

BONITA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

November 3, 2021

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-08

RESOLUTION OF BOARD COMMITMENT TO WHOLE DISTRICT REPRESENTATION

WHEREAS, on or about August 11, 2021, the Bonita Unified School District (“District”) Board of Education (“Board”) passed Resolution No. 2022-01 indicating the Board’s intent to transition from at-large to by-trustee area elections; and

WHEREAS, a transition to by-trustee area elections requires the Board to approve a plan that divides the District’s into trustee areas as close to equal in population to the greatest extent possible; and

WHEREAS, in a by-trustee area election system, residents who reside within a specific trustee area can vote for the Board candidates who also reside within that specific trustee area; and

WHEREAS, Board members and community members have expressed concern that a by-trustee area method of election will cause candidates and future trustees to focus only on representing interests of the area from which they are elected; and

WHEREAS, District Board Bylaw 9005 currently makes clear that the Board, “believes that its primary responsibility is to act in the best interests of every student in the district. The Board also has major commitments to parents/guardians, all members of the community, employees, the state of California, laws pertaining to public education, and established policies of the district.”; and

WHEREAS, District Board Bylaw 9005 also provides that, “Board members also shall assume collective responsibility for building unity and creating a positive organizational culture. To operate effectively, the Board shall have a unity of purpose and:

1. Keep the District focused on learning and achievement for all students
2. Communicate a common vision.”

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby finds the foregoing recitals to be true and correct; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board reaffirms its collective commitment to the principles stated in Board Bylaw 9005; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the Board transitions to by-trustee area elections, all Board members shall continue to make it their primary responsibility to act in the best interest of all students; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the Board transitions to by-trustee area elections, the Board shall continue to be committed to serving the needs of all community members.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the Board transitions to by-trustee area elections, the Board shall continue to have a unity of purpose.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the Board transitions to by-trustee area elections, the Board shall continue to keep the District focused on learning and achievement for all students.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that after the Board transitions to by-trustee area elections, the Board shall continue to communicate a common vision.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent or his successors shall present a copy of this resolution to all future Board members upon the completion of their taking the oath of office.

APPROVED, PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Education of the Bonita Unified School District this 3rd day of November 2021 at San Dimas, in the County of Los Angeles, State of California, the by the vote of:

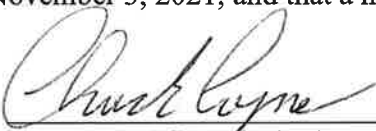
AYES: 5 _____

NOES: / _____

ABSTAIN: / _____

ABSENT: / _____

The below-signed attests that he was present at the open session meeting of the Board of Education on November 3, 2021, and that a majority of the members approved this Resolution.

BY: 
President, Board of Education
Bonita Unified School District

DATED: 11-3-21