Bishop Unified School District
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Meeting • March 16, 2023 • 6:30 pm

Board Member, Dr. Claudia Moya-Tanner will be participating via Teleconference from the following location: Private Residence, 140 Gerona Avenue, San Gabriel, CA 91775

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:38 pm
Steve Elia read the Script for Teleconferencing Public Meetings Under Brown Act (Gov't Code Section 54953).
Present: Steve Elia, Dr.Claudia Moya-Tanner, Virginia Figueroa, Kathy Zack, Josh Nicholson, and Katie Kolker.

2.0 FLAG SALUTE – Led by Kate Anderson and Georgia Gastelum

3.0 ADOPT the March 16, 2023 AGENDA

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Kathy Zack, seconded by Virginia Figueroa. None opposed no abstention, and the motion carried by 5-0.

Mr. Elia moved 7.1, 7.2, and 7.3 above 4.0

4.0 RECOGNITION

The Board likes to take this time each month to recognize and say thank you to those among our student body, community, and staff who have "gone the extra mile" for our students and/or the schools in our district.

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SCHOOL BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Set Direction 2. Establish the Structure 3. Demonstrate Support 4. Ensure Accountability 5. Demonstrate Community Leadership

Mission Statement

The Bishop Unified School Governance Team, as representatives of our community, is committed to providing the best education to all students ensuring they reach their full potential.

Governance Team Priorities 2021-2022

1. **Raise academic performance levels K-12 and maintain a balanced curriculum**
2. **Support and monitor annual academic growth through regular review of LCAP metric, assessment, and California School Dashboard data**
3. **Ensure positive student engagement, morale, and school connectedness**
4. **Provide safe and secure campuses**
5. **Recruit, retain, and value a dedicated teaching staff**
6. **Maintain fiscal solvency**

Addressing the Board

There are many different ways individuals may choose to address the Board. Those who wish to request an agenda item may do so by submitting the request in writing, along with supporting documents and information, to the Superintendent at least eight school days prior to a scheduled meeting date. Those wishing to address items on the agenda may do so when recognized by the Board President near the beginning of the meeting or when the President requests public comments when the item is being considered. For matters not on the agenda, there is an opportunity for individuals to address the Board when the Board President requests comments from the public near the beginning of the meeting. The Board shall not take action on such items at that meeting.

4.1 We are very grateful for the community members and agencies that have generously provided their time, equipment, expertise, and resources to respond to various storm and facility related issues on our campuses. A special thank you to Andy Boxley & Casey Dean of Dean's Plumbing, Jess McMurtrie of McMurtrie & Tanksley, Inc., Kendell Weisenberg of Kendall Engineering, and Reds Meadow Pack Station.

4.2 We would like to thank Lowell Prange, Lisa Coleman, Melissa Guse, Alan Swanson, and Stephen Kinney for volunteering for Ski PE Sports at HSMS and BUHS.

4.3 We would like to congratulate the BUHS team for a successful Bronco Pride Night.

5.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - Items of Interest not Addressed on the Formal Agenda:

This time is set aside at each meeting for members of the audience to speak to the Board regarding questions or issues, not on the agenda. No action may be taken, but items may be placed on a future agenda. Please limit public comments to two minutes per speaker.

Several Parents and Community members shared their concerns about some of the curriculum used at Home Street Middle School (Sex Education through Inyo County Office of Education, and The Poet X Book).
A couple of community members shared that students should be learning and reading to expand their minds and experiences outside of Bishop.
A staff member at HSMS asked for more time with the current administration and not to have an admin transfer.

6.0 BOARD MEMBERS

This item is included to allow all Board members to report about various matters involving the District and/or to request any items for future agendas. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions, and no action will be taken unless listed as a subsequent agenda item.

6.1 Next Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, April 20, 2023, at 6:30 pm, In-Person will be held at Palisade Glacier High School, and via Zoom Webinar/Teleconference

Mr. Nicholson requested an AVID presentation and a presentation regarding the sex education curriculum on an upcoming agenda.

7.0 REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

7.1 BUHS Band – Ryan Mills and Students – Mr. Mills shared what the Music Program offers to 5th- 12th graders. The program currently has 5th Grade Band, Concert Band, Symphonic Band, Bronco Marching Band and Color Guard, Wind Ensemble, and Jazz Band. Next school year the Bronco Marching Band and Color Guard will attend the WGI (Winter Guard International). A few of the BUHS students that are in the program performed and showed the Board of Trustees their talent.

7.2 ASB President Report – Kate Anderson – Ms. Anderson shared that the 3rd quarter is ending at the end of this week, Spring sports have started, and ASB is announcing the 2023 Prom theme this Friday.

7.3 BUHS Student Senate Report – Georgia Gastelum – Ms. Gastelum reported that the Student Senate is moving forward with another project, painting the English Building bathrooms. She also shared the check-in results. The Student Senate thanked Mr. Kalk for attending their last closed panel meeting and approving their Wellness Wednesday workshops.

7.4 Administration Reports – (enclosures)

7.4.1 Dr. Gretchen Skrotzki/Adam Routt, Bishop Elementary School – Dr. Skrotzki's report shared a list of action items the BES staff/teachers are doing this month to attain their District LCAP Goals.

7.4.2 Derek Moisant/Dr. Anthony Hughes, Home Street Middle School – Mr. Moisant's report covered attendance, PLC Training, SLC (Student Led Conferences), Trout in the Classroom, Art, Vaping Cessation, and Fishing Club.

7.4.3 Dave Kalk/Juan Strutton, Bishop Union High School – Mr. Kalk's report shared SPSA Goals, WASC Critical Areas for Improvement, Facilities, Bronco Pride Night, and Benchmarks for Quarter 2. Fun Fact: In 1958, there was no Bronco on the gym floor.

7.4.4 Patrick Twomey, Alternative Education, (Palisade Glacier High School, Keith Bright, and Bishop Independent Study) – Mr. Twomey's report covered data comparisons from 2016 to present in enrollment, attendance, and credit-earning rates.

7.5 Katie Kolker, BUSD Superintendent

7.5.1 Prop 28: Arts Education – BUSD is expected to receive Prop 28 funds for Arts Education for all campuses. These funds can support Dance, Music, Theatre, Media Arts, and Visual Arts. Dr. Moya-Tanner asked if these are one-time funds. Superintendent, Kolker shared the funds are ongoing each year.

7.5.2 SBHIP Mental Health Grant / NorthStar Counseling Services – Superintendent, Kolker shared that she found out last week that the grant has been fully funded through December 2024. The district intends to expand our current behavioral health program, North Star Counseling Center, and this will increase school-based mental health services.

7.5.3 Methane Mitigation – BES has four buildings that have methane issues after storms, and we have found ventilation is very effective. The gas levels are checked daily and are consistently lower than they were in January. FEMA/Cal OES request for Public Assistance has been submitted, and we are requesting new buildings through FEMA.

7.5.4 Governance Team Training – The training is scheduled for April 14-15, 2023.

7.5.5 BES Modulars – Superintendent, Kolker shared the projected cost of 1.6 million, and the projected timeline for starting the groundwork & foundation in the Summer of 2023 and moving in the Summer of 2024.

Mr. Elia asked about the status of the land acknowledgment and meeting with the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council. Superintendent, Katie Kolker shared that the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council would support this, and she will work with BUSD Native American Liaisons for verbiage and take it back to the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council for their approval prior to presenting a final draft to the board.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Items included on the consent agenda may be approved by a single vote of the Board; any items which warrant further discussion may be separated for discussion and/or approval.

8.1 Approval, Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, February 23, 2023 (enclosure) - Item 10.6 has a typo, it should read "one opposed" not, "none".

8.2 Approval, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, February 27, 2023 (enclosure)

8.3 Approval, Sport/Academic Trips

8.3.1 BUHS / FFA State Conference / Ontario, CA / March 16-19, 2023

8.3.2 BUHS / Auto Shop II, Stem Program Convention / Las Vegas, NV / March 13-14, 2023

8.4 Approval, Temporary Confidential Management Contract, Juan Strutton, 100% FTE, Campus Supervisor at Bishop Union High School for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.

8.5 Approval and Ratification, Routine Personnel Matters

Hires/Transfers/Offers of Employment 2022-2023

Juan Strutton / Classified / Confidential Management / Campus Supervisor / BUHS
Judi Hopper / Temporary Classified / Confidential / Sub / District Office
Laurel Schoerner / Classified / Rams After School Support / BES
Heather Burke / Classified / Health Clerk Assistant / BUSD
Priscilla Snyder / Classified / Substitute / BUSD

RESIGNATION/CLOSE FILE/PROMOTION 2022-2023

Bob Church / Certificated / Dean of Students / BUHS / Re-Retiring
Alex Greenland / Classified / MOT Department / BUSD / Retiring

ACTION: A motion to approve 8.0 with Item 8.1 typo correction to be made from none to one opposed, and Item 8.4 tabled until the April Board Meeting was made by Josh Nicholson, seconded by Virginia Figueroa. None opposed no abstention, and the motion carried by 5-0.

9.0 DISCUSSION/APPROVAL ITEMS:

9.1 Approval, Non-Attendance Day for Palisade Glacier High School April 27-28, 2023 to attend CCEA Conference (enclosure)

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Kathy Zack, seconded by Virginia Figueroa. None opposed no abstention, and the motion carried by 5-0.

9.2 Discussion/Approval, Acceptance of Annual Financial Report/Audit Certification, Bishop Unified School District (enclosure) – CBO, Stephanie Fritz wants to point out two enclosures, the letter to the Auditors, the first-page listing responsibilities, two important sentences you are looking for. Audit one page one second paragraph. Steve asked about recommendations. Kz – thanked Stephanie. JN – do we need to vote on this tonight?

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Kathy Zack, seconded by Virginia Figueroa. None opposed no abstention, and the motion carried by 5-0.

9.3 Discussion/Approval, 2022/2023 Second Interim Report (enclosure) - Josh Nicholson mentioned after talking to teachers, they are still spending their own funds on supplemental materials. CBO, Ms. Fritz shared that since the December Meeting, action has taken place and that $500 was given per grade level for teachers to purchase desired supplemental materials and they are using those funds.

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Steve Elia, seconded by Kathy Zack. One opposed no abstention, and the motion carried by 4-1. Josh Nicholson Opposed.

9.4 Discussion/Approval, 2022/2023 Transportation Plan (enclosure) – Superintendent, Kolker shared that there is a new requirement to have a transportation plan, and the state will reimburse BUSD roughly 60%.

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Kathy Zack, seconded by Virginia Figueroa. None opposed no abstention, and the motion carried by 5-0.

9.5 Discussion/Approval, Contract with Gigakom to Provide Network Equipment through the Federal E-Rate Program (enclosure) – Josh Nicolson asked if the equipment is for a specific site. The focus is at PGHS per CBO, Stephanie Fritz.

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Josh Nicholson, seconded by Virginia Figueroa. None opposed no abstention, and the motion carried by 5-0.

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

10.1 Mediation Settlement Agreement and Release for Tort Liability Claims 2022042560, 2022042555, 2022042572, 2022042571, 2022042576, 2022042561, 2022042579, 2022042580, 2022042582, 2022042567, 2022042568, 2022042269, 2022042564, 2022042393, and 2022042584 (enclosure)

10.2 Conference with District Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6) Bishop Unified School District's Teachers' Association (CTA/BTA) and Bishop Unified School District's Classified Bargaining Unit (CSEA) District Negotiator: Katie Kolker, Superintendent.

10.3 Discuss Progress Towards Superintendent Goals

11.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

11.1 Report out of Closed Session

ACTION: A motion to approve Item 10.1 (re: Item 2.2 of the mediation settlement agreement) was made by Kathy Zack, seconded by Virginia Figueroa. One opposed no abstention, and the motion carried by 4-1, contingent upon the language in Items 1 and 2 of the document reflecting services to be provided through High School. Josh Nicholson opposed.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT - 9:01 pm

Steve Elia, President — 4/20/2023 Date

Dr. Claudia Moya-Tanner, Clerk — 4/20/2023 Date

Respectfully Submitted by:
Marnie Casteel
BUSD Administrative Assistant