

BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, March 18, 2020
4:00 PM in the Multipurpose Room

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Chris Kazali called the meeting to order at 4:02 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

All board members were present. There were no guests.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rick Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the regular meeting held Thursday, February 13, 2020 were approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Tracey Cassidy, and passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

6. INFORMATION SECTION

a. Calendar

(**Indicates off campus events that the Superintendent/Principal is scheduled to attend.)

Allan Pelletier explained that all the events through the end of April are canceled or postponed because of the COVID-19 school closure.

- Mon, 3/16 Walk Through Ancient Civilization (6th)
- Tues, 3/17 Walk Through California (4th)
Walk Through American Revolution (5th)
**SYV Special Education Consortium Meeting: 12:30 (Buellton)
- Fri, 3/20 Street Beats 'Repurposed Percussion' Assembly
- Mon, 3/23 5th gr to Arroyo Burro Beach / Watershed Resource Center
- Tues, 3/24 3rd gr to Santa Barbara Botanic Gardens
- Mon, 3/30 6th gr D.A.R.E. Graduation: 2:00
PTA Board Meeting: 5:30
- Mon, 4/1 Spring Sing (*event will likely be canceled/postponed*)
- Mon, 4/6 – Mon, 4/13 Spring Break
- Tues, 4/14 School Resumes
- Tues, 4/14 – Fri, 4/17 6th gr to Camp Keep (Outdoor School)
- Mon, 4/20 5th gr to Santa Barbara natural History Museum

INFORMATION SECTION (continued)

- Tues, 4/21 **SYV Special Education Consortium Meeting: 12:30 (Buellton)
- Thurs, 4/23 Battle of the Books (SBCEO)
School Board Meeting: 4:00 (Library)
- Friday, 4/24 MBW String Quartet: 2:00 (MP room)
- Thurs, 4/30 Ballard to Sound of Music: PCPA Santa Maria
3:00 Dismissal (K – 6th)
- Thurs, 5/21 PTA's Family Dinner (5:30), Open House (6:00), Time Capsule (7:15)
- Fri, 5/22 Fun Day
- Fri, 5/29 Talent Show

b. Board Members' Comments & Correspondence

None

c. PTA Report

Allan Pelletier reported on behalf of the PTA that the Barn Bash was a huge success! He expressed his appreciation to all those who worked to put together this fantastic event as well as those who attended.

d. Superintendent's Report

• COVID – 19 Update

- All schools in Santa Barbara County will be closed at least until April 14th.
- At a press conference yesterday, the Governor stated that he doubts many schools will reopen this year.
- Teachers worked Monday and Tuesday.
- Work packets have been sent home to all students.
- Teachers met to learn Zoom and are planning to use this platform to stay in touch with their students.
- Allan Pelletier will send out regular emails with resources to parents. An email will be going out tomorrow.
- Allan Pelletier told staff that he recommended they not be on campus, but said they were permitted to be on campus if they chose to do so. This permission, however, does not apply to staff members who are 65 or older.
- The California Legislature has passed a law expressing their intent that school district staff and contractors continue to be paid.
- If the Governor orders all schools to 'hard close' then all staff will have to stay away from school.
- We are already beginning to have conversations about making up 6th grade graduations.
- Allan Pelletier recommended postponing the April board meeting unless something important occurs that will require board action.

• Kindergarten Registration

Although it seems like it took place a long time ago, Kindergarten registration was held one week ago. We currently have 23 K and TK students in the registration process and are verifying residency. Clearly, there will not be any transfers into Kindergarten for the 20/21 school year.

• Conflict of Interest Form 700 Filing

Board members will be receiving information from the County Elections Office about completing the Conflict of Interest Form 700.

• Interdistrict Policy Revision Update

Allan Pelletier shared information with the board about revisions to the interdistrict transfer policy.

• Solvang Middle School Parent Meeting & 6th Grade Visit

The parent meeting and visit to Solvang Middle School went well.

• Schools for Sound Finance Reports

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The superintendent may share pertinent correspondence at this time.

Allan Pelletier expressed his appreciation to the parents and board for all the supportive email and comments they have sent during these few very busy 'school closure' days.

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 602288 – 602300 (2/7/2020)
604119 – 604129 (2/21/2020)
606008 – 606015 (3/6/2020)

Allan Pelletier commented on the following warrants.

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2293	K Merz	\$120	**Hands-on Science Lesson
2294	N Baldwin	\$41	**Classroom Supplies – 2 nd grade
2296	Schickville Music	\$2,880	**January Music Instruction
2300	Woodruff Strings	\$1,920	
2297	Taylor Family Trust	\$1,008	Developer Fee (Fund 25) refund
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4119	Arts Outreach	\$384	**Supplies for Winter Classes
4120	D.L. Electric	\$161	Repaired Outdoor Light Fixture
4122	Employee	\$868	Health Insurance Reimbursement
4124	JM Roofing	\$2,025	Roof repair (Fund 14)
4125	L Carlson	\$21	Art supplies – Mother's Day
4126	SBCEO	\$95	6 th grade Author Go Round
4129	Student Transportation	\$1,279	**Field Trips
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6009	Aquatrex	\$270	Backflow Device Testing
6011	Employee	\$884	Health Insurance Reimbursement
6012		\$135	
6014		\$513	
6015		\$697	
6018	SBCEO	\$97	Reprographics – Math Module
6019	Schickville	\$1,440	February Music Instruction
6023	Street Beat LLC	\$1,000	Assembly - canceled

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- b. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll (2/28/2020)

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda

The Consent Agenda was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali, and passed unanimously.

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. Second Reading of 2020/2021 School Calendar

Background: Ballard strives to align the school calendar best with the Santa Ynez High School and Solvang School Districts. This calendar is almost identical to previous school year's calendars.

Recommendation: Approval of the second reading and adoption of the 2020/2021 School Calendar, with a second reading schedule for the board meeting in April.

Allan Pelletier shared a draft of the 2020/2021 school calendar. This calendar is almost identical to Solvang's and the high school's calendars. The second reading and adoption of the 2020/2021 school calendar was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali, and passed unanimously.

10. BUSINESS MATTERS

- a. 2nd Interim Report

Background: The board will review the 2nd Interim Report for the period of 7/1/19 through 1/31/20.)

Recommendation: Approval of a Positive Certification of the 2nd Interim Report.

Allan Pelletier shared detailed information about the 2nd interim Report for the period of July 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020 (see board packet). In addition to speaking about the district's funds he also addressed several of the Supplemental Forms. Ballard continues to maintain a strong financial position and is more than capable of meeting the 5% minimum reserve requirement in 2019/2020 and the two subsequent fiscal years. The biggest challenge facing Ballard is the ongoing cost of Middle School MOU and costs associated with the Santa Ynez Valley Special Education Consortium.

The board approved a positive certification of the 2nd Interim Report on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali, and passed unanimously.

- b. Review Current Board Report: Funds 01, 14, 17, 25

Allan Pelletier shared detailed information from the board report regarding the district's four funds. (see board packet)

11. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Due to the school closure, the board will not be meeting in April unless there is pressing business for the board's consideration.

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at 4:00 PM in the library at Ballard School. This meeting will be postponed if schools are still closed and

12. ADJOURNMENT – Time: 5:02 PM


Tracey Cassidy, Clerk of the Board

5/21/20
Date