

Board Meeting Update January 19, 2012

The agenda for this meeting is available on the school website (www.BallardSchool.org) or in the office. The minutes will be posted on the school website after they are approved at the board's next regular meeting (Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 4:00 pm). Highlights from the meeting included:

- Board President Shawn Knight called the meeting to order at 4:03 pm. All board members were present.
- The minutes of the regular board meeting held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 were approved with no corrections.
- Student Recognition: Ballard's 5th/6th grade team 'Fresh and Easy' recently won the Santa Ynez Valley Rotary Stock Market competition. Allan Pelletier presented certificates on behalf of the board to Benjamin Blacker and Cody Vogt-Fuller. Their teammates, Noelle Michels and Gillian Wilks, will receive their certificates later because they were not able to attend the meeting.
- Allan Pelletier reviewed the calendar of upcoming events. They include:
 - Fri, 1/20..... PTA Meeting: 2:00
 - Week of 1/23..... Winter Arts Outreach Classes Begin
 - Mon, 1/23..... D.A.R.E. – 6th grade (Mondays for 10 weeks)
 - Wed, 1/25..... Friendship House Visit (5th/6th)
 - Thurs, 1/26..... Awards Assembly: 11:30
 - Fri, 1/27..... Author-Go-Round (6th)
Voyages of Discovery Trip (5th)
 - Week of 1/30..... School-wide Writing Sample
 - Thurs, 2/2..... Ballard School Spelling Bee (4th – 6th)
 - Thurs, 2/2..... All-Staff Meeting
 - Fri, 2/3..... 5th/6th to Santa Barbara Film Festival
 - Mon, 2/6..... Walk Through Revolution (5th)
 - Thurs, 2/9..... UCSB Chemistry Lab Trip (5th)
 - Thurs, 2/9..... Regular Board Meeting: 4:00
 - Mon, 2/13 – Thurs, 2/16..... Parent Conferences – Minimum Days (1:00 dismissal)
 - Fri, 2/17 & Mon, 2/20..... Presidents' Holidays – No School
- PTA Update: Allan shared that the next PTA meeting will be held on Friday, January 20.
- Superintendent's Report: Allan provided information about the deferred maintenance projects and work on the Red Schoolhouse, Internet Safety/Cyber-bullying parent workshop, County of Santa Barbara's Emergency Operations Center, California State Budget Update and Schools for Sound Finance Update, Santa Barbara County School Districts Cumulative and Potential Revenue Losses, and the California Physical Fitness Gram: Healthy Fitness Zones.
- Correspondence: Allan shared a letter from Santa Barbara County Schools Superintendent, Bill Cirone, entitled, 'Santa Barbara County Board of Education Unanimously Adopts Statement of Conscience,' and an invitation for the board members to attend the 2012 Teachers Network Grant Recognition Dinner.

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- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
 - Warrants, December, 2011 Payroll, and Williams Quarterly Report (no complaints)
- The board approved Board Resolution #2011/2012-4: Annual Accounting of Developer Fees.
- The board reviewed and accepted the audit report for the 2010/2011 school year.
- Allan reviewed the 'Board Report' that includes detailed information about the district's four funds.
- The board reviewed and approved the first reading of the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:
 - AR 1340 – Access to District Records
 - AR 3314 – Payment for Goods and Services
 - AR 3541.1 – Transportation for School – Related Trips
 - BP 3553 – Free and Reduced Price Meals
 - AR 5111 – Admission
 - AR 6162.51 – Standardized Testing and Reporting Program
 - BP 6170.1 – Transitional Kindergarten
- The board discussed several Strategic Plan strategies including: Facilities, Enrichment, and Character Development.
- The next regularly scheduled school board meeting will be held on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 4:00 in the multipurpose room.
- The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

Please do not hesitate to call (688-4812) or email (apelletier@ballardschool.org) if you have questions.

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