

BUSD November 17, 2020 Board Meeting Minutes

1. Open Session 5:30 P.M.

1.1. The Board Meeting of the Bellevue Union School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 5:32 by Trustee John Jarvis, Video Teleconference Streamed Live Via YouTube Live on the BUSD Homepage.

1.2. Public Comment On Closed Session: N/A

2. Adjourn To Closed Session: 5:31 P.M.

2.1. Public Employment § 54957

3. Reconvene To Regular Session: 6:05 P.M.

3.1. Flag Salute: Moriah Hart led the flag salute.

Members Present: John Jarvis, Adele Walker, Stephanie Merrida-Grant, Jamie Padilla, Lisa Reyes, and David Alexander

Members Absent: None

Late Arrivals: None

Early Departures: None

District Office Staff Present: David Alexander, Moriah Hart, Chris Kim, Tracy Whitaker, Larry Black, Roger Farrell, Siara Goyer, Aracely Romo-Flores

Others Present: See zoom screen shot

3.2. Report on Closed Session NA

3.3. Consider Agenda Adjustment NA

4. Public Comment: NA

5. Information/Discussion Item

5.1. BUSD 2020/21 Return to School Plan: Health/Safety Updates, Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services & David Alexander, Ed.D., Superintendent

5.1.1. Due to the current COVID-19 status within our county and community the Board directed superintendent to prepare a resolution for the December 8, 2020 board meeting determining that in-person direct instruction will continue to be not offered as an instructional model and

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extend the original timeline (from August 17, 2020 until January 5, 20) to February 8, 2020 unless otherwise safe to return to school sites.

6. Action

- 6.1. On a motion by Jamie Padilla, second by Lisa Reyes, the Board approved December 15, 2020 for the Annual Organizational Meeting

Action: Approved

Vote	5	Ayes
	0	Noes
	0	Absent

- 6.2. On a motion by Adele Walker, second by Stephanie Merrida-Grant, the Board approved the Memo of Understanding (MOU) with North Bay Children's Center (NBCC) for 2020-21.

Action: Approved

Vote	5	Ayes
	0	Noes
	0	Absent

- 6.3. On a motion by Lisa Reyes, second by Jamie Padilla, the Board approved the Amendment(s) to the Child Development Services Grant with the California Department of Education

Action: Approved

Vote	5	Ayes
	0	Noes
	0	Absent

- 6.4. On a motion by Jamie Padilla, second by Stephanie Merrida-Grant, the Board approved the Provisional Internship Permit (PIP) for Elysa Bravo, Resource Specialist Class at Taylor Mountain in 2020-21 School Year

Action: Approved

Vote	5	Ayes
	0	Noes
	0	Absent

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- 6.5. On a motion by Adele Walker, second by Lisa Reyes, the Board approved the Computer Resource Technician (short-term position) Job Description

Action: Approved

Vote	5	Ayes
	0	Noes
	0	Absent

- 6.6. On a motion by Stephanie Merrida-Grant, second by Lisa Reyes, the Board approved Resolution No 8: Exemption to Board Policy, Contract Code 20111, allowing the District to Purchase up to \$160,000 in Air Filtration Units to be Paid for and Reimbursed through Cares Act Funding and a Grant from the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria

Action: Approved

Vote	5	Ayes
	0	Noes
	0	Absent

- 6.7. Ratification of Bills and warrants

Payroll Regular 10/30/2020

Certificated	\$736,391.06
Classified	<u>\$260,454.27</u>
	\$996,845.33

Supplemental Payroll 10/09/2020

Certificated	\$ 23,648.76
Classified	<u>\$ 3,797.84</u>
	\$27,446.60

Manual Payroll 10/16/2020

Certificated	\$ 0.00
Classified	<u>\$ 381.18</u>
	\$ 381.18

Totals \$1,024,673.11

Accounts Payable Totals:

Fund Description	Expensed Amount
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01 General Fund	1,080,766.29
09 SPA Charter	194.00
13 Cafeteria Fund	5,289.99
21 Building Fund	119,000.10
<u>25 Cap Facilities Fund</u>	<u>1,797.33</u>
Total Payables	\$1,202,047.71

On a motion by Lisa Reyes, second by Adele Walker, the Board ratified the Bills and Warrants.

Action: Approved

Vote	5	Ayes
	0	Noes
	0	Absent

7. Consent Calendar

7.1. Board Policy Manual Revisions per California School Boards Association (CBSA) Update
Recommendations 2nd Reading (1st reading October 20, 2020)

7.2. Contract: Illuminate

7.3. Contract: Boardmaker

7.4. Surplus Technology Equipment

7.5. Board Meeting Minutes

7.5.1. Regular Board Meeting Minutes October 20, 2020

7.6. Acknowledge and Accept Grants & Donations

7.6.1. Robert Muelrath of Muelrath Ranches Pumpkin Patch donated over 1200 pumpkins to our students.

7.6.2. Rose Vazquez donated a Gyotaku Fish Printing Classroom Pack, valued at \$202, to the Bellevue Elementary School STEM lab.

7.6.3. Donors Choose: Desks for Distance Learning: Lap Pads for every student - Digital for a Distance: \$200 gift card to Teachers Pay Teachers - Library for Littles: \$585 for new books for students to take home to read. - Bellevue Elementary - Toller

7.6.4. Donors Choose: Distance Learning Materials: Lap Pads, Folders, Notebooks - Bellevue Elementary - McBride

7.6.5. Donors Choose: Creating an Inclusive American History Curriculum through Literature: Novels in sets of 6 - Historical Fiction Time Machine: Novels in sets of 10 and 15 - Bellevue Elementary - Ramirez

7.6.6. Donors Choose: Distance Learning Like a Boss: Lapboards, Binders, Whiteboards, Erasers, and Markers - \$100 gift card to Teachers Pay Teachers - Label Maker - Visualize and Organize: Document Camera, Highlighter, Portfolios - Bellevue - Simpson

7.6.7. Donors Choose: Let's go Digital: 2-\$100 gift card to Teachers Pay Teachers - Get them reading: Scholastic monthly magazines - See them all: computer screen to be able to see all students when sharing a zoom screen - Distance learning success: lap desk for each student.- Bellevue - Ballard

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- 7.6.8. Donors Choose: Distance Learning Materials: We Can Do This! (Writing books, pencil boxes, white boards, books) - Digital Resources for Distance Academy: \$200 gift card to Teachers Pay Teachers- Bellevue - Griffith
- 7.6.9. Donors Choose: Building Up My Artists Distantly \$442.00 (craft supplies) - Donations from friends & family to get all 1st graders a new Scholastic book every month ~\$1,000.00 - Bellevue - Boyce
- 7.6.10. Castaneda Market \$250 - To-Go Learning Backpacks with Art Supplies - Learn about Ag \$500 - Fruits and Vegetables for Science Experiments - Bellevue - Boyce
- 7.6.11. Walmart Grant - \$1,000 School Supplies: white boards, books, pencil boxes, art supplies, etc. to send home with students - Conscious Kid grant for 32 hard cover books through their "Anti-Racist Children's Book Fund" - Bellevue - Toller
- 7.6.12. Science Boards and Ribbons from Synopsys Outreach Foundation - Bellevue - Boyce and Toller
- 7.6.13. James Patterson's Scholastic Book Club Award (\$500 and 500 Bonus Points) to grow the love of reading. - Bellevue - Logsdon
- 7.6.14. Conscious Kid grant for 32 hard cover books through their "Anti-Racist Children's Book Fund" - Bellevue - Griffith
- 7.6.15. Donations from family and friends to provide Holiday Crafts for students to do during Distance Learning, totalling \$700. This will fund 2-3 craft projects per student. - Bellevue - Boyce
- 7.6.16. Wells Fargo Center for the Arts continues to partner with Bellevue Parent Club to provide once a week dance zooms for K-2nd grade and music/ukulele for 3rd-5th graders.
- 7.6.17. Kyoto Restaurant Purchased the Meadow View Panther Mascot
- 7.6.18. Constellation Brands, Inc. donated 64 Lenovo Thinkpads computers - Meadow View
- 7.6.19. Donors Choose- distance learning supplies - Meadow View - Johnson
- 7.7. Interdistrict Requests 2020-21
- 7.8. Personnel Activity Log

On a motion by Adele Walker, second by Jamie Padilla, the Board approved the Consent calendar

Action: Approved

Vote	5	Ayes
	0	Noes
	0	Absent

8. Reports

8.1. California School Employees Association, Chapter 501

NA

8.2. Bellevue Education Association

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Tiffany Kampmann, BEA President, was unable to attend and asked that this statement be read on her behalf:

Good Evening Dr. Alexander and Members of the Board,

The latest excitement from BEA members is that our first trimester report cards are done! Parent conferences have been and are being scheduled as needed and we are enthusiastically looking forward to our Thanksgiving break!

These first trimester assessments have given us an opportunity to take a very real look at how our students are doing during this time of distance learning. Some of our students are doing well and are having success with distance learning. Parents are supportive and have taken on the role of “teacher coach” at home. As one of my colleagues aptly expressed it, “Kudos to those parents!!”

However, other students are not having as much success. BEA members feel strongly that the Board and district management need to start focusing on and planning for the future...a post-pandemic future, when we return to the classroom full time. Our students will need intense interventions to recover from the learning delays they are currently experiencing. This will need to be one of the highest priorities in the times to come. We will need smaller class sizes, fully funded after school programs and summer school, taught by highly qualified teachers. BEA

is committed to working together on this to ensure a successful recovery.

But coming back to the more immediate future, there is much discussion among union leaders around the county about a possible return to the classroom under the hybrid model. BEA is working closely with CTA and other leaders to monitor the status of the pandemic, to discuss the pros and cons of returning to the classroom (with member safety being the most important issue), and to create model MOUs to bring to the bargaining table.

Our first bargaining session to negotiate salary, benefits, and articles of the contract is on December 7. As usual, we are hoping to reach an agreement quickly so we can move on to negotiating working conditions under the hybrid model, in the event we return to school at some point this year.

BEA wants to give a huge thank you to all the support we have received from our IT guys, principals, classified staff, and the CALserves tutors, who have, in some cases, scheduled evening tutoring sessions in order to support our students. Wishing you all a safe and restful break.

Thank you.

8.3. Principal Reports

Principal Nina Craig, Bellevue reported out - Good Evening Dr. Alexander and Members of the Board. Here we are a third of the way through the school year and the Holidays upon us. It's hard to believe we are here already.....the days continue to fly by.

We wanted to update you on our Academic focus for this month:

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- Last week, we attended our PLC Network training with our teams. The focus of our day included discussing the value of providing coaching to our teacher teams, and progress monitoring the PLC process for continuous improvement.
- As of yesterday, Report Cards have been mailed out from all sites. Some teachers are holding parent-teacher conferences. We'd like to thank our teachers for their work: learning a new system for inputting grades and a new system for gathering work products and assessing student progress.
- Some parents have expressed curiosity about our grading policies. Student assessments during distance learning have looked different than in the traditional setting. As we continue with distance learning for trimester two, we plan to look at our assessments, how we are giving them, the authenticity of their results, and how to use the data we do have to guide instruction. We want to ensure that we are meeting the needs of our students given the resources we have.
- Thanks to Aracely's guidance, all certificated staff participated in a training of our new curriculum for English Language Development. Sessions were differentiated for upper and lower grade teachers and focused on the digital tools available. This week teachers will be taking a needs assessment survey to identify areas of success and challenges with ELD. Survey results are being used to identify next steps for professional development in the area of English Language instruction.

Community and Engagement:

- As you all know, we ended the first trimester with community events and celebrations that included candy filled Halloween Neighborhood parades and drive-throughs and pumpkin giveaways thanks to Muelrath Ranch.
- Each site continues to find ways to honor students, build community, and engage our learners. Whether its forming Student Councils, hosting a book fair, offering Science Guy zooms, jack-o-lantern contest, and student of the month shout-outs, we are dedicated to keeping family and student engagement a priority.
- Our Family Support Teams continue to meet regularly with students and families in need to create a supportive plan. These meetings have proven to be a powerful tool to build relationships, and a deep understanding of the hardships and struggles that our families are experiencing. We want to thank our teachers, our parent liaisons, our parents, and our students for attending these meetings and being so willing to work together to support our children.
- These meetings were a suggestion that came out of the CARE Collective that SCOE offers. Panel members highlighted that with the Pandemic, the fires, and the racial tensions our community has been experiencing we have this opportunity to pause and get to know one another and connect on a deeper level. And the belief is that this connection will carry us through Distance Learning and beyond. I speak for all of us principals when I say, we are believing and seeing that.

So with that said, we are heading into this Thanksgiving Break feeling very grateful for our amazing school community and for our jobs. We love what we do and are so grateful for the opportunity to support all members of our school community during this time.

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8.4. Board Reports/Board Items

Jamie Padilla thanked Tracy Whitaker, Director of Student Services, for providing all up to date information and to Superintendent Alexander and team for leaping forward. Thank you to teachers and staff, IT and everyone, “You push through everything that has been thrown at you.”

Adele Walker echoed Ms. Padilla’s sentiments. She thanked Ms. Whitaker and Dr. Alexander for a great presentation. She said the district has a great IT team, and thanked District Office staff, principals, teachers and parents! She wished everyone a safe Thanksgiving with their immediate family.

Lisa Reyes chimed in echoing both Ms Padilla and Ms. Walker as she expressed her gratitude. She specifically called out the great IT team and thanked all of the staff. She also thanked Dr. Alexander and Ms. Whitacker again for their presentation. Happy Thanksgiving! Keep it small and safe!

Stephanied Merrida-Grant thanked everyone for their work and extra work to keep kids on track and prepping for their return. She reminded everyone to keep Thanksgiving small & simple and to zoom to see more family.

John Jarvis was very appreciative of staff and said he was super proud of our parents. Thank you.

8.5. Superintendent Report

8.5.1. Enrollment Update

Dr. Alexander shared how very proud he was on our BUSD school community, the School Board, teachers, parents, families and staff. He said he saw their selflessness every day. “We really appreciate you.” He wished everyone a Happy Thanksgiving with family and friends.

9. Planning

December 8, 2020	Regular Board Meeting	5:30pm	To be live streamed on the District’s YouTube Page on the District’s Homepage: www.busd.org
December 15, 2020	Regular Board Meeting	5:00pm	BUSD District Office, 3150 Education Dr, Santa Rosa, CA 95407


10. ~~Returned to Closed Session~~

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Open Session Adjournment Time: 8:05pm

Respectfully Submitted,

By David Alexander, Ed.D.
Secretary to the Board and
District Superintendent

Board Signature:  _____ Date: 12/14/2020 _____