

**BICS Board Meeting - Minutes**  
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**Call to Order/Roll Call** by Chairman Thorpe Romero at 8:35 am.  
Thorpe Romero, Tawnya Phoenix, Mandy de Quintero, Danthia Gill, and Shirley Ruis.  
Others in attendance: Principal Austin McKeever, and Yvonne LaChappa Secretary to the Board.

*There were no requests for public comment for this meeting.*

**Motion** by Mandy to approve the August 26, 2019 agenda. Second by Shirley. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Chairman Romero welcomed and introduced the newly hired teachers, Becca Gill, first grade, Jamie Barber, second grade, and Josy Valdez, fifth/sixth grade. Each teacher gave an introduction and background of themselves. Mandy offered to arrange a tour of the museum for the teachers. The board thanked the teachers and excused them from the meeting.

**Motion** by Danthia Gill to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019, regular meeting. Second by Shirley Ruis. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Minutes of June 24, 2019 reviewed. Corrections:

Page one, paragraph seven should read, *"Discussion was held regarding the Brown Act"*.

Page one, paragraph seven should read, *"Elections of officers required according to the by-laws"*

Page one, last paragraph, insert the word *"The"* in the first sentence

Page two, paragraph four, typo under first bullet point, should read *"the next"*

Page two, paragraph six strike \$100, should be *"\$1,207"*

Page two, paragraph ten strike *"Second by Mandy"*

**Motion** by Shirley to approve the minutes of June 24, 2019, with corrections.  
Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**Budget Report:** Austin McKeever

Due to the new school year, there was no change in the budget. There will be a more detailed budget report available at the next board meeting

**Principal Report:**

- There are currently 117 students enrolled. Austin reported that three classes are full, third/fourth, fifth/sixth and seventh/eighth. Board discussed with Austin that there should be no more than 24 students in a class. Tawnya stated, in the past enrollment capped at 100 students, school-wide. Chairman Romero stated that Board members do not want to compromise student's education due to large class sizes. After discussion the board decided in the future, keep class size to a minimum of 24 students per classroom.
- Austin reported that the August Professional Development day went well. In July, he and the teaching staff went to San Diego County Office of Education to review and pick out new Science curriculum. Discovery Science was the unanimous choice for the staff. During the P.D. day in August, time was devoted to familiarizing teachers within the N.G.S.S, and providing opportunity to become familiar with the Discovery Science curriculum.

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**Old Business:** Staff Medical Benefits

The board discussed the agreement previously approved, to pay 50K a year to offset staff medical benefits. Chairman Romero asked Yvonne to request Lakeside send an invoice, requesting the 50K. It was board consensus to have Chairman take the lead on this. Chairman Romero will have Kathy Clenney review the invoice, and process.

**New Business:**

Approval - Auditors Contract, Wilkinson Hadley  
Chairman Romero will have Kathy Clenney review the proposed contract from the current auditors, Wilkinson Hadley.

**Discovery Science Program:** Austin presented a three-year contract cost of \$17,307 for the Discovery Science Program. This includes printed materials, resources, videos, and hands-on materials. The price increased from the original quote because student enrollment has gone up. After three years, the cost will not be as much, as we will have accumulated the materials needed. Austin explained that Kristy Johnson has requested to change from science teacher to full time instructional aide. Teachers will be responsible for teaching science to their students.

**Motion** by Tawnya to approve the cost of the Discovery Science Program, not to exceed 20K. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

The School Community Liaison position has recently become vacant. Austin inquired if the board has plans to hire for this position. BICS and tribal split the salary cost. Austin went over the duties of the School Community Liaison position, and how well the former employee interacted with BICS students. They valued and trusted her. Chairman Romero stated that the tribal council would be discussing this. No further action at this time.

The board talked about setting meeting dates for the rest of the school year. There was a suggestion that the third Monday of each month might work. No final decision was made. Board will revisit this at the next board meeting.

Next board meeting calendared for September 23, 2019 at 8:30 am.

No further business, a **Motion** by Mandy to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 am. Second by Shirley. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Lachappa  
Secretary to the Board of Trustees