

BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Official Minutes of the Regular Board of Education
Meeting – Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Call To Order

7743. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:03 p.m. by President, Ed Jones at the Education Center 115 West Allen Avenue, San Dimas, California.

Members Present

Ed Jones, President
Jim Elliot, Vice President
Glenn Creiman, Member
Patti Latourelle, Member
Ron White, Member

Staff Members Present

Robert Otto, Superintendent
William Brinegar, Assistant Superintendent – HRD
Kathryn Schneider, Assistant Superintendent – Ed Services
Casey Kear, Student Board Representative-SDHS
Cerrina Tayag-Rivera, Student Board Representative-Chap
Yamileth Roa, Student Board Representative-BHS

Staff Members Absent

Ann Sparks, Assistant Superintendent - Business Services

CLOSED SESSION

The meeting convened in Closed Session at 6:04 p.m. to consider:

- Conference With Labor Negotiators Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6 District Designated Negotiator, Dr. William Brinegar, Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources, Bonita Unified School District, Teachers Association (BUTA) and Classified Employees Association (CSEA).

OPEN SESSION

7744. The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:03 p.m.

REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

7745. No action was taken in Closed Session.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Tim Alley.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA ORDER AND CONTENT

7746. Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Elliot and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, approving agenda order and content

OATH OF OFFICE

7747. Dr. Robert Otto, Superintendent administered the Oath of Office to the three high school Student Board Representatives, Yamileth Roa, Bonita High School Representative; Cerrina Tayag-Rivera, Chaparral High School Representative; and Casey Kear, San Dimas High School Representative. The Board welcomed the new Student Board Representatives for the 2005-2006 school year.

FEATURED PRESENTATION

Bonita High School

Mr. Bob Ketterling, Principal of Bonita High School made a presentation to the Board. The school is currently into Phase 2 of a \$9 million modernization project. Mr. Ketterling highlighted the construction projects that have taken place at the school site. Mr. Ketterling reported that despite the construction, registration and the first day of school took place with very few problems. Mr. Ketterling reported on the addition of batting cages for softball to the sports facilities. Additionally, he indicated that all teachers will be using WebGrader software and parents will be able to monitor their child's grades on line. Mr. Ketterling noted that the US News and World Report has ranked Bonita High School at number 504, placing the school in the top 2% of high schools in the country. Also the school completed their accreditation review by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and received a full six year accreditation, which is the highest rating a school can receive.

COMMUNICATIONS-STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

The Student Board Representative from Ramona Middle School reported to the Board of Education on the current activities and events taking place at Ramona Middle School.

The Student Board Representative from Lone Hill Middle School reported to the Board of Education on the current activities and events taking place at Lone Hill Middle School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7748. Motion by Mr. Creiman, seconded by Ms. Latourelle and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, approving the Minutes of the September 21, 2005 Regular Meeting of the Board of Education.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEMS

Community	No Comment
PTA	No Comment
BUTA	No Comment
CSEA	No Comment
BUMT	No Comment

CONSENT

Agreement Between BUSD &
LACOE Outdoor Science
& Conservation Ed Programs

7749. Motion by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Mr. Creiman and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, approved all items on the Consent Agenda.

Extended & Overnight
Educational Field Trips

7750. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and Los Angeles County Office of Education for Outdoor Science and Conservation Education Programs during the 2005-2006 school year.

7751. Approved extended and overnight educational field trips as listed. Itinerary is on file in the Educational Services Department.
a. Grace Miller Elementary School to attend LACOE Outdoor Science Camp, Wrightwood, CA, October 24-28, 2005.

Master Contract between BUSD &
Sycamores Non-Public School

7752. Approved Master Contract between Bonita Unified School District and Sycamores Non-Public School for the period of September 6, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Master Contract between BUSD &
Regency High School

7753. Approved Master Contract between Bonita Unified School District and Regency High School for the period of August 9, 2005 through June 30, 2006.

Agreement between BUSD &
LACOE for Community Day
Schools and/or Community
Schools Program

7754. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and Los Angeles County Office of Education for use of Community Day Schools and/or Community Schools Program for 2005-2008.

“A” Warrants and
“B” Warrants

7755. Approved and/or ratified “A” Warrants (payments for school employees) and “B” Warrants (payments for equipment, supplies, services of non-school employees and other non-salary expenditures) as listed.

CONSENT-Cont.

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| Purchase Orders | 7756. Approved and/or ratified purchase orders (authorization for purchase of equipment, supplies and the services of non-school employees) as listed. |
| Budget Transfers | 7757. Approved budget transfers between major object codes, as presented. |
| Independent Contractors | 7758. Approved Independent Contract Agreements between Bonita Unified School District and consultant(s)/contractor(s). Copies of each Independent Contract Agreement are kept on file in the Business Office.
a. Kristi Mistone |
| Surplus Items | 7759. Declared items listed as surplus in accordance with Education Code 39521 and authorized disposal. |
| Amended Change Order #1
Bid 05-06:03 For Roof
Repairs/Replacement At BHS | 7760. Approved Amended Change Order #1 Bid 05-06:03 for roof repairs/replacement at Bonita High School. |
| Report on Starting Enrollment
For 2005-2006 | 7761. Approved report on starting enrollment for 2005-2006. |
| Certificated Personnel Report | 7762. Approved Terminations, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Maternity Leaves, Employment, Changes of Status, Extra Duty and other routine personnel items for Certificated and Certificated Management employees, as listed. |
| Classified Personnel Report | 7763. Approved Terminations, Resignations, Leaves of Absence, Maternity Leaves, Employment, Changes of Status, Extra Duty and other routine personnel items for Classified, Classified Management and Confidential employees, as listed. |
| Educational Conferences | 7764. Approved Classified/Certificated attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops and meetings not previously approved and that reflect a cost to the District until the budget is approved. Actual and necessary expenses incurred by such attendance to be paid by Bonita Unified School District unless otherwise specified in accordance with Board Policy 2325. |

CONSENT-Cont.

Agreement between BUSD &
San Joaquin County Office of
Education for Participation
In EdJoin for 2005-2006

7765. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and San Joaquin County Office of Education for participation in EdJoin Teacher Recruitment Applicant Tracking Services for the 2005-2006 school year.

.3 FTE Increase for Computer
Lab Aid at Roynon

7766. Approved .3 FTE increase from 3.95 FTE to 4.25 FTE for Computer Lab Aide position at Roynon Elementary School.

Donations

7767. Accepted with thanks the donation of gifts valued at \$423.17 as determined by the donor and in accordance with Education Code 35273 and directed staff to send letters of appreciation to donors on behalf of the Board of Education and staff.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA

EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

First Reading of Board Policy
5660-Search and Seizure

7768. Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr. Creiman and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes approved first reading of Board Policy 5660-Search and Seizure.

Katy Schneider reported to the Board that Board Policy 5660-Search and Seizure stresses the importance of providing a safe learning environment for students and staff. The policy currently authorizes school officials to conduct searches on campus when there is a reasonable suspicion that the search will uncover evidence of a violation of the law or the rules of the District or school. The revision to the policy will include the use of occasional canine detection services by the police department and/or private firms. A school administrator and law enforcement officer will be present during all searches.

Mr. Elliot requested clarification that searches would be gender sensitive. Dr. Brinegar indicated that it has been District practice that when necessary, students are searched by a school official of the same gender as the student. Dr. Schneider indicated that canines search non-living items such as purses, backpacks, etc. and that the students are not present in the same room with the canines during the searches.

DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA
EDUCATIONAL SERVICES-CONT.

Pilot Preschool Program

7769. Motion by Ms. Latourelle, seconded by Mr. Elliot and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes approved implementation of Pilot Preschool Program.

On June 22, 2005 the Board approved the development of a Pilot Preschool Program. Alice Murphy, Coordinator of the School Age Care Program for the District will also oversee the Pilot Preschool Program. Ms. Murphy has completed all required training sessions sponsored by the California Department of Social Services Preschool Licensing Agency. Ms. Murphy has worked with District staff to complete the steps required in the licensing process and in compliance with Title 22. Ms. Murphy reported that Allen Avenue Elementary School, Room 5, has been designated as the preschool site. Ms. Murphy and Dr. Schneider reported to the Board on the process and requirements for developing the Pilot Preschool Program for the District and the philosophy and components of the program, including creative curriculum and daily schedule. It is anticipated that approval from the licensing agency will be granted within 4 to 6 weeks. Ms. Murphy and Dr. Schneider emphasized that the Preschool Program would be self-supported through tuition.

2005 Summer School Program

7770. Dr. Schneider presented a report to the Board on the 2005 Summer School, which took place for elementary students at Ekstrand and Grace Miller Elementary Schools, middle school students attended at Roynon Elementary School due to the construction at the two high schools and the high school programs took place at Lone Hill and Ramona Middle Schools due to the construction at the two high schools. Dr. Schneider reported that the Summer School Programs provide students with extended school year instruction to ensure that pupils sustain continued progress towards meeting academic standards. The total enrollment for all of the programs was 2,944 students.

REQUESTS TO SPEAK ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS-COMMUNICATION FROM THE PUBLIC

Community	No comment
PTA	No comment
BUTA	No comment
CSEA	No comment
BUMT	No comment

COMMUNICATIONS-BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT

Yamileth Roa, Bonita High School Student Representative reported to the Board on the current activities and events taking place at Bonita High School. Highlighted in her report was construction taking place at Bonita High School. She reported that freshman elections are taking place and fall sports are underway. The football team is 4-and-0 and the Smudge Pot Game will take place on Friday, October 7.

Cerrina Tayag-Rivera, Chaparral High School Student Representative reported to the Board on the current activities and events taking place at Chaparral High School. Highlighted in her report was welcoming Mrs. Compton as the new student counselor and wished Ms. Johnson well as she starts her new position as Assistant Principal at Lone Hill Middle School. She reported on the increase in the API scores at the STAR Center. She noted the Week of Excellence and Red Ribbon Week are upcoming events. She acknowledged Ryan Valenzuela who had his letter to the editor published in the Daily Bulletin regarding the California High School Exit Exam.

Casey Kear, San Dimas High School Student Representative reported to the Board on the current activities and events taking place at San Dimas High School. Highlighted in his report was the modernization construction taking place at San Dimas High School. He reported that the fall sports rally has taken place and this Friday, October 7, is the Smudge Pot Game. Rush week took place for those students wanting to join school clubs. The Renaissance Rally, which acknowledges academic achievement, will take place on October 21. A fund raising drive is taking place for Hurricane Katrina victims.

COMMUNICATIONS-BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT-Cont.

Mr. White suggested placing an item on the October 26 Board Agenda regarding funding for Assistant Coaches.

Ms. Latourelle congratulated all the schools for a great opening of school, especially with the challenges of construction. Ms. Latourelle reported attending Back to School Nights and encouraged everyone to join PTA. She reported attending Western Days in San Dimas and participated in the parade.

Mr. Creiman reported attending Western Days activities and the San Dimas Ad Hoc Committee Meeting. He indicated that one of the areas the District and City will work on is a Disaster Plan. Mr. Creiman reported attending several Back to School Nights and all were very well attended. He reported attending the recent Stand Power Team Assembly at Lone Hill Middle School, which presented a message to all grade levels promoting a healthy lifestyle. He commended Mr. Arredondo, the principal.

Mr. Elliot welcomed the student board members. He reported participating in the San Dimas Western Days activities and the opportunity to ride in the parade. Mr. Elliot reported attending the San Dimas Ad Hoc Committee meeting and noted that the District is working with the City on emergency preparedness. He encouraged everyone to attend the Smudge Pot Game on Friday, October 7.

Mr. Jones noted that the District has been updating its disaster plan and would work with the City in a joint effort. He welcomed the student board members and wished Barbara Litwin a happy birthday.

Dr. Otto thanked the staff for contributing to the successes in the District and welcomed Adrienne Long, who is filling in tonight for Ann Sparks. He reported that there will be a short recess period, followed by a staff conducted Curriculum and Assessment Workshop for the Board and any members of the public who would like to attend.

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8:33 P.M. to 8:43 p.m.

CURRICULUM AND ASSESSMENT WORKSHOP

A workshop was conducted for the Board on the District curriculum and assessment of student performance. Dr. Schneider and Lois Klein, Senior Director of Standards and Accountability facilitated the workshop. Included in the workshop was an overview of research, curriculum, instruction, assessment, feedback to students and parents and the next steps in the program. The staff provided insight into the District's curriculum program. They defined what a "Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum" is. The Guaranteed Curriculum represents the "must" standards in which all Bonita students are expected to be proficient. The Viable Curriculum means that the District believes we have adequate time during the school year for students to reach proficiency with our "must" standards and outlined the "must" standards. Ms. Klein further reported on the process for teachers to access the Guaranteed and Viable Curriculum and how teachers access and communicate information about student performance. The Board received an overview of the technology support for student learning, including Bonita's curriculum support programs. The Board was provided an opportunity to explore via the District website, on lap top computers, the curriculum support programs, as well as assessment data on student performance.

The workshop will continue at a subsequent meeting to further allow the Board Members to access additional District software on student performance, including Renaissance Place, WebGrader and Microsoft Class Server.

MEETING DATES

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, October 26, 2005, at 7:00 p.m. at the Education Center, 115 West Allen Avenue, San Dimas.

ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS

ADJOURNMENT

The Board adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Robert C. Otto, Ed.D, Superintendent
Secretary to the Board of Education

