Bishop Unified School District
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Meeting • October 22, 2020 • 6:30 pm

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1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:34 pm

Present: Kathy Zack, Dr. Claudia Moya-Tanner, Virginia Figueroa, Trina Orrill, Dr. Taylor Ludwick

2.0 FLAG SALUTE – Led by HSMS ASB Student, R. Van Nest

Kathy asked Katie to give a brief update regarding the past few days:
Katie shared that a smoke day constitutes a matrix from air quality control was in the purple, level 5, which is considered unhealthy. If the AQI is over 200 and/or the PM 2.5, levels are over 75 warrants school closure (during COVID). Monday and today, the AQI readings were in the low 200's and PM 2.5 levels were in the high 80's.
We had confirmation yesterday evening that we have a student who tested positive with COVID-19. Superintendent Kolker shared a General COVID Exposure Communication Timeline. Dr. Taylor Ludwick asked about the interaction between BUSD and Public Health. Katie shared she is in frequent contact, last night for an example she was on the phone with them at 10:30 and all day today. Katie shared the HEPA Filters should be here next week.

3.0 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.

3.1 Thank you to Grocery Outlet donated a pallet of water to Bishop Elementary School for students without water bottles.

3.2 Thank you to Forbis Electric for donating time and materials putting in ultra violet LED's into Mr. Willy's rock cabinet so that he can show the kids all 3 different frequencies of glow in the dark. Mr. Willy said "It's so cool I've only ever seen it at one museum". The materials alone costs $1,700.00.

3.3 Thank you to St. Vincent de Paul Society for continuing support through donations of student supply kits at Bishop Elementary School. The society has donated well over 100 school supply kits for students in need during these difficult times.

3.4 We would like to thank the greater Bishop Community for their generosity during our Water Fountain Campaign at Bishop Elementary School.
Link to write up: BES Water Campaign

3.5 Thank you to the Inyo County Office of Education for purchasing HEPA air purifiers for every classroom and school office.

Trina would like to thank administration (Supt, Prins and Asst Prins), they are piecing together the impossible and working very hard on the communication piece. Without communication, this would be hard, thank you for the long hours and hard work.

Midge would like to thank the cafeteria staff; 1400 meal bags are going out daily. The bags are taking up half the BAC – the effort going into this is phenomenal. More meals are being served than when regular school is in session.

4.0 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 -

There was one public comment regarding trust and communication regarding the last minute decision to call a smoke day on Monday 10/19 was chaotic and unpopular, but the right thing to do.

5.0 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.

5.1 Next Regular Board Meeting – November 19, 2020 at 6:30 pm
In Person will be held in the MP Room at Home Street Middle School
and Via Zoom Webinar/Teleconference

Trina asked why we aren't holding it at Tribal Chambers. Katie shared during this time since we are just getting back into swing of in person, we are not ready but we will plan to meet there this school year.

6.0 REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 ASB President Report – Tylar Banta – ASB cannot host any events due to COVID-19 right now, but they were able to donate to the LINK Crew for the take-out dinners passed out at Freshman Orientation. Tylar and two other ASB Student Body members met with the WASC Committee via Zoom and discussed how they felt about the school. It was an enlightening experience and Tylar was glad she was able to be apart of it. ASB is currently discussing how to hold meetings through the school's hybrid model. Last week 3 "A" students met in-seat while the 21 "B" students attended via Zoom. In the upcoming weeks, they are hoping to switch it up and have the "A" attend via zoom and the "B" attend in-seat.

6.2 School Nurse Report - Jayme Everhart, RN – For the 2019-2020 school year, the health office traffic that came through (this includes screenings and medical procedures) by site were: BES total visits were 8601, HSMS had 3406 and BUHS had 4595. Her Vision for the next few year is to muddle through it, with our current conditions with COVID, Distance Learning and smoke days. She would like to try to streamline health office practices all charting the same and doing the same at all sites, draft policies for sub and new hires will see what needs to be done in certain situations.

6.3 Administration Reports (enclosures)

6.3.1 Dr. Gretchen Skrotzki/Garrett Carr, Bishop Elementary School - Kathy Zack said thank you so much for the phenomenal material put together and being the first site to jump into the pond, congratulations. Dr. Claudia Moya-Tanner - Thank you, it's very complete and detailed handbook. Trina Orrill wanted to reiterate that admin is doing a phenomenal job; this is tangible proof of that. Dr. Gretchen Skrotzki: They rolled out TK-2 and grades 3-5 will start next week. This is a perfect for us, we had time to work out kinks and we did not have those kinks when 3-5 came. Teachers loved having the kids back and kids were overheard asking, "We cannot stay longer". We have one bump in road with one student testing positive, but we are cleaning and doing everything we can to keep everyone safe.

6.3.2 Derek Moisant/Danielle Grate, Home Street Middle School – Trina stated that Mr. Moisant has prepared another fabulous handbook. What is your biggest challenges and success? Derek thanked Trina for the kind words. He proceeded to say that it takes a team, we have a great team, and he thanked Dave and Gretchen for sharing their input to help. Two days HSMS had smooth rollout of kids, they know what to do. HSMS Assistant Principal, Danielle Grate shared it was going well; students on Tuesday asked if they can come on Friday since they missed Monday, she thought it was sweet. Board President, Kathy Zack said, you guys are doing magic and we appreciate it, she is impressed with everyone.

6.3.3 Dave Kalk/Jordan Rose, Bishop Union High School – Kathy asked Dave if any comments from WASC and reopening, how do you think your kids are doing? How is reopening going? Dave shared overall on campus has been amazing, the teachers stepped up, and the routine picked up by students very quickly. Mr. Kalk also said, there has been an adjustment for students and families routines when not on campus. Right now, there is not enough instructional time and we are trying to make sure there is adequate instruction with the kids. Huge shout out to our Dean of Students, Jordan Rose, the reopening docs fine-tuned by him.

6.3.3.1 BUHS Student Senate Report – Clara Place is the Vice Chair on the Student Senate and a Senior. The Student Senate has been able to continue their meetings and they even had their first open-panel meeting last night. They have monthly meetings on the second Wednesday of every month at 6:00 p.m. The Student Senate has decided to tackle a few main topics this year, mental health and inclusion as well as the continued goal of hearing from the voice of the student body (especially during the pandemic). Kathy asked what the distinction between ASB and Student Senate is. Clara shared that ASB is ran through BUHS and has a teacher advisor, where the student senate is ran by students that meet outside of school and they are the voice for students; they do have Mrs. Greene as their advisor.

6.3.4 Patrick Twomey, Alternative Education, (Palisade Glacier High School, Keith Bright and Bishop Independent Study) – Kathy asked Principal, Pat Twomey how it is going in the foothills. Mr. Twomey shared that there has been some smoke, but it is not as bad as you get further up towards campus. Teachers are working extraordinarily hard to teach the students. PGHS /KB sites are in session 5 days a week. Pat shared he is very happy that the district has let the Palisade students ride the new electric school bus and the kids are riding in style. Phillip Kane is doing well, and we will continue to have him teach the native language in future blocks. The Board asked if there is the enough room on bus for social distancing. Mr. Twomey said, yes, one student per seat, its working just fine.

6.4 Katie Kolker, BUSD Superintendent

6.4.1 Enrollment and Attendance Update – BUSD's overall enrollment is at 1960 students, this is down from last August 2019 (2087 students), August 2020 (1981 students) and September 2020 (1978). Attendance as of 10/20/20, BES is at 92.5%, HSMS is at 83%, PGHS is at 70%, and BUHS is at 91%.

6.4.2 AB1808 – Suicide Prevention Training – This training is for all BUSD staff members, Middle School and High School students thanks to BUSD Counseling Team and ICOE SELPA. Our SRO will be participating in the training as well.

6.4.3 Bishop Elementary School Fence Project – Boyd Fencing is currently in the process of putting up the fencing around the BES campus.

6.4.4 NIH COVID-19 Testing for Teachers – Our Teachers have the opportunity to take part in the NIH COVID Drive-through COVID Testing on most Tues/Wed/Thurs mornings from October 29th through December 17th. The hospital will bill the teachers insurance as a "critical infrastructure worker".

6.4.5 Student Perspectives on Coming Back to Campus – "Thank you for keeping us safe." "Thank you for letting us go back to school." Thank you for actually taking this COVID stuff seriously." "I'm glad to finally get a break from staring at the screen." "I can't believe I'm so happy to be back." "It's nice to see my teachers and friends again."

7.0 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.

7.1 Approval, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, September 15, 2020 (enclosure)

7.2 Approval, Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, September 17, 2020 (enclosure)

7.3 Intent to employ Michelle Howell as a Tier II Behavioral Counselor under a Variable Term Waiver Request (WV1 Form), Designated Subjects, Special Subjects, Limited to Pupil Personnel Services: Counseling, Psychology, Social Work for the 2020-2021 school year.

7.4 Approval, Quarterly Uniform Complaint Report Summary (enclosures)

7.5 Approval, First Year Probationary Contract, Christina Longhini, 100% FTE, 5th Grade Teacher at Bishop Elementary School for the 2020-2021 school year

7.6 Approval, 2020/2021 Inter-District Transfers
(Confidential Documents in District Office)

Student ACT, Kindergarten / ESUSD to BUSD	new
Student ACU, 12th Grade / BPUSD to BUSD	new
Student ACV, Kindergarten / ESUSD to BUSD	new
Student ACW, 3rd Grade / ESUSD to BUSD (ICOE)	new
Student ACX, 8th Grade / MUSD to BUSD	new
Student ACY, 2nd Grade / RVJESD to BUSD	new
Student ACZ, Kindergarten / RVJESD to BUSD	new

7.7 Approval, MOU with BTA, School Reopening Instruction Guidelines and Safety Guidelines (revised October 2, 2020) – Tabled by Board Trina Orrill shared she is not comfortable with some of the language, would prefer to have different wording with school reopening. The rest of the Board Members did not feel comfortable voting without knowing what Trina was referring too.

7.8 Approval and Ratification, Routine Personnel Matters
Hires/Transfers/Offers of Employment 2020-2021

Christina Longhini / Certificated / 5th Grade Teacher (replacing C. London)
Shawna Kane / Classified / Transfer from BUHS Guidance to BUSD I.T. (replacing L. Arntsen)
Carrie Brooks / Classified / Transfer from PGHS to BUHS Guidance (replacing S. Kane)
Janice Worley / Classified / Transfer from BES Yard Aide to Café' FSW II (replacing L. Apted)

ACTION: A motion to approve 7.1 – 7.6 & 7.8 was made by Virginia Figueroa, seconded by Dr. Claudia Moya-Tanner. None opposed no abstentions and the motion carried by 5-0. 7.7 was pulled from the consent agenda and Tabled.

9.0 CLOSED SESSION

9.1 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.

10.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

10.1 Report out of closed session – Nothing to Report Out.

11.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:07 PM

Kathryn Zack, President — 11-19-20 Date

Virginia Figueroa, Clerk — 11-19-20 Date

Respectfully Submitted by:
Marnie Casteel
BUSD Administrative Assistant

Bishop Unified School District

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 2019-2020

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**

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