attendees registered to speak publicly. In keeping with the agenda, the comments from the public are limited to a total of 20 minutes. Therefore, 7 key speakers were chosen from the lot. The main points listed below from these 7 people include, but were not limited to:

Marina Lopez: inadequate meals and expired milk served, dried out fruit and high sodium levels

Carmen Ochoa: after explaining her side of an incident that occurred at the Elementary Campus in which her daughter was involved, she expressed her disappointment and anger in not being immediately notified about it. Two days later she filed a police report about it which finally solicited contact from the administrator. Her concern is leadership failed to follow protocol leaving her to ask for change and smart leadership.

Isreal Ochoa: lack of timely communication and a lack of following policy and procedure in relation to the specific incident at the Elementary Site involving his daughter

Erica Quintero: Challenges with Bullying, she spoke to her child's state of mind because of bullying. She was not pleased with the resolution offered of counseling, simply telling the bully to "be nice", or being told "We simply can't catch everything".

Teresa Arias: Experienced an incident with an employee claiming the employee embarrassed her daughter in front of her classmates for an incident that occurred between her brother and the employee's daughter. Teresa cited lack of professionalism by the staff member and filed a formal complaint with the site principal.

Ashley Hernandez: complaint of a Special Ed. student not receiving the attention he needs and the families request for further testing has gone unanswered, Esmeralda Garcia: Spoke on behalf of the collaborative parent group. They are collectively concerned about student safety as a whole, parents are feeling their concerns are dismissed by Elementary Leadership

Following the 7 key speakers the Board thanked them for their time and concern. Steve Riehle stated the board will be reviewing their comments as well as the Comprehensive School Safety plan to see where they can improve.

D. RECESS

Minutes:

Recess taken at 5:58 PM

Reconvened from recess at 6:09 PM

E. PROCEDURAL ISSUES PART B

F. CONSENT

Minutes:

This section is where the lettering began being off.

Motion passed. Motion to approve F.1 through F.8 (or G.1 through G.8) was made by Judy Coyle with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members vote yes.

F.1. Purchase Orders / Commercial Warrants

F.2. Contracts

F.2.a. Annual Audit Contract with Wilkinson, Hadley, King

F.2.b. Agreement with SDCOE for ASES Grant

F.2.c. Agreement with SDCOE for ASES Frontier Transportation Grant

F.3. Revolving Cash

F.4. Collection Advice

F.5. Monthly Financial Report

F.6. ASB Accounting Report

F.7. Student Enrollment

F.8. Donations

G. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

G.1. Minutes 3/10/2022

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve was made by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members vote yes.

H. REPORTS PART B

H.1. ASB

Minutes:

ASB President David Hernandez reported the Juniors have secured the DJ, Photographer and venue for Prom. Seniors have purchased their Grad Nite Tickets and fundraising for the year is winding down.

H.2. Charter School

Minutes:

Kevin Ogden was present on the zoom platform. San Diego Workforce Innovation High School will be doing In Person Graduations this year. He also shared a story about one of this years graduates. In 2018 Ace was shut down and experiencing some heavy trauma. He only had 20 credits to go when he got arrested. After doing completing his sentence he re-enrolled in school and completed his requirements for graduation.

H.3. School Community Liaison

Minutes:

Martha Deichler gave a brief overview - She is working with members of the Soroptomist and the High School Seniors on scholarship applications. She is involved in the CTE workings with Marjorie White. She is still working closely with Dave Duncan and the CIH/Intern classes. She's been involved with the Fire Departments needs as well as the Food Bank, Community Resource Center and The Borrego Community Health Foundation.

H.4. Principal Reports

H.4.a. Elementary School

Minutes:

In regards to the Comments from the Public segment, Sherrilynn Polanco, Elementary Principal prepared the following statement:

"I would just like to say that I listened closely to the public comment tonight, I heard the concerns, and I thank those who shared for being so involved in their children's education. Since 1997 I have served as an aide, a teacher and a principal. I am of course also the parent of 4 kids who all attended Borrego schools. Our students are important to me; there is nothing more important. What parents say is important to me. Parents are an essential part of the team needed to help each child grow, learn and thrive. Communication is important, and I will strive to improve the way I communicate. Please know that I have taken to heart what I heard today and will act accordingly.

Thank you"

H.4.b. Middle / High Principal

Minutes:

Principal Victoria Baay's key points:

Huge thank you to the American Legion

CTE advisory meeting next week

Above C level Pizza Party was a hit

Quarter just ended, this next one is a root beer float party

Thanks to Maui for middle school basketball program

H.5. Borrego Springs Education Association (BSEA)

Minutes:

BSEA President Polly Macuga reports they have signed the MOU and thanks the board for the opportunity it affords.

H.6. California School Employees Association (CSEA)

Minutes:

Nothing New to report

H.7. Chief Business Officer

Minutes:

Jessica Gillespie gave the following updates:

Technology

Geolinks has begun our system upgrade to go from a 100 megabit per second to a 1gbts system, which is 10 times faster than what we currently have. The project began yesterday and is projected to be completed in a couple weeks.

Transportation

Our new bus arrived! We purchased a 2009 Blue Bird School Bus. Currently we are awaiting CHP inspection to be able to be on the road. CHP is scheduled to be out next week. He will examine the bus as well as complete a terminal inspection while he is on site.

Charter

Visits will take place end of this month. This is something done once a year to visit campuses, make observations and meet staff. Lisa will then report back to the county over charter school oversight committee.

Audit

We have completed our annual audit. We had two findings this year.

Public notice for instructional materials- Public notice did not include address of location.

This was a repeat finding but as the auditor mentioned in her finding the district was made aware of this issue after 2021-2022 public notice for instructional material was already submitted.

The district has updated the public notice template to include physical address of the meeting location so this error will not happen in the future

ASB Expenditures

Auditors stated the district was out of compliance with Ed Code in not securing 3 live signatures on expense reports for purchases made out of ASB funds.

Due to COVID restrictions in place in person meetings were not allowed. This resulted in some expense reports only having one signature on then even though all expenses were approved prior to fund being withdrawn. Going forward the district will make sure all signatures are on reports regardless of the precautions in place.

Budget Talk

Second interim was certified and sent to the county

May revision is coming next month. This will give us a better projection into next fiscal year and where we are ending this year.

Bond

Presented the Architect and Consultant presentation to our Bond Committee and they really are looking forward to the projects beginning and are pleased with the progression of the modernization projects.

We are reviewing the project costs one last time before we proceed with a NTP for the architect

H.8. Superintendent

Minutes:

Mark Stevens reflected on the time of year, Spring hits and things start going crazy only this Spring was like the first one after "years underground". It's great to see normalcy return.

We're in year 2 of disproportionality which is the ration of Hispanics to other races with and IEP. Ours is at 3.07 which is too high. If we go into year 3 SPED funding needs to be set aside for an independent auditor. Parent groups are starting back up like Site Council. He concluded with echoing statements of the evening and gave assurance they will be taken serious.

H.9. Board of Trustees

Minutes:

Nothing to report

I. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

Minutes:

The budget appropriates \$547.5 million to provide additional supports to local educational agencies (LEAs) to increase the number of students, particularly unduplicated students, who graduate with A-G eligibility. Funds are available for expenditure or encumbrance through the 2025-26 fiscal year. The funds are provided within three grants:

A-G Access Grant

A-G Success Grant

These two grants must be used for activities that directly support pupil access to, and successful completion of the A-G course requirements.

A-G Learning Loss Mitigation Grant. Funds first must be used to allow students who receive a "D," "F," or "Fail" grade in an A-G course in the spring semester of 2020 or the 2020-21 school year to retake those courses. If funds are remaining, an LEA may use them to offer credit recovery opportunities to all students to ensure they are able to graduate high school on time.

I.1. Approval of A-G Learning Loss Mitigation Grant Plan

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve by Judy Coyle with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members vote yes.

I.2. Approval of A-G Access Grant Plan

Minutes:

Victoria Baay stated she would like this money to possibly enable her to hire 2 instructional aides for regular education students and Spanish speakers. Currently all instructional aides are working with SpEd. Motion passed. Motion to approve by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Judy Coyle. All members vote yes.

J. PERSONNEL

J.1. Approval of Personnel Items

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve by Judy Coyle with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members vote yes.

J.2. Approval of MOU with CSEA for Educator Effectiveness Tuition Reimbursement Program

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members vote yes.

J.3. Approval of MOU with BSEA for Educator Effectiveness Tuition Reimbursement Program

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Judy Coyle. All members present vote yes.

J.4. Approval of Final Classified Layoff Resolution 2022-11

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve by Valeen Szabo with a second by Judy Coyle. All members vote yes.

K. BUSINESS

K.1. Approval of Proposal from Alisos Tree Service for Tree Trimming

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members present vote yes.

K.2. Approval of Proposal from Locke Air for Kitchen Hood Installation

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members present vote yes.

L. BOARD POLICIES

L.1. First Reading of Updated Board Policies for March 2022

M. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes:

Wednesday, May 11, 2022 at 5:00 PM

N. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve by Valeen Szabo with a second by Judy Coyle. All members vote yes. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM


Board President


Board Clerk

BOARD APPROVED

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