



BUCKEYE UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

DISTRICT VISION STATEMENT

Working together with families, the community, and highly qualified staff, the Buckeye Union School District ensures that each student masters the knowledge and skills needed to maximize his/her academic and personal success in a global society.

Wednesday, May 6, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

Closed Session-No Closed Session

Open Session - 7:00 p.m.

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Brenda Hanson-Smith led the flag salute and called the meeting to order. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D.
Gloria Silva
Kirk Seal
Jon Yoffie
Winston Pingrey

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Kirk Seal motioned to approve the agenda as presented. Gloria Silva seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. PRESENTATIONS

1. Silva Valley Employees of the Year: Brandon Beadle

- Classified Employee of the Year: Tara Nakano

Principal Brandon Beadle introduced Tara Nakano, Health Clerk, as Silva Valley's Classified Employee of the Year. Mr. Beadle was pleased to report that Tara is an extremely reliable and dedicated employee. She works tirelessly behind the scenes taking care of children at Silva Valley and simply has a heart of gold. Superintendent Roth presented Tara with a Certificate of Appreciation and shared that Tara is one of those individuals who is a hard working and dedicated individual who greets children with a smile every day and lets them know that they are important. Tara works tirelessly, particularly during flu season, to see that the health needs and well being of children is taken care of and her work in this regard is appreciated.

- **Certificated Employee of the Year: Amber Ross**

Principal Brandon Beadle introduced Amber Ross as Silva Valley's Certificated Employee of the Year. Mr. Beadle reported that Amber is an exceptional teacher but in addition she is very involved in many school and other activities in support of students. For example, Amber runs the PC Pals with Intel at Silva, Musical Theater at Silva, and outside of work a Girl Scout Troop. She and students were in preparation for a Willy Wonka play when Covid-19 shut down the school. She is also involved at the District and site level with LCF, PBIS and attends many committee meetings. She has a push-in program with RSP children in her class. Amber's efforts both in her classroom and in support of students in general is greatly appreciated. Dr. Roth presented Amber with a Certificate of Appreciation. Dr. Roth noted that he truly admires Amber for all she does as a teacher but also for the fact that she is a role model of resilience in life having overcome many personal challenges. Amber provides excellent instruction, excellent support and connecting with students and is complementary with leading the school culture at Silva Valley. Dr. Roth noted his appreciation and thanks.

2. **Rolling Hills Employees of the Year: Debbie Bowers**

- **Classified Employee of the Year: Bryan Ferretti**

Principal Debbie Bower introduced Bryan Ferretti as Rolling Hills Classified Employee of the year. Principal Bowers shared that Mr. Ferretti was hired last year in a position that was designed to improve chronic absenteeism rates. She entered into the process knowing that the position requires the right person to fill it and was concerned one would not materialize in the recruitment process, until Bryan walked in for an interview. After the first two questions, she knew Bryan was the right person to fill this position. Bryan's presence on campus is important for students to see, but also on display is his empathetic heart - which is also crucial. Bryan has been able to connect with kids and strike the balance needed to be seen by them as "cool man on campus" and "accounting to him." On average, Bryan walks about 18,000 steps a day connecting, checking in and supervising students. Bryan has made a difference and that is why the staff voted for

him as Classified Employee of the Year. Dr. Roth presented Mr. Ferretti with a Certificate of Appreciation and shared that Debbie or Jen comment frequently and favorably about all he does for students. Brian is clearly the right person for this position having both a positive approach to teach and inspire along with engaging the children.

- **Certificated Employee of the Year: Don Hayward**

Ms. Bowers introduced Don Hayward as their Certificated Employee of the Year. Ms. Bowers shared that she is so thankful that Don joined our staff a few years ago. Not only is he an outstanding teacher, but he's also a positive leader with our staff. He is thoughtful and reflective about his practices and carefully looks at data to decide which ideas make the most sense in his classroom. Two of his favorites (and also mine) are project-based learning and standards-based grading. I have the benefit of seeing him from the eyes of a parent because my daughter is also in his class. The project-based learning pieces are the parts she loves, and she even made her whole family play her Clue game about the Age of Exploration. Ms. Bowers said that Don has been a leader to all of our staff members as he has taken on a leadership role as a crucial part of our MTSS team. Don also works behind the scenes sharing his excitement with others and getting them on board. One of the reasons my staff has been chomping at the bit to use Illuminate is because of Don's positive praise of the program and willingness to teach others how to use it. Don is a leader of teachers because he models best practices and is willing to share what he knows will work. At the same time, he's always game for trying something new that will engage students. Ms. Bowers said that they are so grateful for his leadership and love having him on our staff. Dr. Roth presented Mr. Hayward with a Certificate of Appreciation and shared that he too shares Ms. Bower's sentiments and recognizes Don's ability to lead colleagues, is thoughtful and reflective in his instructional practices, and always has a way to make people feel comfortable when collaborating with other teachers. He is truly a teacher leader and we are appreciative of all he does.

Certificated Employee of the Year: Jeremiah Massey

Ms. Bowers introduced Jeremiah Massey as Rolling Hills Certificated Teacher of the Year. Ms. Bowers explained that when the vote was taken by staff, the outcome was a tie between Don Hayward and Jeremiah Massey. Ms. Bowers shared that when Rolling Hills was looking for a new band teacher, that she had a clear list of priorities for a candidate to meet. She wanted someone who has a passion for music, someone who could build our program, and most of all, someone who loves and connects well with kids. Jeremiah checks all of these boxes and more. From the inception of his employment, Jeremiah has thrown himself into creating a safe and inclusive band program in which even the least self-confident young musicians feel accepted and as if they can do well. She said that

Jeremiah also leads our after-school Jazz Band. In addition to serving students at Rolling Hills, Debbie also shared that Jeremiah works with kids at three of our elementary sites all while juggling a performance calendar and helping organize and set up our talent show. Ms. Bowers shared a story about how last year we had a student join us later in the year, and the band was full. The student reached out to Jeremiah. Jeremiah reached out to her and stated "I know I'm at 68 students, but band will make a difference for this kid. Can we please just add him?" This is Jeremiah and its a testament not only to the program, but to the person himself. Dr. Roth presented Mr. Massey with a Certificate of Appreciation and shared that both as Superintendent and a parent of a student who was in his band program, he has noted that Jeremiah has a way of connecting with kids that makes kids feel like they are important and connected to him. Jeremiah has and continues to be fully committed to our students and the development of the band program and his efforts in this regard are appreciated.

VI. REPORTS

1. Reports and Requests by Board Members

- Winston Pingrey: Winston Pingrey reported that they had their County Board meeting. School districts are trying to stay positive during these unprecedented times. Many have had issues with technology so they are spending time going from home-to-home to reach out to and connect with students. Many are seeking assistance from EDCOE.

2. Superintendent Report: Superintendent David Roth, Ph.D.

Superintendent Roth reminded the Board that at its last meeting we passed a Resolution designating May 1st as Principal Appreciation Day, May 13th as Teacher Appreciation Day is on May 13th, and the week of May 17-23rd as classified appreciation week. Dr. Roth shared that he cannot express how proud and grateful he is, along with the Board and all of the District Administrative staff, regarding the service and commitment of our administrative leaders and employees in all groups. It is remarkable to see what is occurring during our most challenging school year - he really appreciates all the hard work done by everyone and thanked everyone once again. Dr. Roth shared that remote learning continues for all our students and it seems they have found a nice rhythm in place and they will ensure that the learning is continuing until the end of the school year. Dr. Roth recognized that we know that this is challenging time for parents as well as our employees and reminded all that we are all in this together. Dr. Roth is happy to report that all three middle school sites will have a promotion ceremony of some sorts, and he plans on getting with the Board on the details. The plan will make sure that the Board has an opportunity to participate along with himself. He said that it is important

that we celebrate this milestone for the 8th graders. Dr. Roth shared that this is particularly significant for him as this year's 8th grade class were kindergartners when he started his career as Superintendent some 8+ years ago. President Brenda Hanson-Smith said that the Board will be there to help celebrate the promotions with this group of 8th graders and looks forward to hearing what the plans will be.

3. Covid-19 Update: Superintendent David Roth, Ph.D.
Superintendent Roth reported that we continue to monitor the COVID-19 situation locally, statewide and nationally. Some families were alarmed that when the Governor said schools will be opening up in July, but he sent out a communication to ensure that the families know that our school start date will not change from Aug 12th. Dr. Roth shared that he is hoping to receive some clarification on the children returning to school next year, but we will follow the directives of local health officials as well as state officials. At some point, the District will bring to the Board a proposal to review with the Board on a reopening plan. We are in the process of developing and exploring ways of learning for students who can and for those who cannot come to school due to Covid-19. The District has been continuing to serve breakfast and lunch to children 18 years of age or younger and will provide a Summer Feeding Program . We know that many families are economically impacted. The Governor will be announcing the May Revise in the coming week, which we are all looking forward to hearing to get an insight into the budget impacts of COVID-19. Superintendent Roth is welcoming everyone to the Budget meeting on May 20th. Dr. Roth also took a moment to thank the health care workers, grocery workers, and everyone working in these public spaces to make sure we all have what we need - he wanted to express his appreciation to all these workers.
4. Budget/LCAP Update:
Assistant Superintendent, Jackie McHaney wanted to echo Dr.Roth's concerns, we are going to be facing some challenging times ahead of us. We know that we are going to have to make some decisions in a compressed time frame due to how fast this came upon us. We will be getting more guidance next Thursday with the May Revise and we will be talking with the experts next week. Ms. McHaney also shared that the State has also pushed pause on the traditional LCAP, delaying its submission to December 15th with First Interim and at this time, it will be only a one year plan. In lieu of an LCAP, the Board is required to adopt a Budget Operating Report, with a template to be provided by CDE.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

All matters listed on the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion. There will be no discussion on these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or public request specific items to be discussed and/or removed from the Consent Agenda. If items are pulled for discussion, a

separate vote will occur on the item(s). The Superintendent and staff recommend approval of all Consent Agenda items.

1. Declaration of Surplus –Rolling Hills
2. Summary of Warrants- March 2020
3. Minutes of Regular Meeting April 1, 2020
4. Agreement for Legal Services with Fagen, Friedman, and Fulfrost

Kirk Seal motioned to approve the consent agenda as presented. Winston Pringrey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

VIII. ACTION ITEMS

1. Authorization to Accept Bids and Enter Into Contract with the Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder for the New Lunch Area Project at Valley View Charter Montessori.

Director of Facilities Brian McCahon reported that we received 4 bids for the new middle school lunch area at Valley View Charter Montessori School. On April 9, 2020 bids were received and Schreder and Brandt MFG, Inc. were found to be the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Attached in the Board packet is the complete summary of the bids. Brian McCahon is asking the Board for the authorization to approve entering into a contract with Schreder and Brandt, Inc. He also wanted to note that this will not impact the general fund. The funding for this project comes from Fund 49, which can only be expended on Valley View Charter Montessori or a pro-rata contribution to District-wide support projects.

Jon Yoffie motioned to Authorize the District to Accept Bids and Enter Into Contract with the Lowest Responsible and Responsive Bidder for the New Lunch Area Project at Valley View Charter Montessori. Winston Pingrey seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Authorization to Enter Into Contract for Services with Kirk S. Brainerd (Architect) to Prepare Construction Documents, and Project Construction Administration Services for the Valley View Charter Montessori Rental Classroom and Associated Site Work Project.

Director of Facilities Brian McCahon said that due to an increase in enrollment at Valley View Charter Montessori School it has been determined that they will need one additional classroom. Mr. McCahon is asking the Board to authorize staff to enter into a contract Kirk S. Brainerd (Architect) to Prepare Construction Documents, and Project Construction Administration Services for the Valley View Charter Montessori Rental Classroom and Associated Site Work Project.

Gloria Silva motioned to approve Authorizing the District to Enter Into Contract for Services with Kirk S. Brainerd (Architect) to Prepare Construction Documents, and Project Construction Administration Services for the Valley View Charter Montessori Rental Classroom and Associated Site Work Project. Jon Yoffie seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Authorization to Sign Lease Agreement with Mobile Modular for the Lease of a DSA Approved Classroom as a Component of the Valley View Charter Montessori Rental Classroom and Associated Site Work Project.

Director of Facilities Brian McCahon said that the District has determined that it will need to lease the classroom to meet the deadline for the start of the 20/21 school year to have it placed on site over the summer. Mr. McCahon explained to the Board that this is a two-step process, with a temporary classroom going in over the summer, while a permanent modular classroom is fabricated and readied to be placed on site the following summer. Mr. McCahon is asking the Board to authorize the Lease Agreement with Mobile Modular for the Lease of a DSA Approved Classroom as a Component of the Valley View Charter Montessori Rental Classroom and Associated Site Work Project.

Jon Yoffie motioned to approve Authorizing the District to Sign a Lease Agreement with Mobile Modular for the Lease of a DSA Approved Classroom as a Component of the Valley View Charter Montessori Rental Classroom and Associated Site Work Project. Kirk Seal seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Approve Resolution No. 20-14 Eliminating Classified Employee Services Effective July 15, 2020

Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney reported that this is an item that we bring to the Board every year, Eliminating Classified Employee Services that we know we will not need for the 2020-21 school year. These positions are positions due to changes in enrollment at our elementary and middle school sites. State law specifies that in order to reduce or layoff we must give a 60 day notice prior to the effective date of the layoff. Ms. McHaney requested the Board approve Resolution 20-14 Eliminating Classified Employee Services Effective July 15, 2020.

Winston Pingrey motioned to Approve Resolution No. 20-14 Eliminating Classified Employee Services Effective July 15, 2020. Kirk Seal seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2020, 7:00 P.M.
Virtual Zoom Meeting

X. ADJOURNMENT

Kirk Seal motioned to adjourn the meeting. Gloria Silva seconded the motion.
The motion carried 5-0.

Approval Date: _____

By: _____
Brenda Hanson-Smith, Ph.D.

By: _____
David Roth, Ph.D.

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