

**BICS Board Meeting
Minutes – April 12, 2021**

Phone line has been established for public to join the meeting

Chairman Ray Welch called the meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Members in attendance: Raymond Welch, Tawnya Phoenix, Shirley Ruis, Danthia Gil, Tawnya Phoenix, via teleconference.

Absent Member, Mandy Curo Quintero.

Others in attendance: Dr. Jeff Felix, Julie Cushman, Kathy Clenney, Yvonne LaChappa, and Shannon Johnston, via teleconference.

Correction to minutes of March 25, 2021; spelling of board member Shirley Ruis. Listed as Shirley Curo, last name should be Ruis.

Motion by Danthia to approve minutes of February 22, 2021, and March 25, 2021 with correction. Second by Shirley. Carried 4, 0, 0.

There was no public comment

Action Items: Shannon Johnston

- A. Audit report is completed. There were no negative findings. A copy of the final audit was provide to the board members. Shannon Johnston explained that the 2019 fiscal year audit was delayed due to Covid. Three audits done, Financial, Internal Control and Audit of State Compliance. Good audit year.

Motion by Danthia to approve the Audit Report. Second by Shirley. Carried 4, 0, 0.

- B. Second Interim Report – Shannon Johnston, Financial Director, Lakeside Union District
- Reviewed the financial statement, there was a slight increase in consultant line item
 - Using more techno electronic instead of books etc.
 - Large reserve of monies, need to spend more by 2022. Do not use for ongoing expenditures, can be used to cover loss
 - Board needs to plan before June 1, 2021 for summer school

Motion by Danthia to approve the second interim budget report. Second by Shirley. Carried 4, 0, 0. Shannon will give an updated version of the budget at the May board meeting.

- C. Approval of SB 740 Charter School Facility Grant Program Application
- Application is for Annual Funding Round for the 2021-22 fiscal year. The grant provides on-going facility costs for charter schools that service a high-percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals or located in a public elementary school boundary serving a similar demographic. BICS receives approximately \$50K from this grant as a reimbursement for rent of the school facility. Jeff is asking for approval from the board to move forward with applying for the Facility Grant Program Application.

Motion by Shirley to approve Jeff Felix to complete the Facility Grant Program Application. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

VI. Discussion Items

A. LCAP Development – Julie Cushman will update the Board on the school’s progress on the Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The LCAP is a three-year plan that describes the goals, actions, services, and expenditures to support positive student outcomes that address state and local priorities. The LCAP provides an opportunity for LEAs to share their stories of how, what, and why programs and services are selected to meet their local needs. Through the Board’s monthly meetings, community members will provide input on this document and are given opportunities to engage in the development. All stakeholders are invited to join the process. Julie plans to send out surveys to parents, and staff for feedback and input. Board members are also encouraged to participate in the survey. June 1, 2021 is the deadline to submit the LCAP. Julie will have a draft for the Board at the May 17, 2021 meeting.

B. Charter Renewal Update – Steve Halfaker is currently working on this but would like to pull back and would like to consult with executive issues when needed. Steve has contracted an expert to assist with the Charter Renewal. He will have further information regarding this.

C. TOSA Report (Teacher on Special Assignment) – Julie Cushman -

- Laurie Hadley (Barona Museum) has done a lot of planning and doing a great job with cultural classes. She has been working with eighth grade students cleaning up the garden. Board would like to see the Kumeyaay language as part of the cultural program.
- Discussion regarding the Eighth grade and Kindergarten promotion progress. Plans are in the making to move forward with this. Julie shared with the board plans for a Spring Fling on June 4, for KN promotion, Option 1 and Option 2. Board suggested having the promotions outside and rent a stage in order for more family members to attend.
- SIS System (Student Information System) training for the new school year will include teachers, Julie, Lisa (Attendance Clerk), and Kristy Johnson during the summer. Jeff and Yvonne will have Administrator rights.
- During a staff meeting Julie asked the teachers to think about what kind of PD (Professional Development) they would like to see happen.
- Teachers are excited about summer school; would like this to begin after July 4.
- In order to evaluate who will be returning next school year all staff will fill out an “Intent To Return” form to Julie.
- CPR class has been set for Friday, May 23, 2021 for BICS staff. Barona Paramedics will conduct the training.
- Some discussion regarding attendance and possibility of a mini bus pick up students at Barona. No action.
- A math consultant has been brought on board for the teachers.

Steve left the meeting at 9:47 AM

D. Principal/Director Report – Jeff Felix

- There is a concerns regarding safety on the playground structure and asphalt area. There is a problem with water drainage; outside the office back door, water comes up to

the back door during rainy season. Tawnya informed the Board that she and Clayton Curo plan to do a walkthrough at the school to address these any other issues.

- Jeff would like to see a new 4- foot sidewalk constructed along the garden fence leading to the school office. This will encourage visitors to check into the office and not be on campus.
- A very successful visit from Lakeside Oversight Team. Jeff asked Shannon if she has any information as to when the Site Visit Report will be sent to BICS. Shannon will check with Erin Garcia.
- Jeff would like to see more use of the Library for BICS students. He discussed the use of the Tutoring Room, would be good to have the Kindergarten class moved to this area or use the room for a school office.

VII. **Organizational Business**

- A. Future agenda items and/or Board member comments. No comments from the Board.
- B. Upcoming Meetings – May 17, 2021 8:30 Am, and June 21, 2021 (Annual Meeting) 4:00 PM.

VIII. **Executive Session** – at 10:10 AM. Jeff excused and thanked Shannon for joining the meeting.

- A. the Governing Board will meet in closed session to consult with legal counsel concerning existing facts and circumstances that might result in litigation per Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(3) (Section (d)(3)).

IX. **Return to Open Session** at 10:16 AM.

X. **Motion** to adjourn at 10:17 am by Shirley. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne LaChappa
Recording Secretary