

A **Regular** meeting of the Buellton Union School District Board of Trustees was held on **Wednesday, September 23, 2020** via video conference.

Trustees Present: Elaine Alvarado, Marcilo Sarquilla, Andrew Morgan, Elysia Lewis and Jessie Skidmore

Administration Present: Dr. Randal Haggard, Claudia Echavarria and Lisa Melby

- I. **Call to Order, Roll Call and Public Comment on Closed Session Agenda Items**
- II. **Closed Session**
 - A. Personnel Matters - (Pursuant to Government Code § 54957)
- III. **Opening Ceremony –**
 - A. Call to Order and Roll Call - *Elaine Alvarado called the meeting to order at 7:07pm and said all members were present.*
 - B. Report of Actions Taken During Closed Session - *Mrs. Alvarado continued to say that the Board just came out of closed session and no action was taken.*
 - C. Pledge of Allegiance – *Led by Dr. Randal Haggard*
- IV. **Continue Opening Ceremony**
 - A. Establish Order of the Agenda – *No changes*
 - B. Governing Board Comments – *Jessie Skidmore said they still do not have dates for the Fall Wellness Committee Meeting. She asked parents to reach out to her if they have any questions. Elaine Alvarado said she appreciates all the work of the task force and their commitment to our schools. Next Tuesday evening is a board member candidate forum.*
- V. **Public Comments/Staff Comments**

Three public comments were taken for tonight's meeting:

From Kady Fleckenstein:

As a mother of one child at Oak Valley and one at Jonata, I would like to ask the School Board to think hard about the decision to apply for a waiver to begin classes in person again. As a high-risk family for Covid-19 complications, I cannot risk sending my children to school and I know many others in the same situation. As much as I would love for my kids to see their friends and learn in-person, this is not possible for us. There are many families who are high-risk who cannot afford to homeschool their children with costly programs in lieu of distanced learning. I write to you today to ask you to offer a full distanced-learning option for those families that cannot take the risk but also can not afford alternate options of schooling. I understand that is more work for the teachers and we appreciate all they do for our families. This effort will surely save lives and ease the stress for little ones that cannot go back to school in-person and do not want to be forced to risk their health, or the health of family members, unnecessarily.

Thank you,

*Kady Fleckenstein
Mother of two in the BUSD
Buellton, CA*

From Jonathan Firey:

I heard that Solvang School has applied for the waiver to start back to school in January with a hybrid model. Is that true? Will Oak Valley follow suit? If not, why not?

Also, I would like to know why my three phone messages and 2 emails last year went unanswered by Superintendent Haggard's office?

From Adriana Palacios:

Here is my comment question for the board meeting!

I understand that as of today our school has yet to apply for the County waiver, therefore, I don't see a plan in place for our school to re-open next month, even if it's just for a few days of in person instruction. According to the news our county is still on the purple tier as of today, what does that mean for your opening plans? Are you waiting for the county to drop down to the red tier, and when it does, how long before you have kids back on campus? Is there even a possibility to go back at least the two days a week if our county is on the red tier or is our school waiting to re-open until there's a vaccine available because of liability concerns? What happens if all teachers aren't willing to Come back, does that delay the process? Are you offering options for the teachers who don't feel Comfortable, safe or Need to stay home because a family member is at risk so it doesn't delay the opening process?

*It's very discouraging to hear other local public schools have staff preparing to go back and have also contacted parents with possible days their students may be back on campus if they open up in October. These schools are setting up a plan based on their waiver approval and or when the county moves to red tier and we haven't heard any plans or updates from BUSD.
Thank You!*

VI. **Correspondence – No correspondence**

VII. **School/Community Reports**

- A. Superintendent – Dr. Haggard started his report by addressing the re-opening plans. We should move to the “Red” tier soon hopefully. Working on a slow phased re-opening that supports safety for students and staff. We need to take precautions seriously. A free flu shot clinic is happening on October 7th. Safety is the highest priority and we will move forward in the appropriate steps.
- B. Principal – Lisa Melby started her report by she continues to happy with the attendance rate at our schools. The success is attributed to our two Student Engagement Team Leaders, Oscar Andrade at Jonata and Kim Curtis at Oak Valley. She met with the schools site council this afternoon and it was a great initilameeting. Connectedness is what we are working towards. She is working with students at both schools for the weekly videos.
- C. Special Education – Claudia Echavarria said she has been busy with the remote learning of their students. Working on updating IEP's and supporting the individual families.
- D. B.E.A. – Lisa Restivo said she echos what Dr.Haggard said. The main goal is keeping staff and students safe and healthy.
- E. P.T.S.A – Sharon Parker started her report by thanks teachers and staff for their support and continued work for the students of our district. The Axxess Cards fundraiser is currently going on. PTSA has a Facebook and invited everyone to go ot their page to join PTSA and see what is going on with PTSA.

VIII. **General Items**

- (Action) A. Approval of the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) - Dr. Haggard will be presenting the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) for board discussion and approval.

*Dr. Haggard brought forth the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for Board discussion and approval. Elysia Lewis **MOTIONED** to approve the Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan as presented. Andrew Morgan **Seconded** the motion. **Roll call was then made. The Ayes have it with a vote of 5-0.***

- (Action) B. Approval of Changes to Authorized Signature Forms – Dr. Haggard will bring forth a recommendation for the change to the district's Authorized Signature Form to delete Danielle Spahn as Director of Fiscal Services and add Rebecca Holmes in that position.

*Dr. Haggard brought forth a change to the Authorized Signature Forms with the addition of Rebecca Holmes as the district's Director of Fiscal Services. Jessie Skidmore **MOTIONED** to approve the changes to the Authorized Signature Forms. Elaine Alvarado **Seconded** the motion. **Roll call was then made. The Ayes have it with a vote of 5-0.***

- (Action) C. Approval of Resolution No. 21- 06 “Delegation of Governing Board Powers/Duties” – Dr. Haggard will bring forth Resolution No. 21-06 “Delegation of Governing Board Powers/Duties” for board review and approval.

Dr. Haggard brought forth Resolution No. 21-06 "Delegation of Governing Board Powers/Duties" for review and adoption. Elysia Lewis **MOTIONED** to approve Resolution No. 21-06 "Delegation of Governing Board Powers/Duties" as presented/ Jessie Skidmore **Seconded** the motion. **Roll call was then made. The Ayes have it with a vote of 5-0.**

IX. **Approval of Minutes/Action Consent Agenda**

Consent Agenda Summary

(consent) 1. Minutes of the Regular Meeting held September 9, 2020.

X. Closing

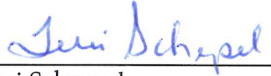
A. Future Meeting Dates

- Regular Meeting, October 7, 2020
- Regular Meeting, November 18, 2020
- Regular Meeting, December 9, 2020
- Regular Meeting, December 16, 2020

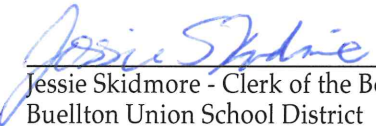
B. Adjournment

*Elysia Lewis **MOTIONED** to approve Consent Agenda as presented. Jessie SKidmore Seconded the motion. **The Ayes have it with a vote of 5-0.** Elaine Alvarado read the Consent Agenda. There being no further business the open session of the meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,



Terri Schrepel
Buellton Union School District



Jessie Skidmore - Clerk of the Board
Buellton Union School District