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BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 19, 2019
6:00 P.M.
DISTRICT CONFERENCE ROOM

MINUTES

I. PRELIMINARY SECTION

ITEMS 1-2

The meeting of the Beardsley School District Board of Trustees was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Board President, Monte Gardner.

Members Present

Monte Gardner, President
Ken Berckes, Clerk
Charlene Battles, Member
Gina Rasmussen, Member

Staff Present

Paul Miller, Superintendent
Kevin Williams, Assistant Superintendent
Jennifer Woessner, Administrative Assistant

Members Absent

Teri Andersen

Visitors Present

Refer to sign-in sheet

ITEM 3

Flag Salute

Paul Miller, Superintendent, led the flag salute.

ITEM 4

Questions and/or Statements from the Community.

Angela Torres, Beardsley School Bookkeeper, told the board she had questions about two warrants. Ms. Torres asked about mileage for directors who receive a mileage stipend already of \$150.00 and the fact that they receive mileage reimbursement for conferences also. Superintendent Miller confirmed that mileage for conferences is separate from the \$150.00 and the mileage starts as soon as they leave the district, not when they reach the county line. Ms. Torres questioned the board of trustees asking if they were ok with pizza being purchased for people who were already getting paid time and a half to work. Mr. Miller indicated to the board that he had approved this purchase due to the fact that the employees in question were working until midnight on a Friday night fixing a broken water pipe.

ITEM 5

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board meetings held January 15, 2019.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Charlene Battles
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 6

Approval of the Agenda.

Mr. Gardner noted that the closed session will be tabled until the March meeting so that board member, Teri Andersen will be present.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Charlene Battles
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 7

Welcome

Lisa Auger, Jr High Teacher, introduced Annakate Crossley who performed her Oral Language Humorous Solo piece that she won 1st place in the County Oral Language Competition on January 26, 2019. Anna Kate performed her piece and the board members congratulated her on her success.

II. CONSENT SECTION

ITEM 8

Ratification of Warrants

ITEM 9

Consideration to approve recommendations for Certificated and Classified Employment: Change in Assignment, Resignations, Retirements, Leaves, and New Positions.

ITEM 10

Consideration to approve an Out of County Field Trip Request on March 26, 2019 to Santa Monica Pier for 3.5 GPA Incentive Trip for Beardsley Jr High students.

ITEM 11

Consideration to approve an Agreement for Services for Vanessa Rodgers to provide services as a walk-on Percussion Coach.

ITEM 12

Consideration to approve an Agreement for Services for Carisma Ramirez to provide services as a walk-on assistant Colorguard Coach.

ITEM 13

Consideration to approve an Agreement for Services for Marisa Ramos to provide services as a walk-on assistant Percussion Coach.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

III. ACTION SECTION

ITEM 14

Consideration to reject a Non Responsive Low Bid from Black/Hall Construction of \$1,554,866.00 and award the bid to the second lowest bidder, Superior Construction on a bid of \$1,565,000 on the Beardsley Track and Field House Project.

Mr. Miller explained that an addendum on the bid was not acknowledged by the lowest bidder, Black/Hall Construction, so at the recommendation of our attorney we selected the second lowest bidder that had acknowledged the addendum.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 15

Consideration to approve a job description for Student Intervention Facilitator.

Mr. Miller said this is a new classified position that will be paid from Title I funds. Board members, Charlene Battles and Gina Rasmussen commented that the person that is selected for the position should be someone that is familiar with our kids and has had some training or experience in the type of duties that are required. Mr. Miller said the employee will work under the direction of the principal and vice principal and would provide targeted tutoring to students in Language Arts and Math as well as other issues that occur on a daily basis.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Monte Gardner
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 16

Consideration to approve a new Classified Salary Schedule that includes the Student Intervention Facilitator.

Mr. Miller said this is the new salary schedule reflecting the Student Intervention Facilitator position.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 17

Consideration to approve the 2018-19 Master Plan for English Learners.

Kevin Williams, Assistant Superintendent, said this is an annual plan that the district updates. He explained the new changes with the ELPAC test scores compared to the previous CELDT test scores, and the qualifications for reclassification.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 18

Consideration to approve the Consolidated Application Reporting System (CARS) Report.

Mr. Williams explained that this report that we submit to the CDE twice a year and it tells how we are spending our Title I, II, & IV funds and how we are distributing the funds to our different school sites.

Motion: Charlene Battles
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 19

Consideration to approve the 2019 Local Plan for Special Education.

Paul Miller stated that this is Kern County Superintendent of School's plan for the SELPA that they send out to have all the individual school boards approve.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 20

Consideration to approve the purchase of a used school bus from Standard School District for \$8,000.00.

Mr. Miller said the bus is in very good shape and it is a great value. It will be used as an extra bus for emergency situations.

Motion: Charlene Battles
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 21

Consideration to approve a 3 Year Audit Contract between Scott Erwin CPA, INC., and Beardsley School District.

Mr. Miller explained that we have had a great working relationship with Mr. Erwin and this contract calls for a small increase in price for the two out years (from \$20,000 to \$22,000).

Motion: Charlene Battles
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 22

Consideration to approve Eight (8) E-Rate Y22 bids.

Ryan Frank, Technology Director, explained that we will be making upgrades to every classroom in the district in order to keep up with the demand for data in the future.

Motion: Gina Rasmussen
Second: Ken Berckes
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 23

Consideration to approve 2018-19 Stake Holder Surveys for parents, staff and students.

Mr. Williams explained that the staff, parents and the 3rd- 8th grade students take the survey. The questions are directly related to the CA Dashboard and it is the final step prior to beginning work on this year's LCAP. Mrs. Rasmussen asked if we have had good participation from the staff. Mr. Williams said all the students complete the survey and about 75% of the staff. Mr. Gardner asked that the results be reported at the next board meeting.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 24

Consideration to approve an agreement between Beardsley School District and KCSOS for training and coaching of the district's assistant principals to facilitate the clearance of their administrative credentials.

Mr. Miller said we use the county to train and coach the assistant principals as they work to complete the second tier of their administrative credentials. Mrs. Rasmussen asked if there are other options for the training. Mr. Williams said the other options would be universities but the county is more cost effective and it is also the same group that provides the teacher induction services.

Motion: Gina Rasmussen
Second: Charlene Battles
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 25

Consideration to approve the 2018-19 Comprehensive School Safety Plan for North Beardsley, Beardsley Elementary, San Laurén, and Beardsley Junior High.

Mr. Williams said that this is the annual plan that the principals update every year with the help of Beth Hunter and Deputy Wall. The deputy looks at all four sites and comes up with a safety plan. Ms. Battles said she would like to have us do a live drill. Mr. Williams explained that we participate in the state wide drill every year and he will let the board members know when the date is announced for next year's drill.

Motion: Gina Rasmussen
Second: Ken Berckes
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

ITEM 26

Consideration to review and approve the plan for Non- LCAP Students Block Grant.

Mr. Miller explained that this is about \$65,000 in revenue that the district applied for. This covers a small group of kids that are not Title I, yet still have not been successful on standardized testing. Mr. Williams said we are able to use this money to provide staff development in the area of math and language arts. Ms. Rasmussen asked when the money had to be used. Mr. Williams stated that we have two years to spend the money. Mr. Miller said this is a one-time grant.

Motion: Ken Berckes
Second: Gina Rasmussen
Ayes: Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen
Nays: None
Abstain: None
The motion carried.

IV. INFORMATION SECTION

ITEM 27

Absenteeism Presentation: Kevin Williams

Mr. Williams gave an overview of chronic absenteeism and the CA Dashboard. He explained the programs we have implemented to help improve student attendance, such as Attention 2 Attendance and the hiring of a Community Specialist to help make contact with parents and students to encourage less absences. He compared the absent rates between the different groups, sub-groups and schools.

ITEM 28

Evaluation of Principal Partner Day: Kevin Williams

Mr. Williams reviewed the comments that were received and said it was a great turnout. Mrs. Rasmussen said the introductions of guests and attendees were difficult due to the weather. Mrs. Battles recommending having the podium in the front of the room so attendees don't have to turn in their seats to see who is speaking.

ITEM 29

Enrollment

Mr. Miller said we are down slightly on the enrollment basis, however with the absentee programs that Mr. Williams has implemented, our ADA is up.

ITEM 30

Certificated/Classified Personnel Comments.

Lisa Auger, Jr High Teacher, thanked Mr. Williams and Christine Bradbury for all their work on Principal Partner Day. She also said the BTA will be sending four of our 1st- 3rd year teachers to a conference in the San Francisco area next month. The teachers are excited to be going and they will be attending lots of different pull out workshops. Mrs. Auger said Read Across America is March 1st and they still need readers. She also invited all of the board members to go to Luigi's on March 21st with the BTA Executive board.

ITEM 31

Board Comments/Informal Discussion

Kevin Williams said the Clay Shoot is coming up on March 16th if anyone is interested in helping out.

Mrs. Rasmussen said the music and choir programs will be having a baked potato/frito boat fundraiser at Jacobson Hall on March 7th at 5:00 p.m.

Mrs. Battles said she wants Ms. Torres to know that she spent 17 years in the Fruitvale School District paying the bills and that she takes the warrants very seriously. She checks the warrants every month and calls Mr. Miller or sends him a list of questions she has before the board meeting.

Lisa Auger reminded everyone that tonight is Beardsley Music Night at Rusty's Pizza. The Beardsley Music program will receive 50% of the proceeds.

ITEM 32

Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 6:00 p.m.

ITEM 33

Adjournment of Open Session

Monte Gardner adjourned the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

V. CLOSED SESSION - Tabled until the March meeting

Board Clerk

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member