

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

November 10, 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:

4:00 PM

Present:

Steve Riehle

Valeen Szabo

Judy Coyle

Mark Stevens

Jessica Gillespie

**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:

5:00 PM

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

Minutes:

Board President Steve Riehle reports that a new warrant for employee 120775 is approved.

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

**C.1. Call to Order**

Minutes:

Called to order at 5:05 PM by Board President Steve Riehle

**C.2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Minutes:

Led by Board President Steve Riehle

**C.3. Roll Call**

Minutes:

**Present:**

Steve Riehle

Judy Coyle

Valeen Szabo

**Not Present:**

Steve Dunn

Curt Yaws

**C.4. Approval of Agenda**

Minutes:

**Motion passed.** Motion to approve by Valeen Szabo with a second by Judy Coyle.

All members present vote yes.

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

Minutes:

None

**D. REPORTS PART A**

**D.1. Recognitions and Commendations**

Minutes:

**Elementary:**

MURO: Breanna Fuentes

We can always count on Breanna to be participating enthusiastically. Increased effort and self discipline in particular with writing. So proud of you Breanna.

ROSS: Kyle Harris

For being a very conscientious student. He always completes all of his work neatly, follows directions, and is very respectful to everyone. Thank you Kyle

HOWARD: Adriel Garcia

Has excellent citizenship. He sits in his chair quietly, does work completely and is nice to his classmates.

EDDY: Armando Flores

For showing discipline by having improved behavior and demonstrating perseverance in doing his classwork, especially in Writing.

CSERI: Paulina Hernandez

Recognized for "Discipline". Paulina always works hard and uses self control

DIFRANCO: Kenia Marin

Is always doing the right thing even when nobody's watching. She does it in and out of the classroom. The characteristic of the month displayed by Kenia is integrity.

ART - Poole & Duncan: Kate Leffel

Kate is attentive to the projects and respectful of materials. She is always available to assist other students and stays after dismissal to help clean up and put the room in order.

**Middle/High:**

6th- Jordyn Navarro

7th- Alexandra Torres

8th - Jocelyn Medina

9th - Fiona Eddy

10th- Brody White

11th - Hanna Strate

12th - Mirella Torres

**E. RECESS**

Minutes:

5 minute recess at 5:17 PM

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

Minutes:

5:19 PM reconvened due the fact all public attendees had left the meeting.

**G. CONSENT**

Minutes:

Motion Passed: Motion to approve G.1 through G.8 by Judy Coyle with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members present vote yes.

Further discussion regarding G.2.a & b: Steve Riehle inquired as to where the funds were coming from to which the answer was "The General Fund" for the counseling and the Practi-Cal MediCal billing services were it's own resource.

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

**G.2. Contracts**

**G.2.a. Dr. Charles Ukaoma for ERMHS counseling**

Minutes:

Further discussion regarding G.2.a & b: Steve Riehle inquired as to where the funds were coming from to which the answer was "The General Fund" for the counseling and the Practi-Cal MediCal billing services were it's own resource.

**G.2.b. Practi-Cal for MediCal billing services**

Minutes:

Further discussion regarding G.2.a & b: Steve Riehle inquired as to where the funds were coming from to which the answer was "The General Fund" for the counseling and the Practi-Cal MediCal billing services were it's own resource.

**G.2.c. Hungerford Law Firm for workshop**

**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**

Minutes:

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

**I. REPORTS PART B**

**I.1. ASB**

Minutes:

ASB President David Hernandez was present and gave a recap of the students October Spirit Week as well as the upcoming December Spirit Week. He also went over the monies each class has fundraised and what the plans were for future fundraising.

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

Minutes:

No one present to report.

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

Minutes:

None

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

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

Minutes:

Presented by Sherilynn Polaco: our continued areas of focus for the year: Engagement (districtwide), PBIS (schoolwide), recovery from COVID both physically and educationally

Side note

Student turnover (5th grade AR/STAR report example)

36 students at one time were part of this group

only 24 kids currently in that grade level

only 14 have been here since kindergarten/1st gr

Our shared "reasons for leaving" spreadsheet

What happened

General effects of the pandemic on learning

data on average readiness and 2 yrs BGL for CA in Rdg/Math

Early results from our local data (more detail coming in December)

Fall MAP testing shows Math growth affected much more than

Reading/Language

This is consistent with what teachers are reporting- kids missed exposure to concepts. You can read independently and maintain, lose very little, or even continue to improve.

The kids in one grade level are in the lowest 20 percentiles - it's fairly overwhelming!

Ideas on how to fix it (more coming in December)

One intervention we're trying is on tonight's board packet for approval

Meets the criteria for an effective intervention

12 students

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

Minutes:

Presented by Victoria Baay:

Middle school boys 1st place a soccer tournament

MS planning a balboa park day with a donation

Shoe donation in progress MS and high School-Ms. Jenni and I measuring feet

Welding program going good

PSAT and SAT done

A lot of hands on projects/project based learning

Catapults in 8th grade

Cereal box design in Business

Surviving zombie apocalypse  
Drivers ed started for HS

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

Minutes:

None

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

Minutes:

None

**I.7. Chief Business Officer**

Minutes:

None

**I.8. Superintendent**

Minutes:

Superintendent Mark Stevens reports there was a state adjustment to the LCAP which is to facilitate more parent involvement. The report is due in March and will include how they plan to do that. The state is still projecting a good year and possibly additional one time dollars.

**I.9. Board of Trustees**

Minutes:

None

**J. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

**J.1. Presentation of Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Spending Plan**

Minutes:

The Block Grant is something we have received in the past, 2018-2019. It is spent over 5 years in 9 different acceptable areas. Sherilynn stated we will be focusing on Mental Health and Social Wellness.

Steve Riehle shared he is not a fan of block grants at all. He has requested more detailed information is required to be able to vote on in December. Currently has too much verbiage. He's looking for more fidelity in the plan. Valeen Szabo stated she also doesnt like because they are too restrictive and the "purse strings" will inevitably tighten over the next 5 years.

**J.2. Agreement with Kathleen Lee for Reading Intervention**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** Motion to approve by Valeen Szabo with a second by Judy Coyle. All members present vote yes. Currently there are about 12 students to be worked with in the area of the principles of reading.

**K. PERSONNEL**

**K.1. Approval of Personnel Items**

Minutes:

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

**K.2. Approval of Sixth Employment Contract with Mark Stevens, Superintendent.**

Minutes:

As required by California Education Code, the contract with Mark Stevens, Superintendent was read aloud by Steve Riehle prior to vote being cast.

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

**K.3. Approval of Certificated stipend list**

Minutes:

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

**L. BUSINESS**

**L.1. Announcement and Approval of Annual Organizational Meeting to be held on December 15th, 2021.**

Minutes:

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

Board President Steve Riehle requested that the change to December regular meeting to a later date in 2022 for the Annual Organization Meeting be noted.

**M. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**


Minutes:

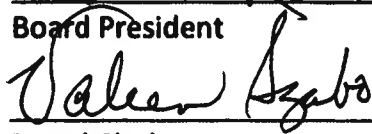
Will take place on December 15, 2021.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

**Motion passed:** Motion to adjourn was made by Valeen Szabo with a second by Judy Coyle. All members present vote yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM

  
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Board President

  
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Board Clerk

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BOARD APPROVED

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