

Minutes
BIGGS UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
November 4, 2015

OPEN SESSION

CALL TO ORDER – President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Board members present: Kari Wheeler, America Navarro, Dennis Slusser and Kathryn Sheppard were present. Robin Clark was not present.

Staff present: Doug Kaelin, Superintendent; Minden King, Elementary Principal; Mandy Leahy, High School Principal; Pam Ragan, Financial Officer and Donna Cyr, Admin. Asst. & H.R. Officer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – The pledge was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The Board approved the agenda. MSCU (Sheppard/Slusser) 4/0

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from the October 15, 2015 meeting were approved as written. MSCU (Navarro/Slusser) 4/0

The Board adjourned to closed session at 6:33 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

1. Public Employment Appointment of Personnel as listed under "Personnel Action" below; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
2. Classified, Certificated, Classified Confidential, and Management Personnel Discipline, Dismissal and/or Release; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
3. Public Employee Performance Evaluation of Classified, Certificated, Classified Confidential, Management and Superintendent; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957
4. Litigation; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54956.9
5. Instructions to Board Negotiators, Superintendent and Board Member; Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6(a)

Closed session was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

OPEN SESSION

President Wheeler called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

All Board members were present except Robin Clark

Staff present: Doug Kaelin, Minden King, Mandy Leahy, Pam Ragan and Donna Cyr

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ACTIONS TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION

President Wheeler announced that no actions were taken during closed session.

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE REPORT – There were no student reports.

STUDENT AWARDS

Vanessa Gomez was awarded October Student of the Month. Ms. Leahy said Vanessa is a great role model with her positive characteristics that include dedication, honesty, respect, pride and loyalty. Vanessa maintains over a 4.0 GPA and she holds the second highest GPA in her class. She has been an active member of CSF all four years and is currently the Vice President. She is very involved in other school activities and is also involved in her community. Vanessa was also voted by the Student Body as this year's Football Homecoming Queen.

PARENT ASSOCIATIONS REPORTS

Dennis Slusser gave the Richvale Parents Association report reminding everyone that the Annual Spaghetti Feed will be Saturday, Nov. 14th from 4:30 – 8:00 pm. He said the Veteran's Day Program was a huge success and well attended. Also the students had a field trip to a pumpkin patch/harvest farm.

CLASSIFIED SCHOOL EMPLOYEES ASSOCIATION (CSEA) and BIGGS UNIFIED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (BUTA) REPORTS -

There were no reports from CSEA or BUTA.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mrs. Pam Sheppard wanted to say that there are so many good positive things happening at Biggs and this is great. She also chaperoned the AP Biology class to the SF Zoo. The students had to write reports on the animals and they really enjoyed it. It was a fun day for the kids.

REPORTS -

M/O/T AND FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaelin gave the report: All the lights have been replaced at the high school with energy efficient lights in the quad. The electrical work has been completed in the HS computer lab. The Fire Marshall made a visit to the District and Mrs. Andes is working on fixing some minor issues. All the hardware has been replaced on the doors to the HS gym by Dave Browning. Maintenance fixed the sewer issue at the High School.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mrs. King gave her report:

- Red Ribbon week was Oct. 26th – 30th which began with the 8th grade going to the HS to listen to a guest speaker on the effects of binge drinking. The rest of the week was filled with fun activities and assemblies.
- Nov. 5th is the World Café hosted by Club Live where students will participate in developing strategies to improve our school culture and climate and make it the best environment for all students.
- We are currently in the process of looking at our reading mastery program and developing a master schedule where student at or above grade levels will be offered an exploratory class reducing the numbers in our intervention classes.
- We will also start looking at the newly State adopted reading curriculum when it is released to determining the content to be used in our educational programs.
- This year's Christmas program will be a Polar Express theme moving from classroom to various staging areas where we will be entertained by grade levels. Hot cocoa and cookies stations will be available.

HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Ms. Leahy gave her report:

- The first HS Site Council meeting was held on Oct. 20th. The group reviewed the LCAP and will plan goals for the Site Council.
- FNL – World Café went very well. Staff chose a diverse group of 45 students from 9th – 12th grade. Discussions were on issues that youth experience today and ways to improve our school culture. School Climate projects were planned.
- Senior Night for Volleyball was Nov. 3rd and Senior Night for Football will be Nov. 6th.
- Ms. Leahy had a Winter Coaches meeting on Nov. 4th and it went well. Try-outs for basketball and wrestling will be next week.
- The HS Computer Lab is up and running. Also, the high school is now using Google Classroom and love it.

SUPERINTENDENT'S AND CDS PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

Mr. Kaelin gave his report:

- CDS has seven (7) students and is running smoothly.
- The HS received 32 new computers and RES received 28 new computers. The District has purchased over 100 new computers this year for staff and students.
- CAASP data was received and reviewed. We have identified some holes and we will be working on them.
- The Federal Audit (FPM) went very well. They looked at over 500 items and we only had 8 findings. Two findings had to do with CTE on our Master Schedule and six were minor findings.

- The District is working with Aeries on a proposal for the newest web based program. Their grading system is better and this will eliminate the problems we have had with Illuminate.

BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

There was nothing from the members.

CONSENT AGENDA

The Board approved the Consent Agenda items A. MSCU (Navarro/Slusser) 4/0

- A. Approve Inter-district Agreement Request(s) for the 2015 – 2016 school year

ACTION ITEMS

The Board approved the Action Items A. MSCU (Slusser/Sheppard) 4/0

- A. Set Date of Board of Trustee Annual Organizational Meeting - Annual Organizational meeting scheduled for Monday, December 14th at 7:00 pm

The Board approved the Action Items B-C. MSCU (Sheppard/Navarro) 4/0

- B. Approve Consulting and Advocacy Agreement with Capitol Advisors Group
- C. Approve Rio Bonito Park Lease with City of Biggs

The Board approved the Action Items D-E. MSCU (Sheppard/Slusser) 4/0

- D. Approve Class of 2016 Overnight Senior Trip to Reno/Lake Tahoe, May 5th – 8th, 2016
- E. Declare as Surplus: Lincoln Welder, 2 jointers, sander belt, grinder 2 metal band saws, 440 miller welder, Tig welder and planner.

PERSONNEL ACTION

The Board approved Personnel Action Items A - F MSCU (Sheppard/Slusser) 4/0

- A. Approve Resignation of Brian Harrison as Asst. Varsity Football Coach – Stipend Position
- B. Approve Hiring of Cameron Knipe as Asst. Varsity Football Coach – Stipend Position
- C. Approve Hiring of Jaime Sanchez in Substitute Teacher Position
- D. Approve Hiring of Wanda Hoisington in Substitute Instructional Aide Position
- E. Approve Hiring of Francean Kennedy and Amber Hines in Gate Worker Positions
- F. Approve Ashleigh Aldridge as the Butte-Glenn CTE Grant Lead Position

INFORMATION ITEMS

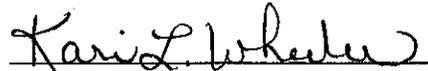
Investment Report for September 30, 2015 from Butte County Treasurer-Tax Collector – No discussion.

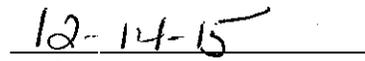
FUTURE ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION – No future items added.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm

MINUTES APPROVED AND ADOPTED:


Presiding President


Date