

**Bishop Unified School District  
Minutes of the Board of Trustees Meeting  
Special Meeting • June 18, 2020 • 6:30 pm**

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC:** Please be advised that the Board Conference Room will be closed to the public. The Board will be conducting its meeting online. Board Members will participate via videoconference, accessible to the public:

**Public Board Meeting Participation Information:**

- **Public Comment Input Form:**  
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<https://www.bishopschools.org/o/district/page/board-agenda>  
\*Comments must be submitted by 5:00 PM on 06.18.20 to be read aloud during the meeting.
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**Phone number:**       **669-900-9128**  
**Meeting ID:**         91849451578  
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*Members of the public are encouraged to attend Board meetings and address the Board concerning any item on the agenda within the Board's jurisdiction. A person wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the President and shall then proceed to comment as briefly as the subject permits. (BB 9323)*

*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:  
Bishop Unified School District Office – 656 W. Pine Street, Bishop, CA 93514*

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER – 6:33 PM**

**2.0 FLAG SALUTE – Led by Midge Milici**

**3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT - 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. – Please see attached comments.*

#### **4.0 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.*

**4.1 Next Regular Board Meeting – August 20, 2020 at 6:30 pm**  
**Via Zoom Webinar/Teleconference**

#### **5.0 ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**5.1 Discussion, Fall 2020 Reopening Considerations** — Superintendent, Katie Kolker shared a draft of several slides of what reopening at BUSD may look like, a discussion about what we know and where we are. Our timeline of when COVID-19 started on March 14, 2020 to August 13, 2020 where School Reopens for the 20/21 school year. In the past four months, a lot of decision have been made. She shared COVID cases current conditions, Globally, Nationally, in California, and where we are locally. Katie shared competing priorities: *To prevent the erosion of emotional and academic growth, especially in vulnerable children for whom school can be a lifeline, educators in the U.S. urgently need imaginative strategies that go beyond quirky hats and four-foot-square boxes. When children do return, K-12 schools and child-care programs should be guided by four core principles: knowledge of child development and all its variation; prioritization of the youngest and most vulnerable students; flexibility for families and teaching staff; and a shared sense of purpose and duty. -The Atlantic (May 24, 2020).* The next slide went over the general best practices (from inyocounty.us). She shared examples of practices other countries are doing for students in school. As she continued, she showed BUSD class sizes if we were to use the A/B Model, and desks set six feet apart. She shared policies and procedures likely to be in place next year, for example; Daily wellness checks (temperature, symptom checklists), Face coverings/masks (staff, students), Hand washing stations, Signage, Adjustments to visitor/office policies, Distance Learning offerings at all levels, Less social contact/group gatherings, and More time outdoors (when possible/practical). Next, she shared the Draft as of 6.18.20, BUSD Flexible Scheduling Guide. This guide showed Distinct Learning, A Blended Model A/B Groups, Students on Campus 4 days a week with 1 DL day on Mondays, and Students on Campus 5 days a week (regular/normal operations), for all students and Individual student(s). As she was winding it up, she listed more competing priorities, and she finished up with it takes a village, showing the logo's for the following: BUSD School Sites, Bishop, CA (the community), Inyo County, ICOE, City of Bishop, Bishop Paiute Tribe. Virginia asked how many school holidays fall on Mondays, because the students on DL would be missing their DL Day. If so, what will we do to make it up to those DL students? Katie said we would have to figure out how to address situations like this and have a plan in place. Kathy shared that if our county was to have another outbreak, we could possibly be moving throughout the year using this flexible schedule. Katie shared that is the intention, we now have some tools in our tool belt to work with now. Dr. Ludwick shared that no matter what we do or put in place, we are never going to be 100% clear or not at risk. Trina stated we are going with the county and state guidelines. Dr. Moya-Tanner shared that the district can't move ahead of the county or state. Katie replied that we can't move faster than our county, and the county can't move faster than the state, because if the county did mover faster, they could lose their funding. Also, counties are in different stages throughout California. Several Q&A's came in re: the flexible schedule, social distance, keep kids/staff safe and PPE. The Board of Trustees and the Superintendent's priorities are keeping our students and staff safe, a flexible schedule that benefits all families and staff, and keep within the county and states guidelines.

**6.0 CLOSED SESSION**

- 6.1 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: Katie Kolker, Superintendent.

**7.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION**

- 7.1 Report out of closed session — Nothing to Report Out.

**8.0 ADJOURNMENT – 8:01 PM**

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Kathryn Zack, President

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Date

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Virginia Figueroa, Clerk

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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 2019-2020**

- 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**

There are many different ways individuals may choose to address the Board. Those who wish to request an agenda item may do so by submitting the request in writing, along with supporting documents and information, to the Superintendent at least eight school days prior to a scheduled meeting date. Those wishing to address items on the agenda may do so when recognized by the Board President near the beginning of the meeting or when the President requests public comments when the item is being considered. For matters not on the agenda, there is an opportunity for individuals to address the Board when the Board President requests comments from the public near the beginning of the meeting. The Board shall not take action on such items at that meeting.