

Minutes
BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
September 1, 2021

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – President Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL - Board members present: Jonna Phillips, Linda Brown, America Navarro, Dennis Slusser and Kathryn Sheppard were present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – President Phillips lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda with changes / additions. Add Action Items 8D – Approve opening Fund 08 for tracking ASB activity as per requirement of GASB 84; Item 8E – Approve new position for a temporary Passenger Van Driver effective Sept. 1, 2021; Add Personnel Action Items 9D – Accept resignation of Deanna (Tinker) Jones as Lt. Maint./Cust./Bus at RES effective 9/6/2021 and Item 9E – Approve hiring Deanna (Tinker) Jones as Bus/Cust./Cook position effective 9/7/2021 . MSCU (Sheppard/Slusser) 5/0

Slusser – Aye Navarro – Aye Brown – Aye Sheppard – Aye Phillips – Aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The Board approved the minutes from the August 4, 2021 Regular Board meeting as written. MSCU (Navarro/Slusser) 5/0

Slusser – Aye Navarro – Aye Brown – Aye Sheppard – Aye Phillips – Aye

The Board adjourned into Closed Session at 6:32 pm

CLOSED SESSION

1. **Public Employment Appointment of Personnel as listed under “Personnel Action” below; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**
2. **Classified, Certificated, Classified Confidential, and Management Personnel Discipline, Dismissal and/or Release; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**
3. **Public Employee Performance Evaluation of Classified, Certificated, Classified Confidential, Management and Superintendent; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957**
4. **Instructions to Board Negotiators, Superintendent and Board Member; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a)**
5. **Litigation; Pursuant to Government Code Sections 54956.9**

Closed Session was adjourned at 7:08 pm and reconvened to Open Session.

Staff Present: Doug Kaelin, Superintendent; LaQuita Ulrich, Elementary Principal and Donna Cyr, Admin. Assist. & HR Director

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION – President Phillips read a statement regarding action taken in closed session directing the Superintendent. “The Biggs Unified School District Governing Board would prefer to continue with allowing parents and students the choice of wearing face covering while indoors. However, the District has received three formal complaints from the Department of Industrial Relation, Division of Occupational Safety, a letter from the district liability insurance and guidance from the district legal team, outlining the financial risk and the possibility of the schools being forced into online learning if the guidelines are not followed. The Governing Board is directing the Superintendent to comply with all California Department of Public Health mandates regarding COVID-19. The Board would ask that parents and community members direct their concern to the California Department of Public Health, California Governor, California Department of Education and local representatives of Sacramento”.

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS – Nothing reported.

CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA) and BIGGS UNIFIED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (BUTA) REPORTS - No report for CSEA or BUTA.

PUBLIC HEARING

To allow public input on the Resolution regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials for 2021/2022.

The hearing for the Resolution regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials was opened at 7:10 pm. There was no public comment. Mr. Kaelin noted that all new books and instructional materials were signed off on the Annual Williams Report. The hearing closed at 7:13 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandi Moffett, Biggs, addressed the new CDPH threats on mask mandates. She feels this is a government over reach.

Gaela Daniels, Biggs, spoke on her child’s inter-district denial. Asked the Board to overturn decision.

REPORTS:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Principal Ulrich gave the report:

- It’s been a successful start of school. Team building and building strong connections/reviewing expectations.
- Trainer Heidi Koski met with the new hires.
- All the new teachers are doing very well:
 - Aaron Bayless is using his theatrical side to benefit the kids. Students are engaged and positive.
 - Ashley Odekirk is thinking outside the box and willing to change things up with implementing new ideas.
 - Hollie Byers’ focus is finding the positive in students. Looks for a way to make things better.
 - Beth Chavez is building a community of empathy, acceptance and kindness in her room. Started the Yearbook
 - Nick Grubiss is embracing curriculum with his students
- SDC has successfully mainstreamed 3 students and working on a 4th
- SST – Early Intervention. Melissa Green has revamped the forms and working on intervention
- Suicide Awareness Week is 9/7 – 9/10 and Counselor Fazila Afzal is setting it up and working on grade appropriate lessons.
- Annual Jog-a-thon is Aug. 30 – Sept. 17th. PAWS parent are helping with the on-line student store.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL’S REPORT:

Superintendent Kaelin gave the report:

- Wonderful start to the new year.
- New teachers are doing fantastic.
- FFA had a great showing at the Fair
- FFA is working on the Green Hand program with freshmen
- Fall sports are in full swing with Volleyball, Cheer and Football. Our first game is in Alameda. Taking vans down.

M/O/T/, FOOD SERVICE and SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

Superintendent Kaelin gave the report:

- We have 2 bus drivers out and 1 retiring on Friday, Sept. 3rd. We’re looking at hiring a van driver to help with the shortage.
- The breakfast program count is down. Looking at ways to pick up the count.
- It is the 6 year anniversary of our football stadium burning down. The new stadium is great.
- ESSR plan – starting to write it. We are looking at replacing some of the old A/C units; purchasing shade structures; water bottle filling stations and possibly new playground equipment.
- Talking with the fire dept. to use the Richvale post office building for fire training
- Working on a COVID-19 testing plan. It must be in place by October 15th. We are gathering data.
- Wanted to compliment Joelene Gilman as our Independent Study teacher. She took the ball and is running with it.
- Biggs is going to be involved in a Literacy Program Grant. \$185,000 over 3 years in teacher stipends. We will invite 10 teachers between the grades of 6th – 12th to participate. Comprehensive learning tools and professional development.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS: Nothing from the Board

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda Items A - C. MSCU (Sheppard/Slusser) 5/0

Slusser – Aye Navarro – Aye Brown – Aye Sheppard – Aye Phillips – Aye

- A. Inter-district Agreement Request(s) for the 2021 – 2022 school year
- B. Approve PO Vendor Report from June 12 through August 25, 2021
- C. Approve E-rate Management Services Agreement with E-rate Advisors for 2021-2022

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved Action Items A - E. MSCU (Slusser/Navarro) 5/0

Slusser – Aye Navarro – Aye Brown – Aye Sheppard – Aye Phillips – Aye

- A. Adopt Resolution 2021/2022 #1 – Resolution Regarding Sufficiency of Instructional Materials as they relate to the Instructional Materials Funding Realignment Program (IMFRP)
- B. Approve Amendments to Adopted 2021 LCAP

BCOE reviewed the District’s LCAP and found a few sections that needed to be amended or clarified. The changes have been made and the document is now being presented for approval. The Superintendent recommends approval.

- C. Approve Independent Study related curriculum for K – 12 grades using the Acellus platform for the 2021-22 school year.

Education Code requires local school district governing boards to approve all textbook/online purchases for students, and to annually approve those utilized for Independent Study students. The Superintendent recommends approval.

- D. Approve opening Fund 08 for tracking ASB activity as per requirement of GASB 84. – ADDED**
- E. Approve new position for a temporary Passenger Van Driver effective Sept. 1, 2021 - ADDED**

PERSONNEL ACTION

The Board approved Personnel Action Items A – E. MSCU (Sheppard/Slusser) 5/0

Slusser – Aye Navarro – Aye Brown – Aye Sheppard – Aye Phillips – Aye

- A. Approve hiring of Hokulani Wickard as a walk-on football coach for the 2021/2022 season
- B. Accept resignation of Javier Solis as Head Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2021/2022 season.
- C. Accept retirement of Sharron Deniz as Bus/Lt. Maint./Cust./Cook effective September 3rd, 2021
- D. Accept resignation of Deanna (Tinker) Jones as Lt. Maint./Cust./Bus at RES effective Sept. 6, 2021 - ADDED**
- E. Approve hiring of Deanna (Tinker) Jones as Bus/Cust./Cook effective Sept. 7, 2021 - ADDED**

INFORMATION ITEMS - NONE

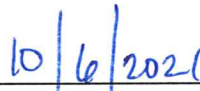
FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION - NONE

ADJOURNMENT – 7:45 p.m.

MINUTES APPROVED AND ADOPTED:



Presiding President



Date

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