

BICS Board Meeting
Minutes – November 16, 2020

Phone line has been established for public to join the meeting. There were no public call in via the phone at this time.

Call to Order/Roll Call: Chairman Romero called the meeting to order at 8:34 am
Board members in attendance: Thorpe Romero, Tawnya Phoenix, Mandy Curo de Quintero, and Shirley Ruis.

Absent member: Danthia Gil

Others in attendance: Dr. Felix, Interim Principal, and Yvonne Lachappa, Recording Secretary.

Motion by Mandy to add *Closed Session* to the agenda. Second by Tawnya. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Motion by Mandy to approve the agenda with added, "*Closed Session*". Second by Tawnya. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Minutes of October 19, 2020 were reviewed. Two corrections; Item VI. Reports bullet two, strike out the word "*is*". Page two under Reports, Julie Cushman, and paragraph three, typo. Change the word to "*say*".

Motion by Mandy to approve the minutes with two corrections. Second by Tawnya. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Action Items:

- Approval of Master Contract, Specialized Therapy Services.

Motion by Tawnya to approve the Master Contract Specialized Therapy Services for Special Education. Second by Shirley. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Budget Report – Dr. Felix

- Reviewed the 2020-2021 with Actuals through October 31, 2020. Very few changes. The board reviewed the Interim Budget Projections Multi-Year Projections. This is a draft from Miranda Durning, which is unusual but she was trying to get her work ahead of time. She is leaving the DO, taking another position. We have not been told who the replacement will be
- Working on spending the COVID monies. These monies are removed for 2021-2023 budget.
- Additional expenses were added in 2020-21 to expend the Low-Performing Student Block Grant by the grant deadline.
- Many carry overs of monies over the years. Dr. Felix is working to improve a better budget
- Instructional Aids that were hired just to assist in cohort classrooms are paid from the COVID monies budget or should be. Will be paying for a Math person for the teachers under the Learning Loss Mitigation COVID monies
- Tawnya will follow up regarding a wash station near the playground area

Principal Report

- Free breakfast, lunch and dinner program, free to all students has been going over well. Food that is left, are passed over to the Rec staff for the students
- Hired a Consultant to help with CalPads errors. Former employee left many things not done. Lisa (Clerk) will be trained by the consultant. Lisa is a fast learner and very smart. Have met all

- deadlines. Goal is to work on suspensions with our SPED students and carry over to the kids that are not Special Education students.
- Have offered a position to an individual, in the Special Ed department. Need our own employee rather than a third party person. Have not heard back from this person.
- Need to have a parent advisory meeting, and need for the budget. Asking for Tawnya's help getting as many parents as possible. English Language learners. Jeff will plan and send out a notice to parents. Evening or after school meeting whatever time works for parents.

Julie Cushman Report:

- Math Consultant, Melony Stone has met with teachers individually. She has been helpful breaking down the math as this is a new program this year. She is great, and is planning goals for all teacher.
- ELA DRA, Pearson Learning is a great reading program. Melony is also trained with this program, and will be a help to the teachers. This is for third through eighth grade reading Trying to get students caught up.
- **Thank You Native America.** Will not be able to do the feast part of this program. Laurie Egan-Hadley is going to do classroom learning for cultural. Trying to keep things normal as much as possible.

Retention of Student Support Services Consultant – Dr. Felix

- Bringing on a tribal person, possibly Lisa Welch-Scalco to help set up a program, reaching out to parents. She would meet with parents regarding chronic absenteeism, social and emotional problems with students. The plan is to have her two days a week on campus. Pay would be 19K beginning December 1, 2020, and this is in the budget. Lisa would bring documentation to the board for review. May bring on another person to help, if the board chooses to do so. She would work on Jeff's off days, and utilize his office. Jeff would still like to get the Special Education office moved to the room that was recently divided. There is no manpower to do this, Jeff is asking for help.

Motion by Mandy to move forward offering Lisa Welch-Scalco the Consultant position at BICS. Second by Shirley. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Extension of Short Term Consulting Agreement – Steve Halfaker.

Board would like to extend Consultant Agreement with Steve Halfaker. As things were moving forward and winding down are now finding that there is so much more that needs to be done. Steve works closely with Thorpe or Tawnya. Would like to extend to next year and revisit with the progress.

Motion by Shirley to extend Consultant Contract for Dr. Steve Halfaker. Second by Mandy. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Future agenda items and/or Board member comments. None at this time.

Upcoming board meetings were reviewed. A change was made, March 15, 2021, and June 21, 2021, to 4 pm.

Motion by Mandy to approve the changes. Second by Shirley. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Board would like a calendar that highlights the board meetings.

Motion to adjourn out of regular session to Closed Session at 9:27 am by Mandy, Second by Shirley. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Motion by Mandy to reconvene out of closed session at 10:20 am to regular session. Second by Shirley. Carried 3, 0, 0.

- Jeff will give a report to the board when student returns to school
- Will meet with teachers, addressing Protocol for Schoolwide Behavior Disturbance

Next meeting date scheduled for December 14, 2020 at 4:00 pm

Motion by Mandy to adjourn the meeting. Second by Shirley. Carried 3. 0. 0. Meeting adjourned at 10:26 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne LaChappa
Recording Secretary to the Board of Trustees