

MINUTES
BULLIS CHARTER SCHOOL
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Approved
June 8, 2020

April 13, 2020
6:30 pm

Regular Board Meeting

In accordance with Executive Order N-25-20, Bullis Charter School held this meeting at a single physical location: 102 West Portola Avenue, Los Altos, CA 94022 (North Campus), Room 41. Compliance with social distancing guidelines was required.

I. PRELIMINARY

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Francis La Poll, Board Chair, at 6:30 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

| | | Present | Absent |
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| David Jaques | (6/30/20) | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Clara Roa | (6/30/20) | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Trenna Sutcliffe | (6/30/20) | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Ben Byon | (6/30/21) | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Francis La Poll | (6/30/21) | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Dorothy An | (6/30/22) | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Andrea Eyring | (6/30/22) | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |
| Thomas Yih | (6/30/22) | <u> X </u> | <u> </u> |

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion to approve the agenda was David Jaques, seconded by Thomas Yih, and passed 8-0.

II. CLOSED SESSION

The Board went into Closed Session at 6:35 pm to discuss the following items:

A. Public Employee Performance Evaluation (Gov. Code §54957) - Interim Superintendent

B. Conference with Legal Counsel - Anticipated Litigation (Gov. Code §54956.9(d)(2) & (4).)

III. CONVENE OPEN SESSION

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 7:00 pm. Francis La Poll, Board chair, reported that no reportable action had been taken.

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT

Board chair opened the meeting for public comment. No members of the public provided comments.

V. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. **Minutes** Approval of Minutes from the March 2, 2020 Board meeting

Member Clara Roa noted the following change:

- Member Clara Roa was present (Page 2)

A motion to approve agenda item V.A., as amended, was made by Andrea Eyring, seconded by David Jaques, and passed 8-0.

- B. **Minutes** Approval of Minutes from the March 9, 2020 Board meeting
C. **Minutes** Approval of Minutes from the March 16, 2020 Special Board meeting
D. **Check Register** Approval of the BCS February 2020 Check Register

A motion to approve agenda items V.B., V.C., & V.D. was made by Andrea Eyring, seconded by David Jaques, and passed 8-0.

VI. REGULAR AGENDA OF MATTERS FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION

A. **2020-2021 School Year Calendar**

The Board discussed the academic calendar for the next school year which was presented by Cynthia Bricton, Principal/Director of Instructional Services.

The Board discussed the motion with all members referencing and reiterating their March Board comments rejecting any reduction in instructional days or minutes and, specifically, that there were to be no half days or minimum days; agreeing that there should be no reduction in instructional days or minutes and, specifically, no half days or minimum days.

A motion to reject the Principal's proposed calendar, as presented March 9, 2020 and showing minimum days and a reduction in instructional minutes; and instead approve the revised proposed 2020-2021 academic calendar (with no minimum days or reduction in instructional minutes) was made by Andrea Eyring, seconded by David Jaques, and passed 8-0.

B. **Board Strategic Priorities - Near- to Mid-term**

Board members discussed their priorities for the next 24 months, including:

- Charter Renewal with authorizer (SCCOE)
- WASC Accreditation Renewal
- Academic excellence as determined by metrics
- Community satisfaction and community building (BCS/BPESF/BBC)
- Increasing resources and working cooperatively with the BPESF
- Onboarding incoming Superintendent
- Staff retention

C. **Financial Priorities and Staffing Structure**

Andrea Eyring, Board Treasurer, presented to the Board on financial and budgeting considerations moving into the 2020-2021 school year. Board members also discussed the possible ramifications of further changes due in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Incoming Superintendent Maureen Israel also presented a proposal for a change in school leadership structure for the 2020-2021 school year which consists of three principals, one for each campus (North and South) and one for middle school. Board members expressed their overall support for the new structure, especially with the added layer of leadership for middle school. Board members expressed their overall support for the new structure, especially with the added layer of leadership for middle school, but also hesitation given that having three principals might create challenges when trying to convey the singularity of the BCS K-8 model.

A motion to change the proposed structure of three school leaders to use a title other than principal was made by Dorothy An, seconded by Clara Roa, and failed 2-6 (An and Roa in favor).

D. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

The Board discussed items for future Board Meeting Agendas, including:

- Administrator reports with more updates on school programs (i.e. distance learning, etc.)
- Constituent Opinion Survey Results

E. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:22 pm.