

BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, May 21, 2020
4:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular Meeting – Wednesday, March 18, 2020
5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Open Forum: Items Not Included on the Agenda:

*The public may address the board on any matter pertaining to the school district that is not on the agenda. Unless otherwise determined by the board, each person is limited to 5 minutes per item. If you wish to speak during the Open Forum, please obtain a card that is on the table along with the agenda; fill the card out completely and give it and any supporting materials (e.g. copies of your remarks, charts or graphs, copies of articles or reports) to the administrative assistant or superintendent/principal. Please turn your card in prior to the beginning of the Open Forum. Your card and materials will be presented to the President of the Board, who will call upon you during the Open Forum. Board members are legally prohibited from discussing non-agenda items and, therefore, will not respond to items presented in the Open Forum. **The board encourages the public to be mindful of, and exercise discretion when making comments about individual students.***

Items Included on the Agenda:

The board encourages your participation in its deliberations and has tried to make it convenient for you to express your views to the board. If you wish to address the board on an agenda item, please obtain a card that is on the table along with the agenda; fill the card out completely and give it and any supporting materials (e.g. copies of your remarks, charts or graphs, copies of articles or reports) to the administrative assistant or superintendent/principal. Please turn your card in prior to the presentation of the item you wish to address. Your card and materials will be presented to the President of the Board, who will call upon you at the appropriate time during the discussion of that agenda item. At regular meetings, the board will follow this format for major agenda items:

- *staff presentation*
- *preliminary board and staff discussion*
- *community participation*
- *board deliberation and decision, if appropriate*

During study sessions and special meetings, this format may vary.

PUBLIC COMMENT (cont.)

Board agendas are very full and time is limited. For that reason, we request that you speak only once on an item and that you limit your remarks either when addressing an agenda item or when speaking in the Open Forum to a maximum of five minutes. If numerous individuals request to speak on a particular item or in the Open Forum, the President of the Board may limit the total time allocated to that item, thereby reducing the time for each speaker.

A citizen may request to place an item on the board agenda by submitting a written request and supporting information to the superintendent/principal ten days prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. The superintendent/principal, in consultation with the President of the Board, will determine at which upcoming regular board meeting the item will be scheduled. The person who requested the item will be allowed five minutes at the meeting to present the information to the board. Following this presentation, the board may address the issue, put the issue on a future agenda for more discussion and action, refer the issue to the administration for follow-up, or take no action.

6. INFORMATION SECTION

- a. Calendar (**Indicates off campus events that the Superintendent/Principal is scheduled to attend.)
- Mon, 5/25 Memorial Day
 - Thurs, 6/4 6th Grade Virtual Graduation: 11:00
 - Fri, 6/5 Teacher Workday
 - Thurs, 6/25 Students' First Day of Summer!
 - Thurs, 8/13 School Board Meeting: 4:00 (Library)
 - Tentative First Day of the 2020/2021 School Year!
- b. Board Members' Comments & Correspondence
- c. PTA Report
- Barn Bash Wrap Up
 - 2020/21 PTA Officers
- d. Superintendent's Report
- COVID 19 Update
 - COVID 19 Update: CA Education Budget

California schools face 'devastating' coronavirus cuts as they struggle to reopen (5/18)

California school districts face major funding cuts that could potentially lead to teacher and staff layoffs and leave some schools struggling to safely reopen campuses in the fall, according to district officials and educators. The proposed budget hit to schools, about \$19bn split over the next two years, worsens their existing financial challenges and does little to help with pandemic-related costs. Responding to the revised budget unveiled Thursday by Gov. Gavin Newsom, Xilonin Cruz-Gonzalez, president of the California School Boards Association, said: "This budget would be insufficient in ordinary times, and is less than what is required for most schools to reopen safely during a pandemic." Other school leaders likened the proposed cuts to those during the Great Recession of a decade ago. "The proposed education cuts for the 2020-21 budget will be devastating at a time when students need more support," said E. Toby Boyd, president of the California Teachers Association, and "will lead to cuts to vital student programs, educator layoffs, furlough days and pay cuts just like it did during the last recession when we lost 33,000 educators."

[Los Angeles Times San Francisco Chronicle NBC Bay Area](#)

INFORMATION SECTION (continued)

- COVID 19 Update: Thoughts About Re-Starting School

EdSource: We must get kids back to school — safely (Commentary) (5/5)

Every California parent, student and educator wants to know when schools will reopen, and for good reason. Children want to be with their teachers and friends. Educators, too, miss their students and want to see them in person again. And parents who are struggling to teach their children while worrying about the economy want and need to get back to work.

So, when will schools physically reopen? With Gov. Gavin Newsom's announcement Monday that the state is getting ready to modify certain statewide stay-at-home orders, this question is now top of mind.

As he has in the past, Gov. Newsom emphasized that safety is the prime consideration in easing restrictions. "We'll get through this," he said, "but we have to do it together and we have to do it through the prism of public health."

To support the safety of children and adults, schools will likely operate quite differently. Looking at the contexts in other countries that have maintained or re-opened school successfully, we see a range of approaches to physical distancing and hygiene, as well as checking symptoms and tracing cases daily so that staff or students who have been exposed can stay home.

These steps help keep everyone safe. They also require us to fully close the digital divide so that all students and staff have the computers and connectivity for distance learning, which will be an ongoing need — both to enable students and staff to step out of physical school when there is a need to isolate and to be prepared for additional closures in case of a recurrence of Covid-19.

While thinking about changes to the physical school environment, we cannot ignore the changes to instruction and supports to address the effects of trauma, narrow gaps and remove learning obstacles for those most hard hit. All of these things will demand both creativity — which California's educators have in abundance — and funding, which is a much bigger challenge.

Capital Public Radio: Temperature checks, isolation rooms, closed playgrounds: schools could look much different in a COVID-19 world (5/18)

Going back to campus could be a very different experience for California's more than 6 million K-12 students once schools eventually reopen.

Educators and health experts say it's possible campuses will open this fall, but only after measures are in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Those could include temperature checks for students and staff upon arrival, adding isolation rooms for sick students, making playgrounds off-limits and even suspending sports and choir groups.

"I think social distancing is still going to be required. I do see temperature checks on every student, every day. Even possibly testing of students periodically, as well as the faculty," said Jeff Freitas, president of the California Federation of Teachers, which represents 120,000 teachers and staff at public and private schools across the state.

Last month, Gov. Gavin Newsom estimated schools could reopen as early as July or August. A CapRadio reader asked us whether that timeframe was realistic. The answer might vary by region. State and federal health officials can offer guidance, but individual school districts will ultimately decide when to reopen. In many rural California counties, for example, there are few COVID-19 cases. Freitas said he expects schools could reopen sooner in those areas.

While safety is a top priority in reopening, so is funding. Newsom unveiled a revised state budget Thursday that cuts K-12 and community college funding by 13 percent, reducing the state's overall investment from \$81 billion last year to \$70.5 billion. Those cuts will make it "highly difficult for us to reopen" K-12 schools in California this fall, Freitas, the teachers union president, said.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The superintendent may share pertinent correspondence at this time.

- a. Letter from Santa Barbara County Superintendents to Tony Thurmond (CA Stat Superintendent of Public Instruction)
- b. Interim Financial Report Analysis and Recommendations
The SBCEO concurs with the district's positive certification of the 2nd Interim Report.

8. CONSENT AGENDA

The board will be asked to approve all the following items by a single vote, unless any member of the board or public requests an item be removed from the consent agenda and considered and discussed separately.

- a. Approval of Warrants 607146 – 607154 (3/13/2020)
 609789 – 609804 (4/3/2020)
 610492 – 610495 (4/10/2020)
 612104 – 612108 (4/24/2020)
- b. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll (3/31/202 & 4/30/2020)
- c. Quarterly Report on Williams Complaints: January – March 2019
Background: No complaints received

Recommendation: *Approve the Consent Agenda*

9. PERSONNEL MATTERS

- a. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding between the Ballard School District and the Ballard Education Association
Background: The Memorandum of Understanding outlines the agreements between the District and the Ballard Education Association related to the COVID-19 pandemic.
Recommendation: Approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ballard School District and the Ballard Education Association

10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Completion of Election Forms between the Ballard School District and the County Registrar of Voters
 - Resolution #2019/2020 – 6: Order of Election
 - Request for Consolidated Election Services
 - Notice of Elective Office to Be Filled
 - Resolution #2019/2020 – 7: Regarding Candidate Statements
 - District and Elected Officials Information Sheet
- b. Approval of Amendments to the Santa Barbara County SELPA's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement
Background: Ballard is a member of the Santa Barbara County Special Education Local Plan Area (SELPA) with the other districts in Santa Barbara County. The SELPA annually amends the JPA agreement and requires approval from each school district.
Recommendation: Approval of the amendments to the Santa Barbara County SELPA's Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement

11. BUSINESS MATTERS

- a. Approval of Agreement between the District and Moss, Levy, & Hartzheim LLP (MLH) for the Annual Audit
Background: The district has worked with MLH for the past several years and has been pleased with their recommendations and audits. The annual audit will cost the district \$6,635. (This is a \$225 increase over the prior year.)
Recommendation: Approval of the agreement between the district and MLH
- b. Review Current Board Report: Funds 01, 14, 17, 25

12. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 4:00 PM in the Ballard School Library. A public hearing will be held regarding the Ballard School District's 2020/2021 Budget.

13. CLOSED SESSION

- a. None Scheduled

14. ADJOURNMENT – Time: _____

Any materials required by law to be made available to the public prior to a meeting of the Board of Trustees Of the District can be inspected at the following address during normal business hours:

**Ballard School Office
2425 School Street
Solvang, CA 93463
805-688-4812**

REASONABLE ACCOMMODATION FOR ANY INDIVIDUAL WITH A DISABILITY

Pursuant to the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, any individual with a disability who requires reasonable accommodation to attend or participate in a meeting or function of the Ballard School District may request assistance by contacting the district/school office, 2425 School Street, Solvang, CA 93463; telephone 805-688-4812; or fax 805-688-7325 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting.