

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

June 08, 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:

Present:

Steve Riehle

Steve Dunn

Judy Coyle

Ramien Shalizi

Mark Stevens

Jessica Gillespie

Absent:

Valeen Szabo

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

Minutes:

5:05 PM

B.1. Report on Closed Session

Minutes:

Nothing to report

C. PROCEDURAL ISSUES PART A / AGENDA

C.1. Call to Order

Minutes:

Meeting called to order at 5:13 PM by President Steve Riehle

C.2. Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Led by President Steve Riehle

C.3. Roll Call

Minutes:

Present:

Steve Riehle

Steve Dunn

Judy Coyle

Ramien Shalizi

Absent:

Valeen Szabo

C.4. Approval of Agenda

Minutes:

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

C.5. Recognitions and Commendations

D. RECESS

Minutes:

5:19 PM

E. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION / PROCEDURAL ISSUES PART B

Minutes:

Reconvened at 5:20 PM

F. Comments from the Public

Minutes:

None

G. CONSENT

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to approve G.1 through G.8 was made by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Steve Dunn. All members present vote yes.

G.1. Purchase Orders / Commercial Warrants

G.2. Contracts

G.2.a. Agreement with WUSD for Transportation Services

G.2.b. Agreement with AALRR for Legal Services

G.2.c. Agreement with SDCOE for Social Work Services Program

G.2.d. Agreement with Lozano Smith for Legal Services

G.2.e. CIF Annual Agreement and Forms

G.3. Revolving Cash

G.4. Collection Advice

G.5. Monthly Financial Report

G.6. ASB Accounting Report

G.7. Student Enrollment

G.8. Donations

H. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES

H.1. Regular Board Meeting 5-11-2022

Minutes:

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

I. REPORTS

I.1. ASB

Minutes:

ASB President David Hernandez was present to introduce the board to the incoming ASB President Jimena Ochoa. Jimena will assume office for the 2022-2023 school year. He also took the time to announce and congratulate the other officers. Hannah Strate-Vice President, Shantell Fuentes-Secretary, Miriam Hernandez-Treasurer

I.2. Charter School

Minutes:

None

I.3. School Community Liaison

Minutes:

Martha Diechler reported:

Rotary just finalized their choices for \$25,000 in scholarships to current graduates as well as a few students continuing their schooling.

She has been reporting on the parent issues in the Sun newspaper, presenting both sides of the issues and the progress being made.

Plans are under way for David Hernandez and Natalia Carmona to travel to Mongolia as Rotary Interact Club members on a service project to bring materials and equipment to a needy school there. She will accompany them.

She is also working closely with Coach Tim White to identify students for BASIC's Summer Academy in 4 areas: grade 2/3 Reading, Middle School Math, ELD and Middle School Writing.

I.4. Principal Reports

I.4.a. Elementary School

Minutes:

Principal Polanco's update included a 4/30/22 Magic show at the County Library by Dana the Magician and a book giveaway. Open house had a good turnout with balloons and music, etc. Classified and Teacher appreciation weeks were acknowledged with lunch x2. The students practiced the "Bees on Campus" drill which is the elementary sites term for Lockdown practices. Spirit week was underway with Crazy Hair day, Nerds rule the World day, Ridiculous Day, Show your Colors day and Twin/Triplet day. On 6/9/22 they will be having the "Waking up Courage" Assembly and wrapping up the week with their Annual Talent Show on Friday (6/10) afternoon. She concluded with a recap of the final week of schools schedule. 6/13/22-End of Year Awards, 6/15/22-Preschool Promotion, and 6/16/22-5th grade Promotion and Sprinkler Day.

I.4.b. Middle / High Principal

Minutes:

Principal Baay began with stating that Tim White was selected as an Athletic Director of the year- Congrats

-Monday night, 6/13/22, Middle School Awards- 5:30-6:30

-Tuesday, 6/14/22, HS awards Night 5:30-6:60

-Wednesday, 6/15/22, 8th grade promotion- Football Field, at 7ish and finally

-Thursday, 6/16/22, 12th grade graduation Football field at 7ish

I.5. Borrego Springs Education Association (BSEA)

Minutes:

BSEA President Polly Macuga gave the following statement:

BSEA is looking forward to starting negotiations soon. We should strongly consider starting upcoming negotiations as soon as possible in order to address teacher retention and attraction of new teachers. This past year we had four unfilled positions, the second grade teacher, a special education teacher, counselor and music teacher. We know of at least 3 more credentialed staff members leaving the district by next year. That means we will be needing to replace 7 in total, maybe more. That would not be a large number for a large district, but for Borrego that is 29% of our credentialed staff. When these positions remain unfilled it places an undue burden on the staff we do have by creating larger class sizes and teachers having to take on more and more responsibilities, which in turn makes it harder to retain those teachers since we are asking them to do more for less pay than other districts.

Many current factors have made it difficult to attract and retain teachers, including our pay scale. However, many were willing to take the cut in pay because of the welcoming environment, inexpensive housing or their ability to commute. Recently, gas prices have skyrocketed making the commute unaffordable and the lack of affordable rentals makes it impossible for new teachers to move here. As for the welcoming environment, well, current events and social media posts have made for a work environment that borders on hostile.

BSEA hopes to be able to work with administration and the board to remedy this situation and attract and retain the teachers and staff our district so desperately needs.

I.6. California School Employees Association (CSEA)

Minutes:

CSEA President Debra Hornberger states they are looking forward to beginning negotiations.

I.7. Chief Business Officer

Minutes:

Jessica Gillespie gave a brief update on the status of the Modernization Project. The first thing to be done next will be the M/H Fence. Plans are expected to be done within the week and since they will not be filing DSA that will help speed up the project. Bid packages to go out in July. Elementary Fence is tied to the parking lot project so this one will have to wait. For classroom modernization, they have a final design meeting on June 24, 2022. This has been a four to five month process but should go pretty quickly once it begins.

I.8. Superintendent

Minutes:

Superintendent Stevens deferred most of his comments to his presentation coming up but is excited for the End Of Year. He is grateful to see the strides in Safety Protocols and stated they have reached out to San Diego Sheriff's Dept., The San Diego County Office of Education and a local retired Sheriff's Deputy to consult and improve future safety protocols and procedures.

I.9. Board of Trustees

Minutes:

Board member Ramien Shalizi introduced Lee & Sarah Rodgers, Retired Naval Officers who live in Borrego Springs and have actively advocated against the placement of SVP's (Sexually Violent Predator's) in or around Borrego Springs. They spoke to the urgency of the community doing everything possible to speak out and have their voices heard against this current proposed placement. This includes writing letters or sending emails to our Senator, Assemblyman and County Supervisor and attending the court hearing in person. They encourage the Board Members and Administration to draft letters, to make sure the Petition is available at all of the end of year functions for signatures, and even have students draft letters and draw pictures to be submitted.

J. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

J.1. Presentation of Preschool Program Self Evaluation

Minutes:

Contractors are required to analyze findings from the self-evaluation and develop both a written list of tasks to modify the program for all areas needing improvement and procedures for ongoing monitoring to assure that areas that are satisfactory continue to meet standards. Also, contractors are required to submit a Summary of Findings of the Program Self-Evaluation (PSE) to the California Department of Education (CDE) by June 1 of every year.

Elementary Principal Polanco stated the program instrument has 20 items and commented to the board members that reviewing the Self-Evaluation is one of the requirements of the program. She commented on the highlight components, very pleased with the parent surveys, working toward having more parent involvement through different programs.

Areas we did not meet standards for this program year include: Health and Social Services, Environment Rating Scale, Desired Results Profile and Data and the Annual Evaluation Plan. The state would like to see more Parent referrals from us to various County programs and implement a follow-up plan to make sure families have accessed the services they need.

J.2. Presentation of Elementary School Behavior Guidance Policy

Minutes:

The Elementary school has updated the existing behavior guidance policy, which outlines expectations and potential consequences for behavior. The policy is largely based on Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS).

J.3. Approval of Updated Elementary School Comprehensive Safety Plan

Minutes:

Motion passed but only with edits. Motion to approve only with edits requested was made by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Judy Coyle. All members present vote yes. Edits include adding a phone tree, a public info liaison officer and a procedure to identify cleared rooms to be visible on the classroom doors.

J.4. LCAP/Engagement/District Goals Update

Minutes:

Superintendent Stevens gave an update on the Engagement portion of the LCAP. Surveys are the main way utilized to gather feedback. The student survey had close to 200 participants. The key take-aways were 37% don't feel safe at school. 45% stated they feel they've been mistreated by another student and 40% feel they are not prepared for college or career. The parent survey yielded 50% do not agree with key items listed. Meaning they don't feel we're adequately staffed, staff needs more training and open & consistent communication needs to improve. The focuses for next year will be Academic success (Math, Writing and Engagement), School Safety (structural improvements), Community Engagement. We are planning a grant to partner with Community Schools program and hiring a Community Schools Coordinator. Dr. Stevens then introduced Carmen Longoria of Julian Pathways, Inc. which is a non-profit that provides wrap around services schools can't provide like signing up for State assistance programs or mental health therapy services, expanded learning and enrichment activities and Community Well-Being.

J.5. Approval of Grant Agreement with Prevent Drowning Foundation of San Diego

Minutes:

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

Cathy Paredes secured a \$9000.00 grant for swim lessons. The goal is to incorporate into Summer Enrichment Programs.

J.6. Approval of 2022-23 School Calendar

Minutes:

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

K. PERSONNEL

K.1. Approval of Personnel Items

Minutes:

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

K.2. Approval of Community Schools Coordinator Job Description

Minutes:

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

K.3. Sunshine Openers from CSEA

Minutes:

Every year the bargaining units and the District sunshine their opening statements for negotiations. These openers generally contain the article to be negotiated along with a brief summary. This is the first step in the process of negotiation for the 2022-23 school year. CSEA has submitted their proposed articles for negotiations. The District has not yet sun shined its openers.

L. BUSINESS

L.1. Approval of Resolution 2022-12 Designating Authorized Representatives to the San Diego County Schools Fringe Benefits Consortium.

Minutes:

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

L.2. Approval of Resolution 2022-13 Designating Authorized Representatives to the San Diego County Schools Joint Powers Authority.

Minutes:

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

M. BOARD POLICIES

M.1. First Reading:

Minutes:

Adopted from CSBA recommendation and reviewed by Mark Stevens, Judy Coyle and Valeen Szabo.

M.2. Second Reading/Approval:

BP 4030 Nondiscrimination in Employment

E(1) 4112.9 Employee Notifications

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BP 4141.6 Concerted Action/Work Stoppage

BP 4241.6 Concerted Action/Work Stoppage

AR 4141.6 Concerted Action/Work Stoppage

AR 4241.6 Concerted Action/Work Stoppage

BP 5111 Admission

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AR 5113 Absences and Excuses

AR 5142 Safety

E(1) 5145.6 Parental Notifications

BP 6173 Education for Homeless Children

AR 6173 Education for Homeless Children

E(1) 6173 Education for Homeless Children

E(2) 6173 Education for Homeless Children y

BB 9322 Agenda/Meeting Materials

Minutes:

Motion to table. A motion to table to the regular board meeting in August 2022 was made by Ramien Shalizi with a second by Steve Dunn. All members present vote yes.

N. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Minutes:

June 29, 2022 at 5:00PM for a Special Meeting/Public Hearing regarding Budget. June 30, 2022 will be the follow up to the Public Hearing. Time to be determined.

O. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Motion passed. Motion to adjourn by Steve Dunn with a second by Ramien Shalizi. All members present vote yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:31PM



Board President



Board Clerk

BOARD APPROVED

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