

BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING AGENDA
Thursday, February 10, 2022
2:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - a. Regular Meeting – Thursday, January 13, 2022

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, the President of the Board will call upon you during this time. 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 raise your hand and the Board President 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.

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.

PUBLIC COMMENT (cont.)

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 to attend.)

(**Indicates off campus events that the Superintendent/Principal is scheduled

- Tuesdays SBCEO Superintendents Meeting with SBCPH
- Mon. 2/7 PTA Executive Board meeting
- Tues. 2/8 Valley Superintendent's Meeting
- Thur. 2/10 Board Meeting
- Tues. 2/15 SAC Meeting
- Fri. 2/18 Early Dismissal, last day before mid-Winter Break
- 2/21-2/25 Closed for Mid-Winter Break
- Mon. 2/28 School Resumes
- Mon. 3/7 **Superintendent's Council Meeting
- Tues. 3/8 Valley Superintendent's Meeting
- Thurs. 3/10 Board Meeting
- Fri. 3/11 SBCEO Curriculum Council

b. Board Members' Comments & Correspondence

c. PTA Report

d. Superintendent's Report

Highlights:

- Appreciation for the teachers and staff
- Kindness Week
- Buddy Program

Challenges:

- Time constraints

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The superintendent may share pertinent correspondence at this time.

1. Completion of the Supplement to the Annual update for the 2021/2022 LCAP
2. Frontier Change of Ownership
3. Positive Certification of First Interim Financial Report

9. 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
 - 677204 - 677213 (1/7/2022)
 - 678610 - 678625 (1/18/2022)
 - 679035 - 679046 (1/21/2022)
 - 679920 - 679927 (1/28/2022)

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda

10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. COVID 19 Pam Rennick will update the board on district issues related to COVID-19.
- b. COVID 19 Modified Quarantine Protocol Review
- c. Second Reading and approval of 2022/2023 School Calendar

Background: Ballard strives to align the school calendar with the Santa Ynez Valley High School and Solvang School Districts. This calendar is almost identical to the recent past school calendars.

Recommendation: Approval of the 2022/2023 School Calendar

11. BALLARD SCHOOL BOUNDARIES – Informational Item

Background: There is a process by which the school boundaries can annex a neighboring territory. The territory transfer can be initiated jointly by both boards involved or by citizen's petition. The process would go through the Santa Barbara County Committee on School District Organization.

12. HIRING PRACTICES- Informational Item

Background: The District currently advertises job openings on EdJoin nationally, and locally on Facebook and through an ad in the local paper. Committed to hiring diverse staff if possible. Bilingual preferred.

13. INTERDISTRICT TRANSFERS- Informational Item

Background: The policy is based on numbers of students in the class, giving priority to continuing transfer students and siblings of existing students if space in a particular grade allows. For the school year 2021/2022, the District did not accept new interdistrict transfers due to COVID with the exception of a staff member's child.

In a regular, non-COVID year, Ballard's Interdistrict Transfer Policy follows the Education Code which expressly requires an unbiased selection process be used (i.e lottery). A race based priority would be inconsistent with the Ed Code that expressly prohibits any sort of inquiry into or consideration of race or ethnicity or consideration of gender, gender identity, gender expression, immigration status, academic or athletic performance, physical condition, proficiency in English or family income. Creating a local race based priority contravenes this statutory directive that has been expressly asserted by the Legislature.

14. DIVERSITY, EQUITY and INCLUSION - Informational Item

Background: Several members of the community submitted letters to be read at the last board meeting urging board discussion regarding diversity, equity and inclusion at Ballard.

15. BUSINESS MATTERS

- a. Review Current Board Report: Funds 01, 14, 17, 25
- b. Consortium Shared Cost

16. FACILITIES

- a. Potential Facilities Repairs/Maintenance/Upkeep
- b. Storage Shed Replacement

17. RESOLUTION 2021/2022 #5 LINCOLN'S HOLIDAY OBSERVANCE

Background: in the 2022/2023 school year, Lincoln's Holiday falls on Friday, February 10th or Monday, February 13th. This date may be changed, however, by resolution. The District has determined that it is less

disruptive to the school program to combine Lincoln's Holiday and Washington's Holiday to create a mid-winter break. Lincoln's Holiday, then, will be observed on Friday, February 24, 2023.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2021/2022 #5 – Lincoln's Holiday

18. PUBLIC HEARING: INPUT REGARDING COMPOSITION OF TRUSTEE AREA BOUNDARIES

The Board will conduct its fourth and final public hearing as part of its process to determine trustee area boundaries in compliance with Election Code, section 10010(a)(1). 1. Informational Presentation 2. Public Testimony 3. Closure of Public Hearing.

Background: The District approved Resolution 2018/2019 #6 "Resolution to Initiate Change of the District's Election System to by-Trustee Area Elections for the 2022 Governing Board Election." This Resolution commits the District to transition from its current "at-large" electoral system in which the voters of the entire jurisdiction elect the members of the District's governing body, to a "district-based elections" system whereby each trustee must reside within a designated trustee areas boundary and must be elected only by the voters in that trustee area. (Education Code 5030(b); Elections Code 14026(b).) This transition will ensure that the District is compliant with the California Voting Rights Act. The District decided to wait to make this transition until after the 2002 Census data had been released.

According to the United States Census Bureau, "due to modifications to processing activities, COVID-19 data collections delays, and the Census Bureau's obligation to provide high-quality data, states are expected to receive redistricting data by August 16, and the full redistricting data with toolkits for ease of use will be delivered by September 30, 2021." On August 12, 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau provided population counts to use in redrawing congressional and state legislative district boundaries, also known as redistricting. On September 1, 2021, the U.S. Census Bureau announced that it will release easier-to-use formats of the 2020 Census Redistricting Data Summary File on September 16, 2021 and through data.census.gov.

Anticipating the release of this data, Daniel Phillips, PhD of National Demographics Corporation will provide general information regarding redistricting and the timeline for so doing. The District will then hold the final public hearing receive community input regarding the composition of potential trustee areas.

Recommendation: That the Board conduct the final public hearing regarding the composition of the trustee area boundaries.

19. RESOLUTION 2021/2022 #6 RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS.

Background: At the conclusion of the public hearing regarding input on the composition of Trustee Area Boundaries, the board can consider approval of Resolution 2021/2022 #6 Initiating a proposal to the Santa Barbara Committee on School District Organization for the Adoption of By-Trustee area elections. The Public Hearing for the Santa Barbara Committee on School District Organization is scheduled for February 28th at 2:00 by Zoom. This meeting is agendized and noticed by the Santa Barbara Committee on School District Organization. Anyone wishing to attend this public hearing by zoom should reach out directly to the Santa Barbara Committee on School District Organization.

Recommendation: That the Board approve Resolution 2021/2022 #6 RESOLUTION INITIATING A PROPOSAL TO THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY COMMITTEE ON SCHOOL DISTRICT ORGANIZATION FOR THE ADOPTION OF BY-TRUSTEE AREA ELECTIONS

20. PERSONNEL MATTERS

a. Longevity Recognition for Tina Rhodes – 25 years

21. STUDENT MATTERS

22. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, March 10, 2022 at 2:00 PM.

23. 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
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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.