

Bonita Unified School District
Unofficial Board of Education Meeting Minutes
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July 31, 2019 Board of Education Study Session

Attendance Taken at 9:00 AM:

Present:

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

Minutes:

Board President Diane Koach called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Minutes:

Present:

Mrs. Diane Koach, Board President
Mr. Glenn Creiman, Board Vice President
Mr. Matthew Lyons, Board Clerk
Mr. Derek Bahmanou, Board Member
Mr. Carl Coles, Superintendent
Mrs. Susan Cross Hume, Assistant Superintendent-Business Services
Mr. Kevin Lee, Assistant Superintendent-Human Resources
Mr. Matthew Wien, Assistant Superintendent-Educational Services

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Minutes:

Board President Diane Koach led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON THE STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Minutes:

There were no requests to speak on items listed on the study session agenda.

5. STUDY SESSION AGENDA

Minutes:

Superintendent Carl Coles discussed the purpose of the study session. He thanked Assistant Superintendent Susan Cross Hume and her entire team for their work in completing the facilities assessment.

Assistant Superintendent Susan Cross Hume provided an overview of the upgrades to District facilities from Bond Measures C and AB.

She introduced the speakers who provided information related to considerations of a future bond.

5.1. Review of District Facilities Assessment

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent Susan Cross Hume introduced Mr. Mark Gelsinger from Architecture 9.

Mr. Gelsinger presented the District's Facilities Assessment report and discussed the process used for putting together the assessment. He provided information on future needs prioritized into three categories:

1. Improve safety and accessibility
2. Upgrade classrooms
3. School enhancements

The assessment identified the areas of improvement that principals indicated were priorities and approximate costs.

The most requested items included:

- Upgrade the fire alarms
- Security including fencing, cameras, exterior lighting
- Improve/Reconfigure/Add parking and student drop-off lanes for safety
- Technology/modernize for STEM and robotics
- Lighting, carpet, and tack boards
- Casework and furniture
- Doors and windows

Mr. Gelsinger answered clarifying questions from the Board.

Board President remarked that the facilities assessment gave the Board a lot to consider. Mrs. Koach reminded the audience that the first bond was 56 million. By the time the wiring and the behind-the-scenes improvements to the infrastructure were addressed, bond monies were no longer available for other needs.

5.2. Discuss Bond Considerations

Minutes:

Assistant Superintendent Susan Cross Hume introduced Mr. Chet Wang from Keygent Advisors.

Mr. Wang's presentation included a review of considerations that addressed funding needs, the District's assessed value, and financing constraints. The interest rate environment remains near historic lows due to uncertainties. Bonita Unified's tax rate is \$79.15 per \$100,000 of assessed value, which is in the bottom third of Los Angeles County Unified Districts. Mr. Wang also reviewed laws that have changed since the last bond measures. There are two elections in 2020, none in 2021, and two dates in 2022.

Mr. Wang answered questions from the Board. The Board requested information on the next steps for the District to explore a bond measure in March 2020.

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

Minutes:

Board Member Chuck Coyne requested a proposal on the August 7 agenda to consider a polling consultant to survey the community's interest in a bond.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:

Board President Diane Koach adjourned the study session at 10:34 a.m.

Matthew Lyons, Board of Education Clerk

Date Adopted: