

BALLARD SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, September 15, 2022
2:00PM

1. CALL TO ORDER
Board President Tracey Cassidy called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.
2. ROLL CALL
All board members were present. The teacher, Jenny Gamboa was in attendance.
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Rick Jacobs led the Pledge of Allegiance.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
Regular Meeting – Thursday, August 11, 2022
The regular meeting held on Thursday, August 11, 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. PUBLIC HEARING: CONSIDERATION AND ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION 2022/2023 - #1: SUFFICIENCY OF INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Background: As a condition of compliance with the Education Code Section 60119 and California Code of Regulations, Title 5, Section 9531 (c), district, charter school, and county office of education local governing boards are required to hold an annual public hearing and adopt a resolution stating whether each pupil in the district or charter school has, or will have prior to the end of that year, sufficient textbooks or instructional materials in each subject consistent with the content and cycles of the curriculum framework adopted by the State Board of Education.
Public Hearing was opened at: 2:10 pm.
There were no public comments.

The board asked general questions about curriculum: Freckle, Eureka Math, Twig Science. The general conversation was around Standards based curriculum. There was no action taken.

Recommendation: Approval of Resolution 2022/2023 - #1: Sufficiency of Instructional Materials.
Resolution 2022/2023 #1 was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali and passed unanimously.

Public Hearing was closed at: 2:14 pm.

7. INFORMATION SECTION

Pam Rennick provided information about upcoming events at Ballard School

a. Calendar

- Thur. 9/15 School Board Meeting
- Mon. 9/26 *Superintendent's Meeting)
- Tues. 9/27 * SAC Meeting
- Thurs. 9/29 Character Counts Assembly
- Mon. 10/3 - Fri. 10/7 Parent/Teacher Conferences (12:15 dismissal)
- Wed. 10/5 PTA Exec Meeting
- Mon. 10/10 Teacher Inservice Day (no school)
- Tues. 10/11 * Valley Superintendent's Meeting
- Wed. 10/12 Fire Drill
- Thur. 10/13 Staff Appreciation Lunch from PTA
- Thur. 10/13 School Board Meeting

Superintendent Off Campus is denoted by an *

b. Board Members' Comments & Correspondence

No Board Comments

c. PTA Report

Pam Rennick read a report from Cailen Conroy (PTA President). See attached.

d. Superintendent's Report

Schools for Sound Finance Reports

Week Ending 8/25

Week Ending 9/2

Week Ending 9/9

Freckle Pilot and Professional Development

Pam Rennick shared that the school will be participating in a pilot of Freckle (an extension to our Renaissance Learning program) and will be undergoing Professional Development on both Freckle and our current Star 360 program. She said that Literacy teacher, Jenny Gamboa will address the "highest need" students first. Her support reaches students that do not already receive individual support through an IEP. Star 360 is given 3x year and is combined with caaspp (California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress) score results alongside Dibels testing to help determine any learning gaps. Pam also talked about the importance of reading fluency. Research has shown that reading 125 words or more per minute moves educational learning from "decoding" to a "cognitive thinking" modality. Ballard school is fortunate to have a valuable asset in Jenny to help support student learning.

Counselor

Pam Rennick shared that our counselor, Theresa Lemaire started last Friday. She will be here one day a week to help: with solution-oriented conflict resolution, mindfulness strategies, short-term counseling (with parent permission) as well as facilitating a new student-based leadership program called Peace Keepers where 5th and 6th grade students are trained and equipped to help conflict resolution on the playground. Pam also talked briefly about the socio-emotional curriculum the school bought last year as well as a mood meter (as illustrated in the book called Permission to feel by Marc Brackett). Our counselor will use both of these programs to support emotional learning. In addition to these, Ballard school has offered to pilot a "high-five" on-line program to support students in practicing positivity.

Epi Pen Training

Nurse, Kim Danell led the Epi Pen training last Thursday. Staff went through CPR update certification last Fall. The board agreed to encourage Pam Rennick in getting Narcan training. This was discussed at the recent county health meetings Pam had attended.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

The superintendent may share pertinent correspondence at this time.

Santa Barbara County of Education letter, approval of LCAP

Email from Chumash regarding grant approval

Arts Outreach General Service Agreement

Pam Rennick shared the LCAP approval letter from the Santa Barbara County of Education, the message from the Chumash regarding a \$15,000 award toward technology that will be applied to Compuvision's renovation this summer, and the Arts Outreach service agreement. She also shared Ogie Keane's letter and donation of \$150 from the Keane family. She highlighted the \$5,000 PTA donation from a parent which they have generously earmarked toward our new Art instructor for the 2022-23 school year. We feel fortunate to have Melinda Weymouth as a "teacher in residence" from Arts Outreach who will be in classrooms every week this year.

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
 - 704310 – 704321 (8/5/2022)
 - 706081 - 706041 (8/19/2022)
 - 706877 - 706884 (8/26/2022)
 - 708002 - 708023 (9/6/2022)
 - 708381 - 708392 (9/9/2022)

Pam Rennick commented on the following warrants:

Number	Amount	Payee	Description
Page 1 704310	\$900	Eric Hemming	Tech support
704311	\$980	Flynn's Heating and Air	Maintenance
704313	\$52.50	Gina Floyd	6 th grade graduation stickers
704313	\$41.89	Kim Bramsen	Mileage
704314	\$1074.31	Pacific Gas and Electric	
704315	\$472.85	Pam Rennick	Inklings, Diversity Books, Postage
704317	\$1,247	Procure	Janitorial Supplies
704318	\$1,273.66	Sagebrush Painting	Painting
704319	\$632.22	Southwest School Supply	Classroom supplies
Page 2 706019	\$1,427.61	Discount School Supply	Classroom supplies
706020	\$1,686.76	Frontier Communications	Ethernet Access/Circuit/E-rate
706021	\$1,588.93	Gina Floyd	Snacks, Office supplies, Costco, printer, postage
706025	\$317.81	Mandy Young	Classroom supplies
706029	\$517.15	Pam Rennick	Diversity Books, supplies, Welcome Back treats for PD Day
706031	\$4,571.08	Really Good Stuff	Classroom/Office supplies
706032	\$4,375.25	Renaissance Learning	Star 360, AR subscription
706036	\$743.89	School Specialty	School Supplies
706039	\$752.12	Todd Pipe & Supply	Plumbing Repairs
Page 3 706879	\$3,170.68	SY River Water	
Page 4	\$1,305	ACSA	Annual Subscription

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708005	\$9,443.30	Compuvision	Technology Upgrade
708006	\$1,429.50	Frontier Communication	Circuit/E-Rate
708007	\$21.54	Gina Floyd	Balloons
708009	\$243.90	Karen Dannemiller	Medical Reimbursement
708010	\$32.13	Kim Bramsen	Mileage
708013	\$750	Newsela	Annual Subscription
708015	\$1,358.59	Pacific Gas & Electric	
708016	\$1,781.40	Pam Rennick	Really Good Stuff online, student lunches, Inklings, Lock Blocks
708022	\$748.54	Studies Weekly	Social Studies Annual Subscription
708023	\$449.85	Teachers' Curriculum Institute	Social Studies Curriculum
Page 5 708381	\$6,000	Aeries Software	Student Information System Annual Subscription
708382	\$1,778.00	Amplify Education	DIBELS subscription
708383	\$5,805.42	Compuvision	Technology
708384	\$900	Eric Hemming	Tech support
708385	\$347.81	Georgeann DeGoede	Kindergarten Snacks
708386	\$515.29	Kate Ranelletti	Classroom Supplies
708387	\$140.75	Mandy Young	Health Reimbursement
708388	\$919.75	Pam Rennick	Counseling Curriculum, Health Reimbursement
708390	\$2,413.17	SISC III	Shore Up of prepaid insurance
708391	\$796.16	Southwest School Supply	Classroom Supplies

- b. Approval of Certificated and Classified Payroll: August 31, 2022

Recommendation: Approve the Consent Agenda

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

10. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- a. COVID 19

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

We currently have one positive student case but the student was not at school. The county numbers remain stable but show an up-tick in cases. The state has lifted the mandatory weekly Covid testing for unvaccinated employees.

- b. Change to 2022/2023 Academic Calendar

Background: The 2022/2023 Academic Calendar has a minimum day on 10/28 and the staff would like to change the minimum day to 10/31 to accommodate the Halloween Carnival, and family choice in participation. Currently, Monday, April 17 is a day off and typically we align the Monday after Easter holiday to take off to accommodate travel and minimize absences. The day after Easter is Monday, April 10. Pam Rennick is requesting that the date be changed to April 10 to align with the holiday and the other local school calendars.

Recommendation: Make two changes to the 2022/2023 Academic Calendar

Pam Rennick shared that there are two changes that need to be made to the academic calendar. The first one is Monday, April 10th. The original April 17th was in alignment with the high school but has since changed. The second one is moving the Friday, October 28th early dismissal to Monday, October 31st.

The board reflected on the long-standing conversation about this topic. From a volunteer perspective, it is a lot to ask parents to set up, attend, clean-up and then later that night, attend family Halloween traditions. Pam recognized that the teachers were not unified but that the request came as a result of a vote.

The board approved the two changes on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali and passed unanimously.

c. Approval of Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Expenditure Plan 2022

Background: The State of California has allocated funds for Educator Effectiveness. The funds allocated to Ballard School are \$31,647. The funds are required to be spent by June 2026. The allocation is dependent upon Board approval of an expenditure plan.

Recommendation: Approval of Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Expenditure Plan 2022

Pam Rennick said the state requires language that specifically spells out how funds are going to be used. It is a general plan and although it can be adapted, is required for most grants. The Educator Effectiveness Block Grant Expenditure Plan 2022 was approved on a motion by Chris Kazali, seconded by Rick Jacobs and passed unanimously.

11. BUSINESS MATTERS

a. Review and Approval of the Unaudited Actuals for the 2021/2022 School Year

Background: The Unaudited Actuals report is mandated by state law. It details actual expenditures for the prior budget year (2021/2022) and must be submitted to the Santa Barbara County Education Office. After their analysis, the report will be sent to the California Department of Education.

Recommendation: Approve the 2021/2022 Unaudited Actuals report

Pam Rennick shared the unaudited actuals and the summary prepared by Diane Turner. The board specifically asked about Percent of Current Cost of Education (page 12), the one-time Covid funding, the salary increases based on the LCFF and the cash-flow page on the last page.

The unaudited actuals report was approved on a motion by Chris Kazali, seconded by Rick Jacobs and passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Resolution 2022/2023 - #2 for the Adoption of the Recalculated Gann Limit for 2021/222 and to Establish the Gann Limit for 2022/2023

Background: In November of 1979, the California electorate adopted the Gann Amendment, which established maximum appropriation limitations, commonly called 'Gann Limits,' for public agencies, including school districts. The district must establish a revised Gann Limit for the 2019/2020 fiscal year and a projected Gann Limit for the 2020/2021 fiscal year in accordance with the provisions of Article XIII-B and applicable statutory law.

Recommendation: Approve Resolution 2022/2023 - #2 for the Adoption of the Recalculated Gann Limit for 2021/2022 and to Establish the Gann Limit for 2022/2023

Resolution 2022/2023 - #2 for the Adoption of the Recalculated Gann Limit for 2021/2022 and to Establish the Gann Limit for 2022/2023 was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali and passed unanimously.

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

Pam Rennick shared the current board reports briefly as the accounts were discussed in detail in the unaudited actuals report.

12. 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, with temporary partitions, the room into 3 spaces so services can be happening simultaneously. Funds would be from Fund 25 – Capital Facilities Fund (it is restricted to expansion only).

Recommendation: Approve proposal for additional partitions in the resource room

The board had tentatively approved the purchase of the additional partitions but wished to see the formal quote. The proposal was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali and passed unanimously.

13. PERSONNEL MATTERS

a. Approval of Contract for Office Assistant for Emily Pakulski

Recommendation: Approval of Contract for Office Assistant for Emily Pakulski

The new front office part-time employee, Emily Pakulski, started on Tuesday. She previously worked as an Assistant to the Superintendent at Ballard School in a full-time capacity but wished to go part-time. She was hired at step 8 due to her school experience and familiarity with Escape, Parent Square and Aeries software. Pam Rennick expressed her gratitude that she will be a part of the Ballard team.

The contract for Emily Pakulski was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali and passed unanimously.

b. Approval of Contract for Classroom Aide for Madisen Bramsen

Recommendation: Approval of Contract for Classroom Aide for Madisen Bramsen

The new grade 3 instructional aide, Madisen Bramsen started last week. Pam Rennick said she brings her youth, enthusiasm and energetic personality to the classroom.

The contract for Madisen Bramsen was approved on a motion by Rick Jacobs, seconded by Chris Kazali and passed unanimously.

14. STUDENT MATTERS

None

The regular board meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

15. CLOSED SESSION – NO ACTION will be taken during this time.

a. Personnel

b. Contract with Limotta

c. Meals

The closed session of the board began at: 3:46 pm.

No action was taken.

The closed session of the board ended at: 4:45 pm.

16. NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Unless otherwise announced, the next regular Board meeting will be held on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at 2:00 PM.

17. ADJOURNMENT Time: 4:45 pm.

Tracey Cassidy, Board President

Date