



Superintendent: Paul Miller

Board of Trustees:
Ken Berckes, President
Gina Rasmussen, Clerk
Teri Andersen, Trustee
Charlene Battles, Trustee
Monte Gardner, Trustee

**BEARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
October 12, 2020
5:30 p.m.
Via ZOOM teleconference**

MINUTES

I. PRELIMINARY SECTION

ITEMS 1-2

Board President, Ken Berckes, called the meeting of the Beardsley School District Board of Trustees to order at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM teleconference.

Members Present

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

Staff Present

Paul Miller, Superintendent
Kevin Williams, Assist Superintendent
Olivia Esquivel, Chief Business Official
Jennifer Woessner, Admin. Assistant
Ryan Frank, Director of Technology

Members Absent

None

ITEM 3

Flag Salute

Board Member, Monte Gardner, led the flag salute.

ITEM 4

Public Comments from the Community.

None

ITEM 5

Approval of the Minutes from the Regular Board meeting held September 14, 2020; Special Board Meeting held September 28, 2020.

Motion: Monte Gardner

Second: Gina Rasmussen

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

ITEM 6

Approval of the Agenda

Motion: Teri Andersen

Second: Charlene Battles

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

ITEM 7

Welcome

Mr. Berckes welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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.

Motion: Monte Gardner

Second: Charlene Battles

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

III. ACTION SECTION

ITEM 10

Consideration to approve a revised district small cohorts reopening plan, and specific site plans. The plans are for reopening small cohorts moderate/severe and mild/moderate special day classes. Small cohort reopenings were authorized by California Department of Public Health August 25, 2020 and September 4, 2020. The bulletins issued on these dates allow for the reopening of small cohorts with up to sixteen individuals per classroom.

Superintendent, Paul Miller, explained some updates made to the Small Cohort Re-Opening plan that was previously approved at the July board meeting. The changes came about due to recommendations from the department of public health and schools legal service. Mr. Miller said the district has a few more issues to resolve in the next three weeks before the students return.

Motion: Monte Gardner

Second: Teri Andersen

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

ITEM 11

Discussion and Possible Action to Adopt Resolution No. 7 Adopting a Revised Reopening Plan and Declaring Schools Open for In-Person Instruction.

Mr. Miller said we have the option to open up school if Kern County goes into the red tier tomorrow even if the county goes back into the purple tier later. Schools Legal Counsel, Gabby Auffaunt, said this resolution would allow the district to reserve the right to open schools when the district and stakeholders feel appropriate even if Kern County slips back into the purple tier.

Motion: Monte Gardner

Second: Charlene Battles

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

ITEM 12

Consideration to approve an inter-agency agreement and amendment for the sharing of student data between school districts. The agreement is called "KIDS" which stands for Kern Integrated Data System.

Mr. Miller said the "KIDS" Data system is part of a partnership between KCSOS and Cal State called the Kern Pledge. This agreement would allow the district to share student data with other school districts in Kern County in order to expedite student placement in programs and retrieving information on assessments.

Motion: Monte Gardner

Second: Charlene Battles

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

ITEM 13

Consideration to approve a contract between Miracle Playsystems and Beardsley School District for shade covers at North Beardsley and San Lauren based on National Joint Powers Alliance (NJPA) contract #030117-LTS

Mr. Miller said this contract is for the outdoor shade covers that will allow the possibility to move students outside for lunch if needed when we return to school. The shade covers will not interfere with proposed solar projects. The project would be contingent on clearance by the district auditor that it is proper use for COVID 19 funding that the district has received.

Motion: Monte Gardner

Second: Teri Andersen

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

ITEM 14

Consideration to approve a contract/proposal between KYA Services and Beardsley School District for a shade structure at Beardsley Jr High with a concrete pad and walkways. Contract based on CMAS 4-20-78-0089C. This CMAS agreement was approved at a previous board meeting.

Mr. Miller said this shade structure is also contingent on the approval from the district auditor. Assistant Superintendent, Mr. Williams, said the district is making space available for portable tables or benches for student use. Board Members discussed the placement and use of the shade structures. Mr. Williams explained that the concrete pad would be under the shade structure with walkways extending out to the sidewalk, there would still be grass, and the flagpole would not be affected.

Motion: Charlene Battles

Second: Teri Andersen

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

ITEM 15

Consideration to approve an updated Suicide Prevention Protocol Manual for the 2020-21 school year.

Mr. Williams said the suicide prevention policy is reviewed every year in order to make any necessary changes to better protect the staff and students. School Social Worker, Jeff Coggin, explained the different trainings that were offered to staff and parents, the revisions made to the language in the manual, and the addition of resources available to staff and parents.

Motion: Monte Gardner

Second: Teri Andersen

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

ITEM 16

Consideration to approve a contract with T-Mobile for Education for Wi-Fi Hotspots associated with distance learning.

Mr. Williams said the agreement is for Hotspots used for distance learning. Ryan Frank, Director of Technology, said the T-Mobile Hotspots would be another option in areas where internet service is not currently reliable.

Motion: Monte Gardner

Second: Teri Andersen

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

IV. INFORMATION SECTION

ITEM 17

Al Cadiz: Americorps

Community Specialist, Al Cadiz, introduced the new Americorps Mentors for Beardsley Jr High. Mr. Cadiz explained that last year Americorps focused on attendance. They held small groups having students engage in team building activities, skill building and promoted a healthy school atmosphere. Mr. Coggin explained a re-engagement plan that would involve the Americorps mentors reaching out to the students to get them logged in to school and re-engaged in classes. Mr. Williams welcomed the new mentors to the Beardsley School District.

ITEM 18

Certificated/Classified Personnel Comments

Principal, Aimee Williamson, said they are trying to keep things as normal as possible for the kids by having BEAR TV every day, incentives and giving away prizes. Teacher, Lisa Auger, thanked Mrs. Andersen for coming to her class to observe distance learning and she would like to thank the entire Beardsley family for everyone putting in a lot of extra time and energy to work together as a team. Ms. Auger said thank you to Mr. Miller for the special education meetings that allow them to talk about the challenges that they might be facing. Teacher, Nancy McNally, said she appreciates the support from the board members recognizing the challenges the teachers will face when students come back to class.

ITEM 19

Board Comments/Informal Discussion

Mr. Berckes recognized and thanked Teri Andersen for 20 years of service as a Beardsley Board Trustee. Mrs. Andersen said it has been a pleasure to serve as a board member. She said she is proud of the way the Beardsley administration, teachers and staff always work together.

ITEM 20

Next Regular Board Meeting: Monday, November 9, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

ITEM 21

Adjournment of Meeting

The meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Board President

Board Clerk

Board Member

Board Member

Board Member