



# BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32 GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR MEETING AGENDA March 16, 2021

Pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Governing Board of the Blue Ridge Unified School District #32 and to the general public that the Board will hold a Regular Meeting on **Tuesday, March 16, 2021, at 5:00 PM in the District Board room located at 1200 West White Mountain Boulevard, Lakeside, Arizona.** Governing Board members will attend in person or by telephone [or video or internet conference]. **Live-streamed at <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkgNap0pIxaI9f0KIG6TyrA>.** The Board may go into executive sessions for purposes of obtaining legal advice from the Board's attorney on any of the following agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. 38-431.03(A)(3). The Board's attorney may appear in person or telephonically.

**Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the public is invited and strongly urged to attend/participate in the meeting via [technology], rather than to attend/participate in person. The District intends to comply with all state and federal guidelines aimed at slowing the spread of COVID-19. Accordingly, the ability of the public to attend the meeting in person will be restricted so that no more than 10 people are gathered, inclusive of board members and staff.**

The Agenda for the meeting is as follows. The Board reserves the right to change the order of the items on the Agenda except for public hearings and bid awards.

## **1. Opening Ceremony** **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Recognition of BR Star Awards for March**

- David Heathman, Maintenance/Custodial Department,
- Rachel Cotellesse, Teacher, Elementary School
- Kathy Palensar, Secretary, Elementary School

## **2. Consent Agenda**

### **2. 1. Minutes**

Minutes of Regular Governing Board meeting held on February 9, 2021, Regular Governing Board meeting held for the Board approval or correction.

### **2. 2. Vouchers and Reports**

Before approval at each Governing Board meeting, Governing Board members may review vouchers. Vouchers represent orders for payment of material, equipment, salaries, and services.

Approve Payroll Vouchers:

20	522,343.19
21	515,183.16
22	525,501.87
23	8,257.21

**Total \$1,571,285.43**

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Approve Expense Vouchers:

2048	12,634.45
2049	192,263.65
2050	48,346.45
2051	559.48
2052	32,078.30
2053	79,331.03
2054	26,766.62

**Total \$ 391,979.98**

Approve Student Activity & Auxiliary Operation Vouchers:

5047	267.80
5048	66.23
5049	807.47
5050	842.09
5051	75.00
5052	210.00
5053	350.27
5054	35.00
5055	25.00

**Total \$ 13,196.41**

2.3. **Personnel**

2.4. **Recommendation to Review and Approve the Hire of New Employees for the 2020-2021 School Year**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the hire of the following new employees:

- John Hutchinson, Sub Bus Driver
- Davylyn Shaddinger, Bus Aide (replacement position)
- Grace Bruton, SPED Aide, Elementary School (replacement position)
- Julie Layden, SPED Aide, Elementary School (replacement position)
- Andrea Schumacher, Pre-School Aide, (replacement position)

2.5. **Recommendation to Review and Approve Employee Resignations**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the following resignations:

- Angela Desmond, Teacher, Elementary, effective May 14, 2021 (personal reasons)
- Laura de la Fuente, Teacher, Elementary, effective May 14, 2021 (moving)
- Alana Gardner, Instructional Aide, Elementary, effective May 14, 2021 (moving)
- Jeffrey Robinson, Teacher, High School, effective May 14, 2021 (moving)

2.6. **Recommendation to Review and Approve 2020-2021 Extra Duty and Sport Addendums**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve additional compensation provided to teachers with course loads exceeding full-time schedules. A list of participants and the associated amounts were provided to the Board in a separate handout.

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2.7. **Recommendation to Review and Approve February 2021 Financial Reports**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve January tax credit, auxiliary operations and student activities financial reports.

3. **Business**

3.1. **Recommendation to Review and Approve Teachers and Counselors Contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year**

Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve the issuance of teacher and counselor contracts for the 2021-2022 School Year. A list has been provided to the Governing Board as a separate handout.

3.2. **Recommendation to Review and Approve the Disposal of Equipment**

Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve the disposal of School-owned equipment in accord with Statute requirements.

3.2. **Recommendation to Review and Approve our E-Rate 2021 Application**

Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve Network Equipment, Wireless LAN, and Cabling regarding our E-Rate 2021 Application. Eight bids were received and evaluated by a matrix. Sentinel Technologies scored the highest and met all requirements. The cost is \$160,405.87. The equipment is eligible for Category 2 E-rate funding, meaning approximately \$128k is covered, leaving the district with approximately \$32k of expense.

3.3. **Recommendation to Review and Approve the Early Graduation of a Blue Ridge High School Student**

Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the early graduation of a Blue Ridge High School Student. The student information has been provided to the Board in a separate handout.

3.4. **Superintendent's Report**

- 8<sup>th</sup> grade students, Spelling Bee champion and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winner
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball, White Mountain League Conference winners
- District Update

3.5. **Announcements**

- The Board will be provided calendar items with respect to future meeting dates and other information concerning the Governing Board. Regular **Governing Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 13, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

4. **Adjournment**

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The Board members have been provided with background material in advance of the Board meeting. A copy of this material (except for materials relating to possible Executive Sessions) is available for public review at the District Office at least 24 hours in advance of the Board meeting.


Dated March 15, 2021

Respectfully submitted by,

Dr. Michael L. Wright,

Superintendent of Schools

**EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADMONITION:** All persons present during an executive session are hereby reminded that it is unlawful to disclose or otherwise divulge to any person who is not present, other than a current member of the Board, or pursuant to a specific statutory exception, anything that has transpired or has been discussed during the executive session or the Minutes of the executive session. Failure to comply is a violation of A.R.S.

38-431.03 and may result in fines and other penalties in accordance with A.R.S. 38-431.07.  **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT:** Blue Ridge Unified School District intends to comply with the A.D.A. If you are disabled or physically challenged and need a reasonable accommodation to participate, please contact the Superintendent's office two business days in advance of the meeting or as otherwise as soon as practicable prior to the meeting date at 928-368-6126 ext. 1101