



BLUE RIDGE UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT #32
REGULAR GOVERNING BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 22, 2022

Members Present: David Merrill, President; Chuck Waldo (**Excused**) Vice-President; Diana Butler (**by phone**), 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 Bryon Crain

Recognition of March B.R. Star Award Recipient

- Brad Pico, Director of Federal Programs

Curriculum Presented by Mr. Ryan Grace, and Discussion for Board Approval

Mr. Grace will provide information regarding the cost of adopting the McGraw-Hill curriculum for core subjects, supporting grades K-12. The administration seeks Board approval. Mr. Grace and Dr. Wright are available to answer questions.

2020-2021 SY Arizona Merit Score Information Presented by Mr. Loren Webb, High School Principal, Mrs. Courtney Hoffmeyer, Junior High Principal, Mr. Ryan Grace, Elementary School Principal

Principals Webb, Hoffmeyer, and Grace to present AZ Merit II results for the 2020-21 SY and discuss steps planned to address learning loss. **Mr. Bryon Crain presented for the high school.**

2. Consent Agenda-Item 2.10 voted on separately. Motion to approve by Jennifer Brimhall, second Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

2. 1. Minutes

Minutes of Regular Governing Board meeting held on February 15, 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:

22	567,879.11
23	581,597.82
24	54,535.67

Total \$1,204,012.60

Approve Expense Vouchers:

3053	81,995.09
3054	49,920.47
3055	36,703.25

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3056	182,452.18
3057	554.71
3058	5,774.99
3059	96,240.17
3060	14,331.32
3061	1,946.97
3062	267,106.46
3064	18,136.86

Total \$ 755,163.47

Approve Student Activity & Auxiliary Operation Vouchers:

6086	511.00
6087	2,816.88
6088	1,100.61
6089	1,471.58
6090	350.00
6091	5,184.54
6092	225.00
6093	6,687.95
6094	2,111.36
6095	660.25
6096	23.74
6097	1,169.62
6098	6,689.71
6099	40.94
6100	1,190.00
6101	.37
6102	64.00
6103	641.87
6104	1,781.60
6105	2,566.18
6106	480.00
6107	155.46

Total \$ 35,923.66

2.3. Personnel

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

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

- Deborah Pott, Instructional Aide, High School (moving)
- Steven Porter, Custodian (moving)

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

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

- Dr. Barton Bowen, Teacher, High School, May 19, 2022

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2.6. Recommendation to Approve 2021-2022 School Year Sport and Extracurricular Addendums

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the sport and extracurricular addendums for the 2021-2022 School Year. A list is provided to the Board in a separate handout.

2.7. Recommendation to Approve Summer School Programs, Teachers, and Aides

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve summer school programs for the elementary, junior high, high school, and special services, including teachers and aides. A list of the summer school programs, dates, and times is provided to the Governing Board in a separate handout.

2.8. Recommendation to Approve Adjustments to Several Teacher and Counselor Contracts for the 2022-2023 School Year

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve adjustments to teacher and counselor contracts for the 2022-2023 School year. A list and details are provided to the Board in a separate handout.

2.9. Recommendation to Approve Formation of Stakeholder Committee

The Superintendent requests the Governing Board's approval to form a stakeholder committee comprised of parents, teachers, and community members to review the District's sex education program for 2022-23 SY. Dr. Wright is available to respond to questions.

2.10. Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Travel to Memphis, Tennessee

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve out-of-state travel for the National Chess Team Championship to Memphis, Tennessee from April 6th – 11th. The trip will be funded through tax credit and student funds. The program information is provided to the Board in a separate handout.

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

2.11. Recommendation to Approval Out-of-State Travel to Washington D.C.

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve travel for junior high students and staff to travel to Washington, D.C. in March 2023. Students are responsible for all expenses.

2.12. Recommendation to Approve Out-of-State Travel for 2022 Senior Trip

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve out-of-state travel for the senior trip to California (Disneyland) from May 12th – 15th. The trip will be funded through future fundraisers. The program information is provided to the Board in a separate handout.

2.13. Recommendation to Approve the February 2022 Financials and Fundraisers

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the February 2022 financials and fundraisers, including tax credit, auxiliary operations, and various student activities. A list is provided to the Governing Board in a separate handout. Brenda Thomas-Martinez is available to answer questions.

3. Business

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

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

- Jeff Lloyd, Bus Driver, Transportation (replacement position)

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3.2. Recommendation to Approve the Junior Leadership Academy (J.L.A.) Afterschool Program, Elementary School

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the J.L.A. afterschool program for grades 4 and 5, date of service May 2nd – 17th. The program will be funded through ESSER III. The program information is provided to the Board in a separate handout. Mr. Pico is available for questions.

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

3.3. Recommendation to Approve the District’s E-Rate 2022 Application

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve Network Equipment, Wireless LAN, and Cabling regarding our E-rate 2022 Application. Nathan Neill is available to answer questions.

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

3.4. Recommendation to Approve a Renewal Lease Agreement for ‘The Church’

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve the renewal of a lease agreement with the organization ‘The Church.’ The lease renewal is for five (5) years, including increases in rent and utility charges. Dr. Wright is available to answer questions.

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

3.5. Recommendation to Approve Sole Source Provider, Crisis Reality Training, Inc., for School Safety and Security Training

The Superintendent recommends the Governing Board approve Jesus Villahermosa (Crisis Reality Training Inc.) as a sole source provider for school safety and security training. Mr. Villahermosa has worked with Blue Ridge Schools since 2016.

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

3.6. Superintendents Report

- General District Update
- Free & Reduced Lunch Application Campaign
- School Facility Board (S.F.B.) Projects Update
- Superintendent’s Committee (interested person should contact Mary Ford)

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.

**Janell Sterner-questions on the AZ Merit testing presentation-Dr. Wright responded
Colleen Alwin-Use of news networks in schools-Dr. Wright responded-he will check into the use of news networks and provide information in the April Board meeting.**

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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 Tuesday, April 19, 2022, at 5:00 pm, May 12, 2022, at 5:00 pm.**

5. **Adjournment @ 6:59 pm,** Motion to adjourn by Jennifer Brimhall, second Margaret Gabe, passed by unanimous vote-David Merrill, Margaret Gabe, Diana Butler, Jennifer Brimhall

Dated March 25, 2022

Respectfully submitted by,

Mary L. Ford,

Executive Secretary