

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

May 11, 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

Steve Dunn

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:

5:05 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 5:11 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

Steve Dunn

Judy Coyle

Valeen Szabo

Ramien Shalizi

#### **C.4. Approval of Agenda**

Minutes:

**Motion Passed.** Motion to approve by Valeen Szabo with a second by Steve Dunn. All members present vote yes.

#### **D. REPORTS PART A**

##### **D.1. Recognitions and Commendations**

Minutes:

##### **ELEMENTARY**

TK/KN MURO: Dean Smiley

Dean is an excellent problem solver and regularly uses these skills to help our class community. He has also shown Integrity in self-reflecting and adjusting in order to achieve his personal goals. We are so proud to call Dean a College Bound Coyote!

KN/1st ROSS: Kaylee Navarro

for being a wonderful student. She completes all of her work independently, neatly, and accurately. She is a great listener, follows directions, and is very respectful. Thank you Kaylee!!

2nd ROBAIR: Adriel Garcia

3rd EDDY: Maylen Navarro

For being an exemplar of BSES PRIDE, especially Perseverance and Respect. She perseveres through challenging school work and is always respectful to adults and classmates.

Nicolas Garcia

For working hard at being a role model for our BSES PRIDE words, especially Discipline and Empathy. He has been making good choices in the classroom and is always eager to help others.

4th CSERI: Sebastian Garcia

Empathy, Sebastian cares about others and how they feel.

5th DIFRANCO: Alessandra Ochoa

For being very respectful, following instructions, and completing her assignments always with a smile and a positive attitude. Alessandra demonstrated perseverance, respect, and discipline during the month of April. Thank you Alessandra for being a good role model for your peers.

ONLINE - Wheeler: Alex Shalizi

Perseverance and respect for those around him.

ART - Poole & Duncan: Jackelynn Rangel

Jacky has empathy, is kind and helpful and does excellent art projects

##### **MIDDLE/HIGH**

6th - Alex Sencion

7th - Elizabeth Hernandez

8th - Travis Asche

9th - Odin Valdez

10th - Alexandra Buchowiecka

11th - Naylea Villareal

12th - William Nagle

#### **E. RECESS**

Minutes:

Recess taken at 5:24 PM

convened from recess at 5:32 PM

#### **F. Comments from the Public**

Minutes:

The meeting was attended by approximately 25 community members and parents. Five speakers had public

comments for the board. The full written comment, if provided, is attached to original board documents and available for review upon request. The main points listed below include, but are not limited to:

**Jolly Macuga:** Spoke as BSEA President, staff, parent and community member. Encourages parents to bring problems to the attention of appropriate people in a respectful manner rather than the "us versus them rhetoric" that was used in a social media post.

**Martha Garcia:** spoke specifically to the Elementary leadership's lack of availability and disrespect, stating she believes issues are being taken out on the kids.

**Jessica Arias:** Notification/Communication to parents was not done in a timely manner regarding the recent incident at the Elementary school. Rules and protocols were not followed. Corresponding authorities were not called. As parents, they are disappointed by the lack of professionalism in the schools imploring all sights to improve for the present and future of their children and teens. Also concerned with fruits and vegetables being cut from the day prior, burgers and sandwiches are cold.

**Lucy Molina:** (Read by Esmeralda Lopez) Annoyed, frustrated and angry with the lack of notification in a timely manner regarding incident at school. There is no good communication today and not for years. Struggle with the administration of the elementary school. Feel they are made fun of to their faces. Calls for the situation to be evaluated to find a solution and avoid future problems.

**Erica Quintero:** Spoke briefly to say they as parents want to work together with the school going forward. There are concerns about federal funding for education and with wish to attend DELAC and the Site Council Meetings.

#### **G. CONSENT**

Minutes:

**Motion passed.** Motion to approve G.1 through G.8 by Valeen Szabo with a second by Ramien Shalizi. All members present vote yes.

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

##### **G.2. Contracts**

**G.2.a. MOU with JUHSD for Transportation**

**G.2.b. MOU with Borrego Springs Art Guild for Dance Instructor**

**G.2.c. Agreement with Jason Kuiper for Lifeguard Training**

**G.2.d. Agreement with SDCOE for Library Media Services**

##### **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. Board Minutes 4-13-22**

Minutes:

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

#### **I. REPORTS PART B**

##### **I.1. ASB**

Minutes:

ASB President David Hernandez was present:

Prom is confirmed for May 28th from 5-9 PM

Tug of war will also be happening at a new location, behind Peyacov's class

AP testing will conclude tomorrow with AP World History

We are continuing with our graduation preparations the last of our junior has agreed to be out escort Interact club took a trip to Dollar general in Salton to buy toiletries and hygiene products to be bagged on Monday and be taken down to the orphanage in Mexicali by Ernie Loza

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

Minutes:

Presentation was given by Lindsay Reese, Area Superintendent. Charter enrollment is at 2562 students. The ADA is at 85%. This year they will have 390 Graduates total with 8 different Graduation Ceremonies. She explained their partnership with Access Inc. and what it provides to their students with Job searching, resume development and workforce training. Excited that Jobs for California Graduates has hired a full time JAG specialist and will be helping students with things like career exploration or college planning. The number of students completing their CTE Business Pathway is increasing and they are happy to report they were able to resume their athletic program.

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

Minutes:

Martha Deichler reported: Rotary is busy reading and scoring 15 scholarship applications. Four are from former students heading into their 2nd year of university and 11 are current seniors. Essays are very well written. Rotary has a chunk of money so we hope to be able to give away a substantial amount of money to students in need.

Mother's Day celebration was held in the Circle on Sunday, May 8. This was OLAX's debut. OLAX stands for Organization for Latinx folks. This group will represent our community's Spanish speaking population in various decisions that will affect our entire community. Examples are the Dollar store, health issues, water decisions, etc.

During this celebration our elementary students danced and the high school Interact students assisted with gathering ballots for the issue of CalFire vs our current BS Fire Dept.

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

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

Minutes:

Principal Sherrilynn Polanco yielded her time to Reading Interventionist Katie Lee for an end of year presentation on her progress with the students. She provided data showing impressive improvements. Students all showed foundational growth and academic confidence, particularly in fluency and phonological awareness. Small group instruction permitted a safe community for learning. Flexible grouping allowed for more individual and targeted instruction. Some of the challenges included wishing there was more time to work on vocabulary. Attention, focus and anxiety as well as school absences impacted the learning.

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

Minutes:

Principal Victoria Baay had only a couple updates:

Testing Season is upon us

State Testing

Elpac testing

Tomorrow College and Career fair trip to IVC

Senior projects next week

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

Minutes: Nothing to report

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

Minutes:

CSEA President Debra Hornberger thanked the board for approving the Education grant MOU with CSEA and stated this is a successor year for the contract.

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

Minutes:

Update on modernization is that the architect was given approval to proceed with the drawings. This will take about 6 months. She received the Lease/Lease back contract which will be coming next month in June. Drinking fountains and bottle fillers have been installed at all campuses and are fully functional. There are updates coming to the weight room soon. Jessica also gave an update to a "surprise Health inspection" visit to Nutrition services which she was pleased to report the Food Service Department passed with 100% and was given an "A" Rating.

## **I.8. Superintendent**

Minutes:

Superintendent Stevens pointed out that three items were NOT on the agenda that should have been. They include the 2022-2023 School Calendar, the CSEA proposal for contract negotiation openers and an MOU with the County Office of Education for Social Worker Intern programs. His key points include but are not limited to:

Parent Advisory meeting on May 19, 2022 where they will discuss DELAC, LCAP and Site Council.

Next month he will be discussing the Summer School funding for Extended Learning plan.

Partnering with BASIC to provide the Summer Reading Program and PIQE.

Looking into building our own 501c4 organization Pathways. This will partially fund ASES. More to come on that. We are also expanding our CTE Program and will be having a CTE Advisory Committee.

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

Minutes:

None

## **J. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION**

### **J.1. Presentation by the After School Education and Safety team.**

Minutes:

Laura Navarro, Ana Fuentes and Ana Hernandez gave presentations on the ASES program.

Elementary: After receiving Supper they work on Homework every day, have reading time and computer lab. Art Class is twice a week. Cooking class not only teaches them how to measure but also valuable life skills like washing dishes and cleaning. Garden club is also two days a week. Dance class is offered three times a week but Friday is Fun Friday where the kids have fun with games and prizes.

Middle School: Students get emails with class sign up information, an overview of the day's activities, the bus schedule, supper schedule and an inspirational quote. Students can participate in Photography Club, Cooking Club, and Basketball Club, do Conditioning Training or simply have computer lab, crafts and more. They like to use their craft projects to decorate the middle school building. Their Community Partners include the Borrego Springs Fire Department, Borrego Art Institute, Boys and Girls Club and the Little league.

### **J.2. Discussion regarding the 2022-23 LCAP**

## **K. PERSONNEL**

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

Minutes:

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

**K.2. Approval of the Declaration of Need (DOR) for the 2022-23 School Year**

Minutes:

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

**L. BUSINESS**

**L.1. Approval of 2020-21 Financial Audit Report**

Minutes:

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

**L.2. Approval of 2020-21 Annual Bond Report**

Minutes:

**Motion passed.** Motion to approve by Steve Dunn with a second by Valeen Szabo. All members present vote yes.

**M. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

Minutes:

Next regular board meeting will be on June 8, 2022.

Any Special Board Meetings will be announced.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

**Motion passed.** Motion to adjourn was made by Valeen Szabo with a second by Steve Dunn. All members present vote yes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 PM

  
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Board President

  
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Board Clerk

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