

Bonita Unified School District
Unofficial Board of Education Meeting Minutes

115 W. Allen Avenue
San Dimas, CA 91773

August 14, 2019 Special Board of Education Meeting

Attendance Taken at 4:30 PM:

Present:

Mr. Derek Bahmanou
Mr. Chuck Coyne
Mr. Glenn Creiman
Mrs. Diane Koach

Absent:

Mr. Matthew Lyons

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Board President Diane Koach called the special meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL

3. OPEN SESSION AGENDA

4. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Minutes:

Board President Diane Koach asked Mrs. Christine Black to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER AND CONTENT

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Mr. Glenn Creiman and a second by Mr. Chuck Coyne.

Yes Mr. Derek Bahmanou

Yes Mr. Chuck Coyne

Yes Mr. Glenn Creiman

Yes Mrs. Diane Koach

Absent Mr. Matthew Lyons

6. REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON THE OPEN SESSION AGENDA

Quick Summary:

The public has the opportunity to address the Board on Agenda Items. The Board may limit the total time for each agenda item to twenty (20) minutes. Any person

wishing to speak on an agenda item may be granted up to three (3) minutes at the time the item appears on the agenda. In the case of a non-agenda item, comments may be made under Requests to Speak On Non-Agenda Items-Communication from The Public. Prior to addressing the Board, please fill out the "Request to Address the Board" card, which may be picked up from Adela Droe, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent. Any person addressing the Board should first state their name, association with the District and address.

7. DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

7.1. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

7.1.1. Areas of Focus for the 2019-2020 School Year

Minutes:

Superintendent Carl Coles thanked principals for their thoughtfulness and diligence in making Bonita Unified better. In preparing for 2019-2020, principals identified areas on their campus and mapped out a strategic plan with the District's three core values in mind.

Mr. Coles introduced Assistant Superintendent Matthew Wien who called upon each principal to highlight one of the areas they will focus on this year and present a report to the Board.

Chaparral/Vista High Schools - Principal Christine Black reported to better address the needs of each child, staff will use equity-based guidance and discipline rather than equality-based.

Bonita High School - Principal Kenneth Ritchie reported on the implementation of a House of Representatives to provide students a platform to voice opinions and discuss issues pertaining to high school students in a safe environment.

Roynon Elementary School - Principal Tammi DiGrazia shared that Roynon School will officially become a "Leader in Me" school to address equity for students. Staff will continue to receive training. A focus is to build the leadership capacity within students.

Gladstone Elementary School - Principal Allison Daniels reported that Gladstone School staff has a desire to become integrated with a focus on social-emotional learning. After exploring a couple of options, they will launch a new initiative using Leader in Me program.

Ramona Middle School - Principal James Ellis shared about the need to address a change in the climate and reported on a move towards a multi-tier system of support and positive behavioral interventions and support (MTSS/PBIS).

Arma J. Shull Elementary - Principal Jennifer Powell reported staff will research on social-emotional learning and implement an effective Tier I SEL

program at all levels and increase understanding of and comfort with implementing Tier 2 SEL supports.

Oak Mesa Elementary - Steven Patterson reported that Oak Mesa will create an intervention program to help with math skills.

Lone Hill Middle School - Principal Jason Coss reported adding another layer of intervention called Learn, Excel, and Optimize (LEO) program to help students meet grade-level standards.

Grace Miller Elementary School - Principal Tomeika Carter addressed the need to foster a love of reading and will implement "Drop Everything and Read" (DEAR). Time will be set aside each day for students and staff to read.

Allen Avenue Elementary - Principal Debbie Grenier shared goal to improve differentiated instruction school-wide.

Ekstrand Elementary School - Principal Ji Wang shared a goal to work with grade-level teams to work on English Language Arts. They will dissect and comb through standards. Dedicating "Bobcat" time using SIPPS (Systematic Instruction in Phonological Awareness, Phonics, and Sight Words.) A School-wide intervention to build skills and confidence in the ability to read.

San Dimas High School - Principal Scott Sparks plans to work with Bonita High School's English Language Arts Department to identify essential standards and define mastery of those standards.

La Verne Heights Elementary - Principal Jaymi Abusham reported on the Accelerated Reader program and the goal to rethink the practices and strive to serve every students, not just those who can excel.

In closing, the Board thanked the principals and acknowledged the camaraderie around the table. Everyone presented unique plans, showing a passion to take care of everybody.

8. REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Minutes:

Representative Carrie Lam from the office of Congresswoman Grace Napolitano shared the Congressional APP Challenge. She handed out flyers with the information to secondary principals.

9. FUTURE MEETING DATES

9.1. The Next Regular Board of Education Meeting Date

Minutes:

Board President Diane Koach announced the date of the next Board of Education

meeting.

10. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Minutes:

There were no requests for future agenda items.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Board President Diane Koach adjourned the study session at 5:55 p.m.

Matthew Lyons, Board of Education Clerk

Date Adopted: