

BALDWIN CITY UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT 348
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BOARD OF EDUCATION
Minutes of a Regular Board Meeting

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MONDAY
September 20, 2010
6:30 PM

- A. President Alison Bauer called the Board of Education meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were Board Members Alison Bauer, Ruth Barkley, Blaine Cone, Ande Parks, Scott Lauridsen, Joshua Mihesuah, Bill Busby and Ruth Barkley. Also attending were Superintendent Paul Dorathy and Clerk of the Board, Laura Morford. See attached attendance sheet.

Call to Order by
Board President

- B. Blaine Cone moved and Joshua Mihesuah seconded to approve the amended agenda, adding Deb Ehling-Gwin to item E, recognition. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Approval of
Agenda

- C. Blaine Cone moved and Ande Parks seconded to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters of non-elected personnel in order to protect the privacy interest of the individuals to be discussed, and that we return to open session in this room in 15 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 6:32 p.m.

Executive Session

Ande Parks moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to go into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room in 12 minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- D. Blaine Cone moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the Consent Agenda and the August 9, 2010 regular board meeting; August 23, 2010 special board meeting minutes and monthly operating account in the amount of \$693,492.81, bond account in the amount of \$2,167,755.11 and payrolls in the amount of \$692,212.43. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes, 0 no.

Approval of
Consent Agenda

- E. The board recognized Nikki Burnett for her attendance to a workshop she attended over the summer to the University of Hawaii on science instruction. Nikki was present to share her experience with board members. The board also recognized the BHS counseling department for a large portfolio submitted to the state. Melody was present to explain the process to board members. Shaun said they have been asked to serve on a panel of best practices.

Recognition

Deb Ehling-Gwin wanted to thank Gary Collins for organizing the move to the new primary center. She also thanked those employees that work added hours, and commended staff for their patience during this transition. She added there were parents that also helped after the move.

Mr. Dorathy recognized Alison Bauer for her service to the board as she was recognized by

- F. JoAnn Kite spoke of an issue with students riding a bus they are not assigned. She said we do appreciate the two new busses purchased, however has concerns that the busses will not be seen on the pavement. She asked the board to consider using these buses to replace those that have failing brakes. She stated concerns about the hiring a part-time fourth grade teacher at Vinland Elementary.

Public Comment

Pam Kalvalto said her primary reason for moving here was Vinland Elementary. Her children have all graduated from Baldwin. She stated her concerns to keep the rural schools open.

Sarah Barth said bravo to the new building. Wanted to applaud Deb Ehling-Gwin for her endless hours spent to get this building going. She asked to get additional staff to keep this building clean as it is not Deb Ehling-Gwin's job as she is way over qualified.

Kim Bielfuss pointed out she agreed with JoAnn Kite about the transportation issues. She stated MSES has 16 out of district students this year. There are 9 in-district transfers. This is money the district could possibly lose.

- G. Cynde Frick reported to the Board regarding the school district's present cash balances and budget standing. Mr. Dorathy told board members about the lose of air conditioning at the high school and the repairs that were incurred. A new motor and pump have been ordered as a back-up. The current motor was over hauled and currently working, however it has some age on it. He said we want to be prepared.

Financial Report

Bill Busby moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

- H. Mr. Dorathy let board member know we have started MAP testing. This testing will give teachers and parents a good idea at where the students are at at this time. It is a measuring tool to see how students have improved later in the school year. Mr. Dorathy said we are looking a accelerated reader program.

Administrative Reports

- I. Bill Busby moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to amend Policy GCRG-348, Leaves and Absences. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Old Business

The board took a ten minute break.

The board continued discussion of the 2011-2012 Budget regarding facilities. Mr. Dorathy presented a report regarding buildings in the district and considerations for closing. He also presented a report about what could be re-instated if a closing is made. Reports were put on the over head for board members to view. Scott Lauridsen stated it was clear in his mind that based on the strategic plan and the goals the board wants for the district, in order to work towards that, closing facilities is the direction we need to move. Alison commented we may need to look at larger class sizes in 4th and 5th grades as we are looking at the financial aspect. Mr. Dorathy commented that this is not what he wants, but due to the financial issue facing our district, it is a move that needs to happen. He also stated, if we close buildings, we need to hold on to them for at least a year because of concerns of what the inter-modal might have on enrollment. Currently we have an enrollment of 1436, last year it was 1411. FTE this year is 1323 and last year it was 1314. This does not include PEP. Joshua Mihesuah stated the longer we wait, the worse it will get and said we need to do something. Ruth Barkley asked that following statute, are we having a public hearing and when would we do so. Mr. Dorathy explained the process of the statute. He said first the board has a hearing, listens to patrons comments, then have another meeting for a resolution. There a specific timelines that need to be adhered to. Ruth said she didn't feel we should rush to have a hearing and would like to hear from the innermodel to see what their projections are so we have more information. Blaine Cone would like to know what we would save closing buildings, have some good hard numbers to look at. She stated she was not comfortable with the numbers from fact finding. Blaine said she would like to have numbers reviewed. Ruth asked if the gymnasiums would be used by outside entities and how much that cost would be. The board had discussion about when to set a hearing. The board agreed to have a special meeting October 4, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the district office board room.

The board made assignments for each building for Site Council attendance. Those are as follows: Alison Bauer, MSES; Ande Parks, BJHS; Bill Busby, VES; Scott Lauridsen, BESPC/BESIC; Joshua Mihesuah, BHS.

The board had discussion about scheduling forums beginning November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Scott Lauridsen said he would conduct the first meeting in November. Bill agreed to join him. The meetings will last about an hour each. Alison said she would conduct one of the forums in December and would let Laura know the date later on.

- J. No new business at this time. *New Business*

- K. Blaine said there has not been a meeting since our last regular board meeting. A meeting is scheduled for tomorrow night. *Board Member Input*

- L. Mr. Dorathy said he already talked about enrollment earlier, and said that was an unaudited enrollment number. He told board members we may ask for an early state audit. *Superintendent's Report*

- M. Bill Busby moved and Ande Parks seconded to go into executive session to discuss negotiations in order to protect the public interest in negotiating a fair and equitable contract, and that we return to open session in this room in 10 *Executive Session*

minutes. Mr. Dorathy was invited into executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Ande Parks moved and Bill Busby seconded to extend executive session 10 minutes. Mr. Dorathy remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:05 p.m.

Ruth Barkley moved and Ande Parks seconded to extend executive session 5 minutes. Mr. Dorathy remained in executive session. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:16 p.m.

- N. Blaine Cone moved and Bill Busby seconded to approve the personnel report as presented.

Consider
Executive Session
Matters

Recommendations:

Effective 2010-2011

Percentage Credit Years

Eric Bailey	BESIC Elementary Council/Leadership Sponsor	1	0
Jessica Lancaster	VES Elementary Council/Leadership Sponsor	1	0
Jamie Inzer	BHS Asst Girls Tennis	6	0
Jamie Inzer	BESPC Kindergarten (FTE 1.0)		
Katie Marten	BHS Asst Girls Basketball	8	0
Catherine Lewis	BHS Head Debate	8	0
Chad Scoby	BJHS Co-Lead Teacher	2.5	0
Bench Currie	BJHS Co-Lead Teacher	2.5	0
Danielle Balsman	BHS Freshman Class Sponsor	1	0
Karen Moreau	BHS Senior Class Sponsor	1	0
Katherine Cook	BHS Freshman Class Sponsor	1	0
Mike Curran	BHS Freshman Class Sponsor	1	0
Gayle Dempsey	BHS Drill Team Sponsor	5.5	10
Tom Harman	BHS Sophomore Class Sponsor	1	0
Sandra Lawson	BHS Senior Class Sponsor	1	0
Susie Martin	BHS Junior Class Sponsor	2	0
Rachel Smith	BHS Junior Class Sponsor	2	0
Gayle Dempsey	BHS Junior Class Sponsor	2	0
Natalie Schmidt-Konkel	BHS Sophomore Class Sponsor	1	0
Kathleen Sigvaldson	BHS Senior Class Sponsor	1	0
Rachel Smith	BHS Freshman Class Sponsor	1	0
Linda Elliott	DO Payroll Clerk	25-30 hours a week	
Tammy Ritter	Trans Bus Driver-Regular	3 hours @ 5 days	
Ray Gottstein	Trans Bus Driver-Regular	3 hours @ 5 days	
Daryl Stout	BHS Custodian/NS	8 hours @ 5 days	
Emma Heidenreich	BHS Assistant Cheer	3%	0
Patty Lenning	BHS Head Cheer	2%	10
Patti Ousdahl	BHS Assistant Cheer	5%	2
Alyssa Johnson	BHS Assistant Cheer	3%	0
Kris Kehl	BHS Assistant Track	6%	10
Penny Hughs	BJHS Yearbook	1%	0

Resignations:

		Effective
Kim Ikenberry	Transportation	9/3/2010
Danielle Balsman	BHS Assistant Softball Coach	9/16/2010

Terminations:

Shannon Brown	BJHS Custodian	9/1/2010
Tim LeMoine	BHS Custodian	9/14/2010

Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

Ruth Barkley moved and Joshua Mihesuah seconded to approve to affix proper board signature to the contracts and work agreements as presented. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no.

O. No other discussion at this time.

Discussion Items

P. Blaine Cone moved and Ruth Barkley seconded to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried with a vote of 7 yes and 0 no. Time: 9:25 p.m.

Adjournment

Approved:

Attest:

Alison Bauer, President
Board of Education

Laura Morford
Clerk of the Board