



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, April 1, 2020

No Closed Session

Open Session - 7:00 p.m.

I. FLAG SALUTE

Brenda Hanson-Smith opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. and led the flag salute.

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. Jon Yoffie seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

V. 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. Minutes of the Regular/Public Hearing Meeting, March 4, 2020

2. Minutes of the Emergency Meeting March 13, 2020,
3. Minutes of the Regular/Public Hearing Meeting, March 18, 2020
4. Personnel Update
5. Contract Approval for Annual Audit Services of K-12 School Districts between Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP and Buckeye Union School District.

Winston Pingrey motioned to approve the consent agenda. Gloria Silva seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

VI. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS

1. Consideration/Approval of Offering Golden Handshake Early Retirements to Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERS) Staff Members

Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney advised the Board that it is time to open the window period for the Golden Handshake Early Retirement Program included in the CSEA Contract. To that end, the District is requesting the Board approve the opening of the Golden Handshake window period from June 1, 2020 through September 30, 2020. Because the District is considered a part of the El Dorado County Office of Education contract with the Public Employees Retirement System, a Resolution must also be approved at the County's Board meeting which is scheduled to be heard on May 5, 2020. Ms. McHaney reminded the Board that this action opens the window period, but in order for an employee to qualify, the formula used to analyze the request must demonstrate an actual financial savings to the District.

Ms. McHaney requested that the Board approve opening the window period for the Offering of the Golden Handshake Early Retirement Program to Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERS) Staff Members in accordance with the terms of the CSEA Contract.

Winston Pingrey motioned to approve opening the window period for the Golden Handshake Early Retirement Program to Public Employees Retirement Systems (PERS) Staff Members. Jon Yoffie seconded the motion. The motion carried 5-0.

2. Adopt Resolution No. 20-11: California Day of the Principal, May 1, 2020

Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney presented the item and acknowledged the exceptional work being done by the District's administrative team. Ms. McHaney requested that the Board approve Resolution No. 20-11.

Kirk Seal motioned to adopt Resolution No. 20-11: California Day of the Principal, May 1, 2020. Winston Pingrey seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

3. Adopt Resolution No. 20-12: California Day of the Teacher, May 13, 2020
Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney presented the item and acknowledged the exceptional work being done by the District's teachers. Ms. McHaney requested that the Board approve Resolution No. 20-11.

Kirk Seal motioned to adopt Resolution No. 20-12: California Day of the Teacher, May 13, 2020. Winston Pingrey seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

4. Adopt Resolution No. 20-13: Classified School Employees Week, May 17-23, 2020

Assistant Superintendent Jackie McHaney presented the item and acknowledged the exceptional work being done by the District's classified employees. Ms. McHaney requested that the Board approve Resolution No. 20-11.

Kirk Seal motioned to adopt Resolution No. 20-13: Classified School Employees Week, May 17-23, 2020. Winston Pingrey seconded. The motion carried 5-0.

5. COVID-19 Update

Superintendent Roth presented an update on Covid-19. Dr. Roth remarked that from the inception of the 2019-2020 school year, it has been challenging to keep all our schools open. During the first part of the year, District staff was managing the PSPS events that resulted in several of our campuses being without electrical power and finding ways for instruction to continue notwithstanding this fact. It is quite inspiring to see what our teachers, classified staff and administrators have been and continue to do in light of the challenges we have been through this year. Recently, the County and all school districts made a decision, in conjunction with the County Department of Health, that our schools will be physically closed through the end of the school year. Dr. Roth reminded the board that many in our community are in the healthcare industry, and have safety jobs and are first responders. He also pointed out that we need to recognize that so many of our own teachers have young families and have to work on educating their own children at the same time they are managing their students and maintaining classes. He stated that our teachers and classified staff are really leaning into and doing remarkable things in the distance learning model. Dr. Roth reminded the Board that when the Governor and State Superintendent of Public Instruction said we were going to be out through the end of the year most school districts in California had not even started with remote learning, but not Buckeye USD. We had already started on a plan on how we were going to provide remote learning and was able to implement that plan without delay. In addition to providing instruction, our classified nutrition services staff, our Director of Food and Nutrition Services Kim Andreason, and Jackie have started providing breakfast and lunch for our students and the children in our community. Over 10,000 plus meals have been provided. We know great teams are needed to get these

tasks accomplished and Buckeye USD has those great teams. As always, the District office administration is here to help in any way it can. If families are having issues, we are encouraging them to please talk to your Principals. Dr. Roth said he is so proud of everyone in the District and the Board has been very supportive for which he is appreciative.

Dr. Roth asked Patty Randolph to report on what she has been doing to help. She complemented the Principals, teaching staff and classified staff, noting that she is impressed with their strength and encouragement. She said we have an incredible group of teachers and classified support staff - that they come from a solid background. Our teachers have incredible strength and the courage to take on remote learning and do it well. She also stated that our support staff is the same. She said we found out that we were closing on Friday, and teachers were given an opportunity to learn google teach and other items on the in-service day. She said it is important that we keep our relationships and connections with the students and their families. She started a spreadsheet making sure all children are being checked in on with regular frequency. She noted that staff has been provided with many resources and more will become available. She added that the curriculum support page is updated with remote learning resources and available to all.

President Brenda Hanson-Smith said that the Board is proud of everyone and their hard work. She said that the Board has a lot of trust and confidence in our staff and is appreciative of all that they do.

Dr. Roth reported to the Board that there is an agreed upon agreement with the teachers union that will mean that teachers will have regular office hours for their students so as to be readily accessible to provide assistance. In addition, teachers have been given direction regarding the expectations for instruction during this time. In addition to our teachers, Principals will also be available and they will do check-in with families. All of these activities are also being supported to the extent possible by our classified employees. Dr. Roth reminded all of the importance of staying in contact with students and families and making these connections. He added that the school counselors, the ELL team, intervention teachers, et cetera are also working in the background to support families.

VII. NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, May 6, 2020, 7:00 P.M.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Next meeting is May 6, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Kirk Seal motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jon Yoffie seconded the motion.

The motion carried 5-0.

Date: _____

By: _____
Gloria Silva, Clerk

By: _____
David Roth, Ph.D., Board Secretary

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