

BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES REGULAR MEETING MINUTES Thursday, August 11, 2022 2:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER

Board President Tracey Cassidy called the meeting to order at 2:10 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

All board members were present.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Rick Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Special Meeting – Tuesday, June 14, 2022

Regular Meeting – Thursday, June 16, 2022

Special Meeting – Tuesday, June 28, 2022

Special Meeting – Thursday, June 30, 2022

With one correction on item #D, the minutes of the special meeting held on Tuesday, June 14, 2022 was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Tracey Cassidy and passed unanimously. With one correction on item #8b, the regular meeting held on Thursday, June 16, 2022 was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Tracey Cassidy and passed unanimously. The special meeting held on Tuesday, June 28, 2022 was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali and passed unanimously. The special meeting held on Thursday, June 30, 2022 was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali and passed unanimously.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

6. INFORMATION SECTION

Pam Rennick provided information about upcoming events at Ballard School

a. Calendar

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| • Thur. 8/11 | Board Meeting |
| • Thur. 8/11 | IDT lottery @ 2:00pm |
| • Fri. 8/12 | Teacher Inservice – Aeries Training |
| • Sat. 8/13 | Inclusion Lab Meeting (Pam) |
| • Mon./Tues 8/15 & 8/16 | Teacher Workdays |
| • Mon. 8/15 | Back-to-School Night for TK/K |

- Wed. 8/17 School Year Begins!
- Wed. 8/17 Back-to-School Coffee PTA
- Thurs. 8/25 Back-to-School Night (Grades 1-6)
- Mon. 9/5 Labor Day Holiday (no school)
- Tues. 9/6 Kindergarten Begins 2:00pm dismissal
- Wed. 9/7 General PTA Meeting
- Thur. 9/15 School Board Meeting

Pam Rennick said she went to the inclusion lab in Santa Barbara over the weekend which highlighted the need for kindness to everyone and asked what we, as a community, are doing to ensure that all student voices are heard. She also talked about the upcoming "all teacher" training for Aeries and how the new (SIS) Student Information System will better equip school staff for immediate access to attendance, report cards, State required reporting, medical and parent information.

Pam Rennick also highlighted the following: "Back to School" night will be in person. Kindergarten will begin their 2pm dismissal starting the Tuesday after Labor Day. Transportation will be an issue this year since the previous company went out of business thereby increasing the need to utilize parent drivers until we find more viable solutions. Grades 3-4 will go to Sacramento, grade 6 will again go to "Camp Keep" and has already reserved four days in February. Grade 5 is in the process of reserving a spot with Astro Science- a weekend trip and has proposed a new fundraising art project to help fund it. Pam invited board members to the upcoming "welcome back" all staff meeting to discuss the upcoming year. Pam shared her positive enthusiasm and excitement for the new school year.

- b. Board Members' Comments & Correspondence
- c. PTA Report

There were no board member comments or PTA report.

- d. Superintendent's Report
2021/2022 Student Enrollment

Pam Rennick shared the student enrollment for the upcoming school year. Current IDTs were identified and approved as part of the existing enrollment. Pam also identified the IDT lottery numbers as follows: K-4, 1gr-4, 2gr-3, 4gr-1, none for 5gr and 6gr-1. As the current board policy is written, only one grade level has space and is eligible for a lottery drawing. Board members pulled names for each grade level just in case the enrollment numbers decrease at the start of the new school year and approved the one student request for grade 6.

Summer Projects

Pam Rennick shared the status on the projects completed during the summer, including the work on the internet, cabling, painting of the breezeway/office buildings and transition to the Aeries software program. She talked about the difficulties related to technology, Office 365, Frontier, Website while commenting on the exemplary response of Compuvision.

Schools for Sound Finance Reports

- Week Ending 6/24
- Week Ending 7/1
- Week Ending 7/8
- Week Ending 7/15
- Week Ending 7/28
- Week Ending 8/5

CAASPP Scores

Pam Rennick shared the CAASPP scores for grades 3-6 and the percentages of students meeting/exceeding standards. She recognized the scores were not great and offered up the impact of

Covid, the lack of not taking the test the previous year as well as the new test format. For some of these students, this was the first state testing. She welcomed an open conversation and sought direction from the board and teachers. She said these numbers are one data point and that the state results were still unfolding. She looks forward to comparing these scores with the state averages when they become available as well as Star 360 which is another indicator. Pam and the teachers will look at the results in detail once they are back.

7. CORRESPONDENCE

The superintendent may share pertinent correspondence at this time.

Santa Barbara County Fire Inspection Report

Pam Rennick shared the Santa Barbara County Fire Inspection 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
 - 698161 – 698168 (6/17/22)
 - 699692 - 699701 (6/29/2022)
 - 701903 - 701908 (7/15/2022)
 - 702274 (7/19/22)
 - 702767 – 702770 (7/22/2022)
 - 703608 – 703629 (7/29/2022)

Pam Rennick commented on the following warrants:

| Number | Amount | Payee | Description |
|------------------|-------------|--------------------------|--|
| Page 1 698162 | \$8,447.78 | Compuvision | Tech support |
| 698168 | \$2000 | Woodruff Strings | Music |
| Page 2 699692 | \$52.50 | Gina Floyd | 6 th grade graduation stickers |
| 699694 | \$82.34 | Kim Bramsen | E-Waste and Mileage |
| 699695 | \$1335.31 | Pacific Gas and Electric | |
| 699696 | \$24.01 | Pam Rennick | Medical Reimbursement |
| 699701 | \$1,200 | Woodruff Strings | Music |
| Page 3 701903 | \$105 | Aniesa Ballinger | Donuts for AR prizes |
| 701905 | \$900 | Eric Hemming | Technology Services |
| Page 4 702274 | \$13,432.84 | Sagebrush Painting | Painting |
| Page 5 702769 | \$14,625.31 | SISC | Property and Liability Insurance |
| Page 6 703612 | \$427.23 | Gina Floyd | Postage, Ed-join, Class books |
| 703613 | \$693.38 | Johnson Controls | Fire Protection and Alarm- annual monitoring |
| 703621 | \$3,312.72 | SY River Water Conserv. | Water |
| 703623 | \$1,318.22 | School Specialty | School Supplies |
| 703626 | \$3,053.16 | Southwest School Supply | School Supplies - classroom |

- b. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll: June 30, 2022

c. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll: July 29, 2022

d. Quarterly Report on Williams Complaints: April-June 2022

Background: No complaints received

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda

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

9. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

a. COVID 19

Pam Rennick will update the board on district issues related to COVID-19.

Pam Rennick updated the Board on the current COVID protocols. In summary, there have been no new updates to the guidelines that ended in June. There are no masks for students, testing on days 3 & 5, regular once a week testing for non-vaccinated staff and OASHA still requires a mask of staff for 10 days following an exposure to Covid 19.

b. Board Policy 5117 potential Update Review

This is not an action item.

Pam Rennick shared the potential update of board policy 5117 for review. The update brings the board policy up to the current legal status. Inter-district transfers must include language related to active military members as well as bullying.

10. BUSINESS MATTERS

a. Approval of the Consolidated Application for Funding Categorical Aid Programs

Background: This annual application for state and federal Categorical Funds is filed with the California Department of Education.

Recommendation: Approve Consolidated Application

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

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

Board Report funds were briefly reviewed and discussed.

11. FACILITIES

a. Approval of additional partitions in the resource room for added space to service students in intervention, resource, speech and language and counseling.

Background: A proposal to divide the room into 3 spaces with temporary partitions so services can be happening simultaneously. Funds would be from Fund 25 – Capital Facilities Fund (funds are restricted to expansion only).

Recommendation: Approve proposal for additional partitions in the resource room

The board approved the general proposal for additional partitions and work space in the resource room from fund 14 for approximately \$5000 and wished to see the actual cost breakdown at the next board meeting.

12. PERSONNEL MATTERS

Pam Rennick updated the school board on the recent interviews for both the front office and teacher aide positions. She also talked about the new counselor hired through the Education Consortium. As a result of Covid 19, the state has said they want schools to address the burden placed on students as a result of the pandemic. We continue to address those concerns through a variety of ways. The counselor will be at Ballard School on Fridays. Not only will she be available for students who need short-term support, she will work with Pam and the teachers to address and implement strategies for a healthy school environment. The school has purchased Social-Emotional curriculum as a tool to help address these concerns. The counselor will also help to facilitate a new "peace keeper" student led program on the playground. Pam again expressed her enthusiasm for the upcoming school year, not only with the counseling piece but the qualified and positive addition of new staff members to the front office and grade 3 classroom.

13. STUDENT MATTERS

14. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

15. ADJOURNMENT Time: 4:07 pm


Tracey Cassidy, Board President

9/15/22
Date