

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

August 11, 2021 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:

Attendance taken at 4:00 PM

Present:

Judy Coyle

Steve Dunn

Jessica Gillespie

Steve Riehle

Mark Stevens

Valeen Szabo

Curt Yaws

**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:

5:03 PM

**B.1. Report on Closed Session**

Minutes:

Board President Steve Riehle stated there was nothing to report

**C. PROCEDURAL ISSUES PART A / AGENDA**

**C.1. Call to Order**

Minutes:

5:07 PM meeting called to order by Board President Steve Riehle

**C.2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Minutes:

Led by Steve Riehle

**C.3. Roll Call**

Minutes:

All board members present

**C.4. Approval of Agenda**

Minutes:

**Motion Passed:** Motioned by Valeen Szabo and a second by Curt Yaws.

All board members vote yes.

**C.5. Comments from the Public**

Minutes:

None

**D. REPORTS PART A**

**D.1. Recognitions and Commendations**

Minutes:

None to report

**E. RECESS**

Minutes:

None taken

**F. RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION / PROCEDURAL ISSUES PART B**

**G. CONSENT**

Minutes:

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve G.1-G.8 by Curt Yaws and a second by Valeen Szabo.

All board members vote yes.

**G.1. Purchase Orders / Commercial Warrants**

**G.2. Contracts**

Minutes:

Board president Steve Riehle asked about rates for G.2a-c.

Mark Stevens replied rates are determined by Selpa. Mark also stated the G.2e - AALRR Legal Services hold alot of records for the district so the contract is kept current in case needed.

**G.2.a. Agreement with Verbal Behavior Associates for SPED services**

**G.2.b. Agreement with Specialized Therapy Solutions for SPED services**

**G.2.c. Agreement with MWW Integrative Services, LLC, dba FITS for SPED services**

**G.2.d. Agreement with SDCOE for Science Outreach Program**

**G.2.e. Agreement with AALRR for Legal Services**

**G.3. Revolving Cash**

**G.4. Collection Advice**

**G.5. Monthly Financial Report**

**G.6. ASB Accounting Report**

**G.7. Donations**

**H. APPROVAL OF BOARD MINUTES**

Minutes:

**Motion Passed:** Motion to approve H.1 - H.4 by Steve Dunn and a second by Curt Yaws.

No discussion. All board members vote yes

**H.1. Regular Board Meeting 6/9/2021**

**H.2. Special Board Meeting 6/23/2021**

**H.3. Special Board Meeting 6/24/2021**

**H.4. Special Board Meeting 6/30/2021**

**I. REPORTS PART B**

**I.1. ASB**

Minutes:

None reported

## **I.2. Charter School**

Minutes:

None reported

## **I.3. School Community Liaison**

Minutes:

Began with congratulating Lisa Zierath on her promotion, noting that she began her career at BSUSD at the Elementary School under Martha Deichler's direction. Martha knew at that time that Lisa was "going places". Martha is most proud of Lisa!

She has been working on:

Camp Borrego working with ABF (Anza Borrego Foundation) to gather community feedback on the idea of Camp Borrego, a camp/meeting site in Palm Canyon Campground for local families as well as outside visitors.

Food Bank at the newly formed Community Resource Center in the Mall. She works with Dan Wright (Youth and Senior Center) and Jim Wermers (Mall) to deliver a Food Bank every Tuesday to over 120 families.

The Sun Newspaper Writing articles about the school district on a bi-weekly basis.

Rotary Scholarships Rotary is offering scholarships to students who graduated in 2021 or students who graduated in 2020 with extenuating circumstances. Marth is heading up this endeavor.

Home visits She continues to follow up on District's requests for home visits.

Borrego Ministers' Association - working with families' requests for assistance with rent, utilities, gas and food during this time of COVID and job losses.

Santiago Estates County Violations working with San Diego County on assisting families with the numerous violations they are imposing on Santiago Estates residents under penalty of eviction.

Assisting Victoria Baay with the high school intern class with ABDSP.

Assisting with the CIG/CIH Class at the High School.

## **I.4. Principal Reports**

### **I.4.a. Elementary School**

Minutes:

Sherrilynn Polanco yields her time to Tracy Eddy who reported on her summer program as follows:

Focus of the summer program was re-engagement with about 60 students enrolled during the month of July, Tuesday through Friday from 9 am - 1 pm. A typical day consisted of DEAR (Drop Everything And Read)/AR Time, journals, 30 mins of academic programs on computers, Art, academic time in Comprehensive Curriculum workbooks, SEL, recess, and academic free time (such as board games, puzzles, reading, or learning about topics that interested them).

Computers limited to only 30 mins a day since so much time was spent on computers during school year. Class Dojo was used to communicate with families and share photos of all the exciting activities the students were engaged in. Field trips included pool time at the HS each Thursday and a trip to Oasis Camel Dairy, Ramona, and Eagle Mining Co., Julian. Thank you's were given to Cathy and crew for pool and cafeteria, Volunteers who helped with anything needed, The Borrego Springs Library for putting together Summer Reading bags for each student, Jessica, Sugheit and all of transportation, all staff who worked

in the classrooms, Mrs. Polanco for all her help, support and guidance, Mr. Stevens for his vision of providing the program focused on re-engagement.

#### **I.4.b. Middle / High Asst. Principal**

Minutes:

M/H Principal Victoria Baay's report began with a shout out to Sherrilynn Polanco for managing COVID testing during summer school. BASIC was a hit - Reading:

Word Fluency: 92% Of students improved their fluency score. Best growth improvement in a student was with 14 words per minute.

Passage Fluency: 100% of students made growth. I noticed improvement on reading with expression and confidence.

Math: 58% showed an improved scores, with 50% improvement on expressions and equations (which the teachers focused on)

Writing: 82% of the students increased their 5pt rubric score on their 2nd assessment. Much more coherent paragraphs with clear details

ELD: Question 1, 33% of the students improved their score. Question 2, students were required to write a paragraph of at least 3 sentences and use information from the graphic and 50% of students improved that score.

HS Credit recovery: 39 students who were invited to participate, 21-24 showed up. Between them and multiple classes, 24 classes were made up.

ESY: Anywhere from 20-25 students in attendance. Some students worked on credit recovery, some skill building-Swimming on Fridays, Fun field trip at the end Movie theater and pizza

Newcomers: 3-5 students, 2 students worked on English skills and credit recovery This year:

Master schedule pretty set, working on student schedules Yay Christina and Lisa! Teacher PD for all the new curriculum from last year is rolling out.

After presentation, Steve Riehle asked which portion ELD/ELL's struggle with? Victoria Baay responded with wrting, note taking and academic words they don't hear often. Steve Riehle asked how are long time learners as students academically to which Victoria Baay replied they are C average or below.

Curt Yaws applauds ALL staff for doing a great job over the summer.

#### **I.5. Borrego Springs Education Association (BSEA)**

Minutes:

BSEA President Polly Macuga reports they are continuing negotiations.

#### **I.6. California School Employees Association (CSEA)**

Minutes:

No representative present

#### **I.7. Chief Business Officer**

Minutes:

Jessica Gillespie gave a facility update - First phase of plan is done. Meeting on 8/11/2021 went well. She is 80% done with the year end wrap up. Facilities is full swing preparing campuses for new school year reopening. Solar is completely approved.

Curt Yaws asked if testing is complete on the water well? Reply was YES - results go to Borrego Water District. Water is being billed at the discount rate.

### **I.8. Superintendent**

Minutes:

Superintendent Mark Stevens began by echoing Curt Yaws - Great job everyone on everything this summer. Points made regarding the difficulty of completing jobs/projects. There is a nationwide labor and material shortage, but we still have excess cash. Mr. Stevens stated that fencing materials are up 700%.

Curt Yaws questioned that with these excessive costs the budget for the bond work isn't going to work and assumes some projects will be cut. Jessica Gillespie replied that it will be more like "scaling back". Some projects may need cuts like materials used or lighting styles and fencing may have to wait.

Superintendent Stevens concluded with he is excited for the year to start and that the new hires bring excitement.

### **I.9. Board of Trustees**

Minutes:

No comments made

## **J. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

### **J.1. Approval of 21-22 Designation of Representatives to CIF League.**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Steve Dunn with a second from Curt Yaws. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

### **J.2. Approval of SDCOE Interagency Agreement for Providing Educational Support to Students in Foster Care**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Valeen Szabo with a second from Curt Yaws. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

### **J.3. Approval of Revisions to the BSUSD Safe Return to In-person Plan**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Judy Coyle with a second from Valeen Szabo. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

### **J.4. Approval of Revisions to the BSUSD COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Valeen Szabo with a second from Judy Coyle. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

## **K. PERSONNEL**

### **K.1. Approval of Job Description for Cafeteria Cook**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Judy Coyle with a second from Curt Yaws. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

### **K.2. Approval of Personnel Items**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Steve Dunn with a second from Curt Yaws. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

## **L. BUSINESS**

### **L.1. Approval of Proposal from FAIN Drilling for Well Destruction.**

Minutes:

Explanation was given that this proposal is for the proper destruction and capping of the

abandoned well at the Elementary school. That this is the safest way for the valley and must be done to move forward with paving the new parking lot project.

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Judy Coyle with a second from Valeen Szabo. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

**L.2. Approval of Agreement between BSUSD and the Orange County Superintendent for School-based Medi-Cal Administrative Activities services.**

Minutes:

Board President Steve Riehle asks what the recoup would be for this agreement to which Jessica Gillespie replied it is less than last year at \$30,000. Providers don't follow up like they should and we are working on capturing more.

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Valeen Szabo with a second from Curt Yaws. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

**L.3. Approval of 45-day Budget Revision**

Minutes:

The revision includes substantial changes: LCFF is up from 50% to 65% adjusted base grant. ESSER III - \$685,000 now able to be recognized, unemployment proposed to rise but went the other direction. This is still just a projected balance.

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Curt Yaws with a second from Steve Dunn. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

**M. BOARD POLICIES**

**M.1. Approval of BP 6158 and AR 6158 Independent Study**

Minutes:

With the passing of AB130, the rules changed for Independent Study, therefore, the district is required to write and adopt new board policy. Steve Dunn asked who wrote the policy to which the reply was it was adopted from the recommended policy provided by CSBA.

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Valeen Szabo with a second from Judy Coyle. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

**N. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Minutes:


Set for September 8, 2021

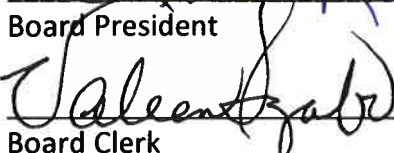
**O. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** motion for approval by Curt Yaws with a second from Valeen Szabo. No further discussion. All members vote yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 PM

  
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Board President

  
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Board Clerk

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