

# **BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT**

Official Minutes of the Regular Board of Education  
Meeting – Wednesday, February 9, 2005

## **Call To Order**

7239. The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:00 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 (Absent for a portion of Open Session)  
Gina Gonzalez, Student Board Representative-BHS  
Isabeau Brown, Student Board Representative-SDHS

## **Members Absent**

Nhowell Peralta, Student Board Representative-Chaparral

## **Staff Members Present**

Robert Otto, Superintendent  
William Brinegar, Assistant Superintendent – HRD  
Mitch Hovey, Assistant Superintendent – Ed Services  
Ann Sparks, Assistant Superintendent - Business Services

Following the call to order, Dr. Otto distributed in Open Session copies of the February 7, 2005 judgment in the McKee vs. Bonita Unified School District litigation. No discussion took place. Copies of the judgment were available for public view.

## **CLOSED SESSION**

The meeting convened in Closed Session at 6:05 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).
- Consideration of Student Discipline Matters Pursuant to Education Code Sections 35146, 48900, 48915, 48918 and 48918(c). See Student Disciplinary Action for student matters under consideration.
- Public Employee Discipline/Dismissal/Release. Pursuant to Government code Section 54957.

## **OPEN SESSION**

7240. The meeting reconvened in Open Session at 7:10 p.m.

## **REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION**

7241. No Action was taken.

## **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Mitch Hovey

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA  
ORDER AND CONTENT**

7242. Motion by Ms. Latourelle, seconded by Mr. Elliot and carried by 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent approving agenda order and content with modifications to Business Services-17 and Human Resources Development-21.

**COMMUNICATION-STUDENT BOARD REPRESENTATIVES-Cont.**

The Student Board Representatives from Ramona Middle School addressed the Board reporting the current activities and events taking place at Ramona Middle School.

**FEATURED PRESENTATION**

History of Proposition 98

Adrienne Long, Senior Director of Fiscal Services made a presentation on the History of Proposition 98, which was approved by the voters in 1988 and used to determine the minimum funding level for K-14 education. Under Proposition 98, approximately 40% of the State Budget goes to K-14 education. Proposition 98 was suspended in 2004-2005 with "The Deal" made by Governor Schwarzenegger and the Education Coalition. "The Deal" reduced k-14 funding by \$2 billion for 2004-2005, with the understanding that if additional revenue became available, it was to be given to K-14 education. If less revenue was collected, \$2 billion was the maximum funding reduction. A \$1 billion cut to K-14 education equals a loss of revenue to Bonita Unified School District of \$1.6 million. The \$2 billion deal resulted in a loss of revenue to Bonita Unified School District of \$3.2 million. At an average cost of \$74,700, \$3.2 million could be used to hire 43 teachers and \$3.2 million would provide additional program flexibility, if not used to hire teachers. The Governor has proposed that the maintenance factor for Proposition 98 be eliminated, which would result in additional loss revenue to the District. In addition, the Governor has proposed directing state funded STRS costs back to the school districts.

Recognition of Dr. Mitch Hovey

Dr. Mitch Hovey, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services has accepted the position of Superintendent for Yucaipa-Calimesa School District. The Board recognized Dr. Hovey for his service and presented him with a plaque in appreciation for his commitment and dedication to the students and community of Bonita Unified School District. The Board congratulated Dr. Hovey and wished him well in his future endeavor.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

7243. Motion by Ms. Latourelle, seconded by Mr. Creiman and carried by 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent, approving the Minutes of the January 19, 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 AGENDA**

7244. Motion by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Ms. Latourelle and carried by 4 Ayes and 0 Noes, 1 Absent, approving all items on the Consent Agenda, with the exception of C-Business Services-8 and C-Human Resources Development-23, which were pulled for discussion.

**CONSENT AGENDA-Cont.**

Extended & Overnight  
Educational Field Trips

7245. Approved extended and overnight educational field trips as listed. Itinerary is on file in the Educational Services Department.
- a. Bonita High School Cheer Squad to attend Cheer Nationals at the Anaheim Convention Center, Anaheim, CA, March 4-6, 2005.
  - b. Bonita High School Varsity Baseball Team to attend Las Vegas Spring Tournament, Las Vegas, NV, March 30 to April 2, 2005.
  - c. Ramona Middle School Jazz Band to attend Ramona Jazz Festival, Reno, NV, April 22-24, 2005.
  - d. Ramona Middle School Jazz Band to attend musical performance, Wrigley Stage, Catalina Island, Avalon, CA, May 21, 2005.
  - e. Ekstrand Elementary School to attend Wrightwood Outdoor Science School, Wrightwood, CA, May 31 to June 3, 2005.

Reimbursement to Parents of  
Special Ed Student #903696

7246. Approved reimbursement to parents of special education student #903696 per Individual Education Program (IEP) agreement for consultant services.

Agreement Between BUSD & Mt SAC  
For AmeriCorps Services at  
Royon Elementary

7247. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and Mt. San Antonio Community College, for the AmeriCorps services at Royon Elementary School for 2004-2005.

**CONSENT-Cont.**

Resolution 2005-21-March As  
National Women's History Month

7248. Adopted Resolution 2005-21 recognizing March as  
National Women's History Month.

"A" and "B" Warrants

7249. Approved and/or ratified "A" (payments for school  
employees) and "B" warrants (payment for  
equipment, supplies and for the services of non-  
school employees) as listed.

Purchase Orders

7250. Approved and/or ratified purchase orders  
(authorization for purchase of equipment, supplies  
and the services of non-school employees) as  
listed.

Budget Transfers

7251. Approved budget transfers between major object  
codes, as presented.

Independent Contract Agreements

7252. Modified Motion by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Mr.  
Jones and carried by 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent,  
approval of Independent Contract Agreements "A"  
through "E" 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. Adam Miller
- b. Rosemary Scott
- c. Full Spectrum Education Services
- d. Behavior Intervention Development Services  
and Education Center, Inc.
- e. Cynthia Johanna Van Doren-Jackson
- f. Dale Woolley

Modified Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Mr.  
Creiman and carried by 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent  
approving Independent Contract Agreement  
between Bonita Unified School District and Dale  
Woolley through March 2, 2005, at which time it will  
be brought back to Board for further review.

**CONSENT-Cont.**

Independent Contractors-Cont.

Mr. Creiman requested additional information on Dale Woolley acting as Interim Assistant Superintendent. Dr. Otto provided information on the rationale for hiring an outside individual to act as Interim Assistant Superintendent during the process of searching for a permanent Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Creiman and Mr. Jones requested Mr. Woolley's contract be brought back to the March 2, 2005 meeting of the Board of Education to further evaluate the need.

Surplus Items

7253. Declared items listed as surplus in accordance with Education Code 39521 and authorized disposal.

Fifth Month Enrollment Report

7254. Approved Fifth Month Enrollment Report as of January 21, 2005.

Agreement Between BUSD &  
Nigro, Nigro & White-Annual  
Audit of Building Fund

7255. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and Nigro, Nigro & White, PC to conduct an annual financial and performance audit of the Building Fund for the fiscal year 2004-2005.

Contract Between BUSD &  
Rachlin Architects-Lone Hill

7256. Approved Contract between Bonita Unified School District and Rachlin Architects to provide architectural and engineering services related to the installation of relocatable buildings at Lone Hill Middle School.

Agreement Between BUSD &  
Dougherty & Dougherty-  
La Verne Heights, Roynon &  
Ramona Schools

7257. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and Dougherty and Dougherty Architects LLP to provide architectural services for modernization of La Verne Heights and Roynon Elementary Schools and Ramona Middle School.

Agreement Between BUSD &  
Rachlin Architects-Ekstrand,  
Lone Hill & STAR Center

7258. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and Rachlin Architects to provide architectural services for modernization of Ekstrand Elementary School, Lone Hill Middle School and the STAR Center.

**CONSENT-Cont.**

Agreement Between BUSD &  
Adolph Ziemba & Assoc.-  
Allen Avenue, Gladstone, Grace  
Miller & Shull Elementary  
Schools

7259. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and Adolph Ziemba and Associates to provide architectural services for modernization of Allen Avenue, Gladstone, Grace Miller and Shull Elementary Schools.

Authorize Seeking Bids-  
Construction & Modernization  
Projects-Bonita & San Dimas  
High Schools

7260. Authorized staff to seek bids for construction of modernization projects and installation of interim housing for Bonita and San Dimas High Schools.

Notice of Completion  
Bid #04-05:07-Bonita High &  
La Verne Heights Elementary

7261. Approved Notice of completion for Bid #04-05:07 for site work and utilities to install relocatable buildings at Bonita High School and La Verne Heights Elementary School.

Timeline for Levy of RAD for  
2005-2005

7262. Approved proposed timeline for the levy of annual Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District for fiscal year 2005-2006 pursuant to the Landscape and Lighting Act 1972, in compliance with Proposition 218.

Resolution 2005-20 Continue  
RAD for 2005-2006 & Approve  
David Taussig & Assoc. for  
Engineering Report

7263. Adopted Resolution 2005-20 initiating proceedings to continue the Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District for the 2005-2006 fiscal year and approving Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and David Taussig and Associates in the amount of \$40,000, plus expenses, and directing David Taussig and Associates to provide the District with the engineering report necessary to continue the Recreation Improvement and Maintenance District for the 2005-2006 fiscal year.

Approve .2 FTE-Smaller Learning  
Communities (SLC) Project  
Coordinators-Under Grant

7264. Approved .2 FTE Smaller Learning Communities (SLC) Project Coordinators under the Smaller Learning Communities Grant.

**CONSENT-Cont.**

Certificated Personnel Report

7265. 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

7266. 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

7267. Modified Motion by Mr. Jones, seconded by Ms. Latourelle and carried by 4 Ayes, 0 Noes, 1 Absent not to approve additional 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.

Mr. Jones expressed concern for the cost of conferences.

Agreement Between BUSD &  
Chapman University-Student  
Teaching

7268. Approved Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and Chapman University to provide student teaching for the 2004-2005 school year.

Donations

7269. Accepted with thanks the donation of gifts valued at \$16,382.00 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.

(Mr. White returned to the meeting.)

**DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA**

**EDUCATIONAL SERVICES**

Reauthorization of (IDEA)  
Individuals with Disabilities  
Education Act

7270. Dr. Hovey made a presentation on the reauthorization of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), which reflects three years of difficult work to revise Federal special education law. IDEA contains many positive provisions with the goal of quality education for students with special needs. Dr. Hovey highlighted the key elements of IDEA: 1) Quality teachers; 2) Identification and services; 3) Individual Education Program (IEP) process; 4) Procedural safeguards and due process; 5) Funding; and 6) Early Intervention and transition. It is expected that new regulations would be implemented in fall 2005. Highly qualified teachers and some funding provisions are effective January 1, 2005. The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act reaffirms the American principle that all children deserve a free and appropriate public education.

**BUSINESS SERVICES**

Budget Development Related  
Items

7271. Ms. Ann Sparks reported on the main components related to the development of the District's 2005-2006 Budget: 1) District-wide Enrollment/ADA Projections; 2) Governor's Proposed 2005-2006 Budget; 3) Initial Staffing Report; 4) Report on Compensation costs for Employees. Ms. Sparks reported that preliminary revenue and expenditure projections for the Restricted General Fund for 2005-2006 show a shortfall of revenues over expenditures of \$472,713 resulting in a legally restricted fund balance of \$310,145. The expenditures exceed the new revenues due to the budgeting of carryover funds from the 2004-2005 fiscal year. In order to eliminate the negative fund balance in the Unrestricted part of the General fund, expenditure reductions will be necessary. Projected expenditures for staffing are based on current staff levels and these amounts may change if the staffing ratios are adjusted.



**DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA- Cont.**  
**BUSINESS SERVICES-Cont.**

Budget Development Related Items-cont.

Dr. Brinegar noted that staffing adjustments for certificated staff must be in place prior to the March 15 notification deadline. He reviewed the assumptions for determining staffing. Dr. Brinegar noted the possibility of reduction in staffing. The District is facing a \$1.6 million shortfall in the Unrestricted Budget. The assumptions will be subject to change throughout the District's budget development until budget adoption in June 2005.

Initial Budget Development  
Guidelines & Assumptions for  
2005-2006

7272. Motion by Ms. Latourelle, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes approving initial Budget Development Guidelines and Assumptions for the 2005-2006 fiscal year, as presented.

Ms. Ann Sparks reviewed the Guidelines and Assumptions used in the development process of the District's 2005-2006 Budget. Ms. Sparks reported on the components of the 2005-2006 Budget Assumptions and Guidelines. Ms. Sparks reviewed ADA, Revenue Limit, State Revenue, Local Revenues, Expenditure Factors, Employee Benefits, Initial Staffing and Ratios, Basic Supply Allocations, Class Size Reduction Revenue/Expenditure Summary, Cost of Step and Column Salary Adjustments for 2005-2006, Summary of Average Compensation Costs for Teachers, Student Services Coordinators, Classified, Confidential/Classified Management, and Certificated Management.

Consideration of Amendment to  
Master Agreement Between BUSD  
& City of La Verne for Joint Use

7273. Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Elliot and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes gave consideration of Amendment to Master Agreement between Bonita Unified School District and the City of La Verne for Joint Use, Maintenance, Operation of Education and Community Recreational Facilities.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA- Cont.**  
**BUSINESS SERVICES-CONT.**

Dr. Otto noted that the District is being asked to revise the Master Agreement under a grant to the City of La Verne. Ms. Ann Sparks reported that the City of La Verne has applied for a grant from the State to attempt to get a \$750,000 grant for artificial turf at Bonita High School. The City is required to contribute \$250,000 to match funds. The State has requested the Agreement with Bonita Unified School District be modified allowing termination of the Agreement with Mutual Agreement between the City of La Verne and Bonita Unified School District. If the Grant is not attained, the original Agreement will go back to the original form. City of La Verne Representative, Bill Aguirre reported that La Verne passed the modification at the City Council meeting on February 7, 2005. Mr. Jones suggested that the City of La Verne pay for the maintenance of the facilities through fees received from sports teams utilizing the facilities. The City of La Verne requested that further discussion take place after it is determined that the City of La Verne is awarded the Grant from the State.

**HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT**

Adopt Resolution 2005-19 Release  
Of Employees in Certificated  
Positions with Temporary Contracts  
And Possessing Only Emergency  
Permits or Pre-Intern Certificates

7274. Motion by Mr. White, seconded by Mr. Elliot and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes adopting Resolution 2005-19 regarding release of employees serving in certificated positions pursuant to temporary contracts and/or pursuant to and possessing only emergency permits or pre-intern teacher certificate.

Dr. Brinegar reported that this is an annual action for temporary employees and those employed with an emergency permit or pre-intern certificate. These identified employees are hired on a one-time basis only.

**DISCUSSION/ACTION AGENDA-Cont.**  
**SUPERINTENDENT**

Call for Nominations for Membership  
To the Executive Board of  
Directors for Los Angeles County  
School Trustees

7275. Dr. Otto noted that this item provides the Board Members with an opportunity to serve on the Executive Board of Directors for the Los Angeles County School Trustees.

The Board declined to nominate a candidate at this time.

7276. Motion by Mr. Creiman, seconded by Ms. Latourelle and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, Student Disciplinary Action Pursuant to Education Code #48900 (c), (k) and #48915 (a)(3). Approved recommendation to expel student #43003234 for the remainder of the spring semester 2005 and the fall semester 2005 with placement in a Community Day School or Alternative School outside of the Bonita Unified School District.
7277. Motion by Mr. Elliot, seconded by Ms. Latourelle and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, Student Disciplinary Action Pursuant to Education Code #48900 (a)(2), (k) and #48915 (a)(5), (b)(1) and (b)(2). Approved recommendation to expel student #905007 suspended enforcement, and placement at Ramona Middle School for the spring semester 2005 and placement at Vista Opportunity School for the fall semester 2005.
7278. Motion by Mr. Creiman, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, Student Disciplinary Action Pursuant to Education Code #48900 (i), (k) and #48915 (b)(1). Approved recommendation to re-admit student #990600830 for the spring semester 2005, with placement at the Star Center.
7279. Motion by Ms. Latourelle, seconded by Mr. Jones and carried by 5 Ayes, 0 Noes, Student Disciplinary Action Pursuant to Education Code #48900 (a)(1), (b), (k), 48900.4 and #48915 (a)(2), (b)(2) and (c)(2). Approved recommendation to re-admit student #903608 under expulsion, suspended enforcement, with placement at Lone Hill Middle School for the spring semester 2005.

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

Community	Felipe Hidalgo, Bonita High School student, addressed the Board with concerns regarding senior student parking at Bonita High School. He expressed a need for additional parking spaces.
BUTA	Eva Valentijn, President, addressed the Board encouraged the District to reach a quick settlement on the issue of teacher salary increases.
PTA	No comment
CSEA	Bernie Enriquez addressed the Board as the newly elected President and indicated that he looks forward to working with the Board. He thanked Mr. Jones and Mr. Creiman for attending the recent chapter meeting of CSEA. He wished Dr. Hovey success in his new position of Superintendent for Yucaipa-Calimesa School District.
BUMT	Chris Ann Horsley addressed the Board as President. Mrs. Horsley shared concerns by (CSBA) California School Boards Association and Association of California School Administrators (ACSA) regarding Proposition 98 issues and State budget funding to K-14 education. She encouraged the Board and administrators to get the word out to the community regarding cuts in funding to K-14 education.

**COMMUNICATIONS-BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT**

Gina Gonzalez reported to the Board on the current activities and events taking place at Bonita High School. She highlighted the successes of the winter sports teams. She noted that February 15 will be a fundraiser at Warehouse Pizza with funds going to the Boosters Club.

Isabeau Brown reported to the Board on the current activities and events taking place at San Dimas High School. She highlighted the successes of the winter sports teams. She noted that the Dance Team is conducting a fundraiser selling roses for Valentine's Day. She reported that Students in Government Day is Wednesday, February 23, 2005.

Mr. White wished Dr. Mitch Hovey well and noted that the District is proud of his promotion to Superintendent. Mr. White thanked Dr. Hovey for his contribution to the District.

Ms. Latourelle reported attending Senator Margett's Education Symposium in January. She wished Dr. Hovey success in his future endeavor.

**COMMUNICATIONS-BOARD/SUPERINTENDENT**

Mr. Creiman wished Dr. Mitch Hovey well. Mr. Creiman reported visiting many school sites. He reported attending the recent CSEA Chapter meeting. He encouraged parents in the community to get involved and serve on BDAG.

Mr. Elliot encouraged parents to get involved and serve on BDAG. He commended Oak Mesa for the art work display in the Board Room. He noted that the San Dimas Festival of Arts Spring Show will take place in April and encouraged everyone to attend. He indicated that he is looking forward to the school site open houses this spring. He reported continuing to attend meetings of the Youth and Family Coalition in San Dimas and La Verne. He reported appearing with Dr. Otto, Ann Sparks and Adrienne Long on the recent Focus On Education local television program. He wished the candidates in the upcoming local elections well. He wished Dr. Mitch Hovey success in his future endeavor.

Mr. Jones reported visiting school sites with Sebastian his dog to read to students. He wished Dr. Mitch Hovey well and thanked him for his service to the District.

**MEETING DATES**

The next Regular Meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Wednesday, March 2, 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 9:35 p.m.

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

