

Bishop Unified School District
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting
Regular Meeting • October 17, 2019 • 6:30 pm
BAC(Bishop Activity Center/Cafeteria) 800 W. Pine St., Bishop, CA.

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 Bishop Unified School District Office – 301 N Fowler Street, Bishop, CA 93514*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER – at 6:41 PM

Present: Dr. T. Ludwick, T. Orrill, Dr. Dr. C.Moya-Tanner and V. Figueroa. New Member, Kathy Zack

2.0 FLAG SALUTE – Led by Dr. Claudia Moya-Tanner

3.0 RECOGNITION

The Board likes to take this time each month to recognize and say thank you to those among our student body, community and staff who have “gone the extra mile” for our students and/or the schools in our district.

3.1 Thank you to the Donald M Slager Sunset Foundation for the generous donation of \$8000 to PGHS and the Artists in Residence & Adventure in the Eastern Sierra.

Dr. Ludwick, many thanks to the Slager Foundation. K. Kolker shared how appreciative, Pali couldn't have the programs without their support.

3.2 Thank you to the kids of Jim Roberts for donating Chileno seeds from Jim's personal plants and a variety of other seeds to the HSMS Garden Project.

P. Twomey “May Jim Roberts memory lives forever in our hearts”.

3.3 Thank you to the Noon Rotary Club and President Deettee Johnston for the generous donation of \$1100 in rewards for the new PBIS rewards system at BES this year.

Dr. T. Ludwick, Thank you, Rotary Club.

3.4 Thank you to Bishop Crossfit for donating their facility, expertise and providing the HSMS Girls Volleyball team with high quality rigorous workout opportunities.

4.0 PUBLIC COMMENT

Concerning Items of Interest not Addressed on the Formal Agenda:

This time is set aside at each meeting for members of the audience to speak to the Board regarding questions or issues not on the agenda. No action may be taken, but items may be placed on a future agenda.

1st grade teacher, Trish Wallace, teacher for 14 years at many grade levels read a poem she wrote about what we all miss by not visiting classrooms and invited all board members to spend more time with the kids. Steve Holland spoke about the vision that Mr. Ray had sold to the board and expressed concerns about misrepresentations Mr. Ray had made about homeless student rights and step parent rights. He also mentioned the "offensive" letter that cited "generations" of failure. And while some of the board members had already apologized for the remark, Mr. Ray only seemed to blame others. He concluded by saying that the staff actually welcomes change and cited numerous programs that had been implemented at BES between 2009 and 2016 and asked that the board find answers to these pressing issues in light of the staff having lost trust in the new Superintendent. Jeff Perry spoke about too many distractions this year for staff and students. There is not enough talk about the good things. Too many things had happened without adequate communication. He reiterated that he has faith in the board process and that we needed to get back on course and focus on the students by: Backing off on MAP testing, Provide evidence supporting the testing, Realize that Edgenuity can't replace books and teaching, Curriculum decisions should be driven by teachers, any changes to programs like AP and Dual should be discussed in great length. He also expressed appreciation for the board.

5.0 FILLING BOARD VACANCY

5.1 Interview of Candidates, Listed in Alphabetical Order (Applications and Interview Questions – enclosed)

5.1.1 Pam Foster

5.1.2 Joshua Nicholson

5.1.3 Meryl Picard

5.1.4 Susanne Rizo

~~5.1.5 Anna Scott~~ – Anna pulled her application out the afternoon of 10/17/19.

5.1.6 Kathryn Zack

The Board of Trustees and Superintendent, Jon Ray thanked all the candidates that applied for the board vacancy. The five applicants drew a number to see which order they would in for the interview process (1st Meryl Picard, 2nd Joshua Nicholson, 3rd Kathryn Zack, 4th Pam Foster and 5th Susanne Rizo). Each applicant had 3 minutes to tell the board and community members a little about themselves. After their opening speeches, each board member asked them one question and they had 3 minutes to answer each question.

5.2 Public Comment – Genevieve Woods, Steve Elia, Heather Stone, Sabrina Renteria, Michelle Seanz all shared their support for board applicant, Meryl Picard. Suzanne Rizo and Joshua Nicholson withdrew their applications in support of Meryl Picard. Kerry Lozito shared her support for Kathy Zack along with 240 other teachers and community members that signed a letter of support. Trina Orrill thanked every single person who stepped forward and showed their commitment to our students, staff and teachers.

5.3 Board Deliberation and Action

Round 1-Board of Trustees voted: Meryl Picard, 4, Kathy Zack, 3, Pam Foster, 1

Round 2-Board of Trustees voted: Meryl Picard, 1, Kathy Zack, 3

Newly Appointed BUSD Board of Trustees, Kathy Zack.

6.0 REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

6.1 Presentation – Brianne Chappell-McGovern with Inyo County HHS, Public Health Prevention – Teen CERT Summer Camp showcase of the GOOD work our Students have done for the past two summers.

Bri and half dozen students shared a great power point presentation on the good work the students of Inyo County have done over the past couple of summers. The students have been trained in emergency preparedness, fire safety, medical first aid and triage. Bri praised the students for their work and abilities. Student Megan Johnson expressed how much she had enjoyed the experience. Retired teacher, Rosie Beach thanked the students and thanked them for being assets to the community.

Emma Orrill and Emily Batcheller shared a power point presentation on the Success program that is currently in place at BUHS. The two students of BUHS shared their personal feelings of the class and felt the class shouldn't be a requirement to graduate. They had a few letters from current and past BUHS students sharing their feelings on the class. Although they feel the class has some great guidance to students that don't have the support from home, they feel not every students needs the class.

- 6.2 Amity Intern Teacher from Spain – Marcos Amorees (enclosure)
Postponed until another meeting due to time.

6.3 Administration Reports –

6.2.1 Dr. Gretchen Skrotzki/Garrett Carr, Bishop Elementary School Principal
Dr. Skrotzki talked a bit about AVID and shared a few drawings from Mrs. Leeson class. She shared TK, Kinder and 1st has no skills with one on one devices and with a mouse. A twenty minute test took an hour. Garrett shared the ICOE has partnered with them in the campaign "Attendance Matters". Perfect attendance will put students in a drawing to receive wristband and water bottle.

6.2.2 Patrick Twomey/Danielle Grate, Home Street Middle School
Principal

Mr. Twomey shared that 6th grade camp was wrapping up and they couldn't have done it without the support from ICOE and the BUHS counselors. It's an excellent opportunity for the students to help out. HSMS is hosting a 5K walk, please register, all proceeds go to the HSMS PE Equipment fund. He also asked the audience since they're fans of meetings, to please come HSMS Site Council Meeting next week on the 29th at 5:30 pm in the HSMS library.
Dr. Ludwick asked if he was able to get enough parent/community to participate. Pat is hoping so, his staff is sending out slips to go home tomorrow.

6.2.3 Katie Kolker, Palisade Glacier High School Principal

Attendance rate is currently at 70%, which isn't low for their small population. They will have their first 19/20 graduates at the end of the month, three fifth year seniors. Pali students helped chaperone 6th grade camp this year, what a great leadership opportunity.

6.2.4 Derek Moisant, Bishop Union High School Assistant Principal

6.2.5 Dave Kalk, Bishop Union High School Principal, Safety Committee Update
They have practiced lock down procedures and Dave feels they have it down. He asked, what is appropriate if they aren't in class? Run-Hide-Fight, sounds scary telling 1st and 2nd graders to run. He'd like to come back to the table with law enforcement, the old fire hose technique didn't work, the hose kept ripping. The fire alarm sounds different than the lockdown alarm. Dave talked about the Bishop PD receiving a grant for a Resource Officer. They received five hundred thousand dollars, this would give us an officer on campus for three years. The High School would really like to have an officer on campus. The officer will help with home visits, chronic absences and address parents. This is really promising. He also added that the night custodians are not prepared. There is a lot of activities that happen after hours on campus, he's directed them to call 911 to the PD over to our campus if needed.

7.0 BOARD MEMBERS

This item is included to allow all Board members to report about various matters involving the District and/or to request any items for future agendas. There will be no Board discussion except to ask questions, and no action will be taken unless listed as a subsequent agenda item.

- 7.1 Next Regular Board Meeting – November 21th, 2019 at 6:30 pm at the Tribal Chambers, 50 N. Tu-Su Lane, Bishop, CA.

8.0 CONSENT AGENDA

Items included on the consent agenda may be approved by a single vote of the Board; any items which warrant further discussion may be separated for discussion and/or approval.

- 8.1 Approval, Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting, Sept 19, 2019 (enclosure)
- 8.2 Approval, Minutes of the Special Board Meeting, Sept 30, 2019 (enclosure)
- 8.3 Approval, Certificated Stipend Positions (enclosure)
- 8.4 Deborah Leyh / 2019-2020 Home/Hospital Tutor
Adam Routt / 2019-2020 Home/Hospital Tutor
Linda Frigerio / 2019-2020 Home/Hospital Tutor
- 8.5 Approval/Acknowledgement, Receipt of 2019-2020 Local Control and Accountability Plan and July 1st Adopted Budget (enclosure)

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Trina Orrill, seconded by Virginia Figueroa. None opposed, no abstentions and the motion carried 5-0

9.0 DISCUSSION/CONSIDERATION/ACTION ITEMS

- 9.1 Discussion Topics, Mr. John-Carl Vallejo, One or more Public Advisory Committee(s) inquiry & Committee membership appointment process (possible direction to staff regarding the same) (enclosure)
 - 9.1.1 Dr. Mike Gable (enclosure)
 - 9.1.2 Hank Truxillo (enclosure)
- 9.2 Consideration and Possible Action on Proposal from Hancock, Park and DeLong Inc., School Facilities Grant and Consulting Services (enclosure)
Tabled to November Meeting
- 9.3 Consideration and Possible Action on Proposal from Edgenuity for Renewal of Odysseyware Supplemental Curriculum Software (enclosure)
Katie Kolker expressed the vital need for this option for students in Alternative Education schools. While she understands that Odysseyware is now owned by a company we do not currently want to work with, the District has been using this program for more than 10 years, long before it became part of Edgenuity. It was expressly mentioned that this contract in no way means that the rest of Edgenuity is being considered. Taylor Ludwick reiterated that this approval is for a very limited number of Odysseyware licenses only.

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Trina Orrill, seconded by Kathy Zack. None opposed, no abstentions and the motion carried 5-0

9.4 Consideration and Possible Action on MOU with Mammoth Hospital & Bishop High School for the provisions of services of a Certified Athletic Trainer (enclosure)

Stacy Van Nest gave a brief history of how Chris Matteson and Mammoth Hospital came to serve our student athletes and described how our athletic programs work with both Mammoth and Bishop providers. She stressed having an athletic trainer at the games is a huge benefit especially since Mr. Matteson and Mr. Rossi both are trained in concussion protocols. She asked that if we can't agree to the new MOU, that we keep the existing MOU in place. Dr. Flanagan, CEO of Northern Inyo Hospital talked about the history of the relationship between the District and the Hospital and that they have a large staff available to serve our students. There is also a concern about students being treated by another entity could end up at the hospital for an injury and any information about the student's condition could not be shared between the care providers. All parties want what is best for the students and if we are going to be able to offer the same services to other sports that football has had for years, then we need to look at getting more people on board as one trainer can't do it all. Overall, while NIH can satisfy most of the needs, Orthopedic doctors, PT and such, they don't have certified athletic trainers on staff. The discussion concluded when the board expressed the need for more information and asked for a meeting with Stacy Van Nest, NIH and MMH.

ACTION: There was no motion to approve article 9.4

9.5 Consideration and Possible Action on Form J-13, REQUEST FOR ALLOWANCE OF ATTENDANCE DUE TO EMERGENCY CONDITIONS (enclosure)

ACTION: A motion to approve was made by Virginia Figueroa, seconded by Dr. Claudia Moya-Tanner. None opposed, no abstentions and the motion carried 5-0

10.0 CLOSED SESSION

- 10.1 Conference with District Labor Negotiator (Government Code Section 54957.6) Bishop Unified School District's Teachers' Association (CTA/BTA) and Bishop Unified School District's Classified Bargaining Unit (CSEA) District Negotiator: Jon Ray, Superintendent
- 10.2 Public employee discipline/dismissal/release pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957(b)(1).

11.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

- 11.1 Report out of closed session
No action to report out.

12.0 ADJOURNMENT @ 11:50 PM

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Dr. Taylor Ludwick, President

11.21.19

Date



Trina Orrill, Clerk

11.21.19

Date

Respectfully Submitted by:
Marnie Casteel
BUSD Administrative Assistant

Bishop Unified School District

SCHOOL BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

- 1. Set Direction**
- 2. Establish the Structure**
- 3. Demonstrate Support**
- 4. Ensure Accountability**
- 5. Demonstrate Community Leadership**

Mission Statement

The Bishop Unified School Governance Team, as representatives of our community, is committed to providing the best education to all students ensuring they reach their full potential.

Governance Team Priorities 2018-2019

- 1. Raise academic performance levels K-12 and maintain a balanced curriculum**
- 2. Support and monitor annual academic growth through regular review of LCAP metric, assessment and California School Dashboard data**
- 3. Ensure positive student engagement, morale and school connectedness**
- 4. Provide safe and secure campuses**
- 5. Recruit, retain and value a dedicated teaching staff**
- 6. Maintain fiscal solvency**

Addressing the Board

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