



BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
GOVERNING BOARD REGULAR BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2021

Members Present: David Merrill, President; Chuck Waldo, Vice-President; Diana Butler, Member; Jennifer Brimhall, Member

Others Present: Dr. Michael L. Wright, Superintendent of Schools; members of the administrative staff of Blue Ridge Unified School District as well as interested citizens. Brenda Thomas-Martinez excused.

1. Opening Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance @ 5:00 pm by Chuck Waldo

Recognition of BR Star Awards for April

- Brian Jackson, Finance, District Office
- Brytani Eddy, Secretary, Elementary School

2. Consent Agenda Motion to approve by Chuck Waldo, second Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall. Item 2.6 and 2.7 voted on separately

2. 1. Minutes

Minutes of Regular Governing Board meeting held on March 16, 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:

24 500,155.66

Total \$ 500,155.66

Approve Expense Vouchers:

2055 22,039.10

2056 15,858.05

2057 25,475.29

2058 33,066.70

2059 95,160.49

2060 209,887.96

Total \$ 401,487.59

Approve Student Activity & Auxiliary Operation Vouchers:

5056 35.00

Total \$ 35.00

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2.3. **Personnel**

2.4. **Recommendation to Review and Approve the Increase in Compensation for Level I and Level II Special Education Aides**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve an hourly increase for Special Education Aides to meet market demand. A list has been provided to the Board as a separate handout.

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

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the following resignations:

- Bonnie Craig, Instructional Aide, Elementary School (moving)
- Julia Morquecho, Title I Aide, Elementary School (personal reasons)
- Keena Numkena, Instructional Aide, Elementary School (personal reasons)
- Amanda Atole, Teacher, High School (moving)

2.6. **Recommendation to Review and Approve Employee Retirement**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the following resignations:

- Tommy Crane, Custodian, April 6th, 2022
- Jeff Akins, Director of Facilities, June 30, 2022
- Larry Garrison, Teacher, High School, May 19, 2022
- Bryon Crain, Assistant Principal, High School, October 1, 2022
- Stephanie Condojani, Teacher, Elementary School, May 19, 2022
- Donald Newell, Maintenance, April 1, 2022

Motion to approve by Chuck Waldo, second Diana Butler, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

2.7. **Recommendation to Review and Approve Employees Withdraw of Intent to Resign**

Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve Jeffrey Robinson and Angela Desmond's request to rescind their resignation after the 2020-2021 School Year.

Motion to approve by Margaret Gabe, second Diana Butler, passed by unanimous vote- David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

2.8. **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.

2.9. **Recommendation to Review and Approve School Year 2020-2021 (SY) Sport Addendums**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve sport addendums for coaches, SY 2020-2021. A list of participants and the associated amounts were provided to the Board in a separate handout.

2.10. **Recommendation to Review and Approve March 2021 Financial Reports**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve March tax credit, auxiliary operations and student activities financial reports. Financial reports provided to the Board in a separate handout.

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2.11. Recommendation to Review and Approve the Calendar for School Years (SY) 2021-2022 and 2022-2023

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve the calendar for SY 2021-2022 and 2022-2023. The breaks are in coordination with surrounding School Districts and Northland Pioneer College. A copy of the calendars have been provided to the Board as a separate handout.

3. Business

3.1. Recommendation to Review and Approve the Gifted Education Scope and Sequence Document for the 2021-2022 School Year (SY)

Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve the Gifted Scope and Sequence document for the 2021-2022 SY. This is an annual approval requirement.

Motion to approve by Chuck Waldo, second Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

3.2. Recommendation to Review and Approve Addendum to The TALON Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) for the 2021-2022 School Year (SY)

Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve Addendum to the TALON IGA for the 2021-2022 SY. After the Dual Enrollment IGA was signed, the College has amended its Payment to the School District.

Motion to approve by Diana Butler, second Jennifer Brimhall, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

3.3. Recommendation to Review and Approve the Early Graduation of Two Blue Ridge High School Students

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

Motion to approve by Jennifer Brimhall, second Chuck Waldo, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

3.4. Recommendation to Review and Approve the Junior Leadership Academy (JLA) Afterschool Program, Elementary School

Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve the JLA afterschool program for grades 4 and 5, date of service April 19th – 30th. The program will be fully funded by the JLA.

Motion to approve by Diana Butler, second Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

3.5. Superintendent's Report

Upcoming Events:

- April 7th and 8th, BRES Principal Interviews
- April 13th, BRES Principal candidate meet and greet, 4:00pm – 7:00pm, East Campus Gym
- April 13th – 15th, District-wide Pre-Registration, District Board Room (events advertised community-wide), 4:00 pm – 7:30 pm
- April 13th – COVID Vaccine Clinic, 8:00 am – 2:00 pm, Main Gym (High School).
- April 20th – BRES Open House, 4:00pm – 6:30 pm
- April 26th – High School Open House, 5:00pm – 7:00 pm
- April 27th – Junior High Open House, 5:00pm – 7:00 pm

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- May 14th – Last day of School
- May 14th – Final Lap, 8th grade students, 12:30 pm – 1:00 pm in front of the Junior High School
- May 14th – Kindergarten Graduation, 9am-BRES gym
- May 17th – Baccalaureate, Tom Kean Auditorium, 7:00pm
- May 17th – June 3rd BRES Summer School Program, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm
- May 17th – June 10th, Junior High and High School Summer School Program, Monday-Thursday, 8:30am – 1:30pm
- May 21st – HS Graduation (traditional ceremony conducted at Paul Moro Stadium), 7:00pm
- May 21st – Grad Lock-in event. PTSO seeking volunteers and donations. Hatch Toyota New Car Give-A-Way presented at Lock-In.
- SY 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 Calendars will be posted on our web site.
- District Update

5:37 pm Motion to move into Executive Session by Margaret Gabe, second by Chuck Waldo, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

3.6. Superintendent Dr. Michael L. Wright, Performance Evaluation

Discussion and possible action regarding the annual performance review, the award of performance pay to the Superintendent. The Governing Board may vote to convene in executive session, which shall not be open to the public, pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A) (1) for the discussion of personnel matters.

Motion to move into Open Session by Margaret Gabe, second by Diana Butler, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

Motion to approve Item 3.6 by Chuck Waldo, second Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

3.7. 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, May 4, 2021 at 5:00 pm.**

4. Adjournment @ 7:21 pm, Motion by Margaret Gabe, second Diana Butler, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall


Dated April 9th, 2021

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary L. Ford,

Executive Board Secretary

EXECUTIVE SESSION/ADMONTION: 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.