



BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2022

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

Others Present: Dr. Michael L. Wright, Superintendent of Schools, Brenda Thomas-Martinez, Chief Financial Officer and administrative staff

1. Opening Ceremony

Pledge of Allegiance @ 5:00 pm by David Merrill

Recognition of Blue Ridge High School Fine Arts Program, its Members, Teachers and Community Supporters

2022 Cast of Beauty and the Beast invited to perform a special number

Recognition of April B.R. Star Award Recipient

• Alecia da Cruz, Office Assistant, High School

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

2. 1. Minutes

Minutes of Regular Governing Board meeting held on March 22, 2022, 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:

25	538,268.45
26	573,018.84

Total \$1,111,287.09

Approve Expense Vouchers:

3065	7,263.95
3066	82,268.08
3067	136,656.74
3068	17,517.32
3069	35,231.19
3070	6,766.64
3071	74,005.42
3072	554.21

Total \$ 360,263.55

Approve Student Activity & Auxiliary Operation Vouchers:

6108	736.75
6109	11,500.24

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6110	877.85
6111	39.46
6112	135.31
6113	3,235.97
6114	30.29
6115	2,124.45
6116	96.89
6117	199.43
6118	1,321.07
6119	4,262.16
6120	731.78
6121	468.48
6122	3,105.00
6123	595.08
6124	1,554.61
6125	1,306.02
6126	3,314.68

Total \$ 35,635.52

2.3. Personnel

2.4. Recommendation to Approve the Resignation of the Following Employees:

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the resignation of the following employees:

- Weston Hall, Bus Driver, Transportation (another opportunity)
- Tammy Keen, Bus Driver, Transportation

2.5. Recommendation to Approve the Retirement of the Following Employees:

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the retirement of the following employee:

- Kimberly Hickam, SPED Aid I, Elementary School (May 19, 2022)
- Regina Walther Prichard, Teacher, Junior High May 19, 2022. Return as hourly support until October 1, 2022

2.6. Recommendation to Approve Leave/Vacation Payouts for Resignation and Retirement Employees School Year 2021-2022

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve leave/vacation payouts for employees for the 2021-2022 School Year. A list is provided to the Governing Board in a separate handout.

2.7. Recommendation to Approve the First and Final Amendment to Policy JKD and JKE

The Superintendent requests the Governing Board approve the first and final changes to policy JKD student suspension and policy JKE student expulsion. A copy of the policy is provided to the Board in a separate handout.

2.8. Recommendation to Approve the March Financial Reports and Fundraisers

The Superintendent requests the Governing Board approve the March tax credit, auxiliary operations, student activity financial reports and fundraiser list. Copies of the financial reports and fundraiser list is provided to the Board in a separate handout.

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3. **Business**

3.1. **Recommendation to Approve the Hire of New Employee for the 2021-2022 School Year**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the hire of the following employee:

- Daniel Estrella, Maintenance III (replacement position)
- Steven Porter, Maintenance III (replacement position)
- Don Coughlin, Bus Driver (replacement position)

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

3.2. **Recommendation to Approve Teacher Retention Stipend 2022-2023 School Year (SY)**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve a \$1,750.00 dollar teacher stipend for teachers PreK-12 employed as of October 1st, 2022, to be paid first week of October 2022.

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

3.3. **Recommendation to Approve the Junior High and High School Course Content for the 2022-2023 School Year (SY)**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board review and approve the course content books for the Junior High and High School for the 2022-2023 SY.

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

3.4. **Recommendation to Approve Sole Source Provider, Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve AVID as a sole source service provider for student and staff development. AVID services to accelerate targeted academic initiatives by providing resources that can be utilized within specific programs to support improved academic performance and student success. Mr. Brad Pico available for questions.

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

3.5. **Recommendation to Approve Sole Source Provider, Nexus Coalition, Friends of Navajo County Anti-Drug Coalition for Junior Leadership Academy**

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve Friends of Navajo County Anti-Drug Coalition for Junior Leadership Academy as a sole source provider for summer programs targeted at youth ages 10-14. Program cost \$12,000.00. Mr. Brad Pico available for questions.

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

3.6. **Superintendents Report**

- Recognition of BRHS golf team manners and behavior
- Recognition of Beauty and the Beast production
- Recognition of High School Band, score of excellent (2nd highest rating), at Eastern Arizona College's Festival
- Sex Education Committee meeting 5:30 pm, April 26th, 2022 at the BR Board room. Interested parties email Mary Ford @ mford@brusd.org
- Upcoming presentation June 2022 to provide information on two upcoming Adjacent Ways projects and address community concerns

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4. **Call to the Public**

The public is invited to make comments to, or requests of, the Governing Board regarding items that are not listed at this time elsewhere on the Agenda. Those wishing to address the Board are asked to submit a Request to Address the Governing Board form, available from the secretary to the Governing Board. Members of the Board may not discuss items, not on the Agenda. Therefore, action taken as a result of the public comment will be limited to directing staff to study the matter or scheduling the matter for further consideration and decision at a later date. The Operating Rules of the Public are as follows: Individual time limit is three minutes per person, and time cannot be seeded to another individual.

Cara Massa-Junior Leadership Academy training information. Follow up with the information to Ms. Massa

National Counselor Conference-Dr. Wright, Superintendent of Schools answered the question

Colleen Alwin-Removing CNN news network in school. Follow up with the information

Janell Sterner-Drug issues reported for Junior High and High School. Action to fix the issues.

Information to be presented at the next Board meeting.

Jennifer Brimhall-Information for summer school programs at Camp Grace

5. **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 Thursday, May 12, 2022 at 5:00 pm, June 21st, 2022 at 5:00 pm and July 12th, 2022 at 5:00 pm.**

5. **Adjournment @ 6:13 pm, Motion to approve by Jennifer Brimhall, second Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Chuck Waldo, Diana Butler, Margaret Gabe, Jennifer Brimhall**

Dated April 22, 2022

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary L. Ford,

Executive Secretary