

Board Meeting Update November 17, 2011

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, December 8, 2011 at 6:00 pm). Highlights from the meeting included:

- Board President, Shawn Knight called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. All board members were present. Guests included: Dr. Paul Turnbull, superintendent of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District.
- The minutes of the regular meeting held on Thursday, October 13, 2011 were approved with one addition.
- Dr. Paul Turnbull, superintendent of the Santa Ynez Valley Union High School District, made a presentation about the high school district's plans for a November, 2012 school bond initiative.
- Allan Pelletier reviewed the calendar of upcoming events. They include:
 - Thurs, 11/17 Regular Board Meeting: 6:00
 - Thurs, 11/17 Book Fair Book Signing with Children's Author, Bruce Hale: 5:00 – 7:00
 - Fri, 11/18 Ballard School to PCPA's 'A Christmas Carol' at Hancock College
 - Fri, 11/18 PTA Board Meeting: 1:15, PTA Membership Meeting: 2:00
 - Mon, 11/21 PTA Food Drive Ends
 - Tues, 11/22 End of 1st Trimester
 - Tues, 11/22 Thanksgiving Feast: 12:00, Students Dismissed: 1:00
 - Wed, 11/23 Thanksgiving Holiday (no school)
 - Fri, 11/25
 - Mon, 11/28 School Resumes!
 - Tues, 11/29 MDA Lock-Up
 - Tues, 11/29 Rotary Club Stock Market Simulation (5th & 6th)
 - Thurs, 12/1 November Awards Assembly: 11:30
 - Thurs, 12/1 All-Staff Meeting: 1:30
 - Fri, 12/2 SBCEO Curriculum Council Meeting
 - Fri, 12/2 Report Cards Sent Home
 - Mon, 12/5 SBCEO Superintendents' Meeting
 - Thurs, 12/8 Regular Board Meeting / Board Organizational Meeting: 6:00
 - Fri, 12/16 Last Day before Winter Vacation, Students Dismissed: 12:00
 - Mon, 12/19 Winter Vacation – No School!
 - Mon, 1/2
 - Tues, 1/3/11 School Resumes!
- Board Members' Reports
 - Micah Brady shared information about the Santa Barbara County Committee for School District Reorganization.
- PTA Update: Allan shared that the PTA is currently working hard on the annual food drive and the Thanksgiving Feast.

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- Superintendent's Report: Allan provided updates regarding the board organizational meeting on December 8, the Muscular Dystrophy Association 'Lock-up,' Kindergarten dental check-up data, annual audit, construction, P1 Property Taxes Report, Alternative Treatments for Termite Control, articles from School Services of California: 'Should We be Focused on the Triggers?' and 'Trigger Tracking – Going in the Right Direction, but a Lot of Ground Still to Cover,' and an article from Schools for Sound Finance: 'Weekly Sacramento Update for Week Ending November 10, 2011.'
- Correspondence:
 - California State Senator Simitian: Resolution Regarding Senate Constitutional Amendment 5 (parcel taxes)
 - Notice of Construction: International Line Builders (project on Baseline, Cottonwood, and Lewis Streets)
- The Consent Agenda was approved as presented.
 - Warrants, and October, 2011 Payroll
- Allan reviewed the 'Board Report' that includes detailed information about the district's four funds.
- The board approved the first reading of Board Policy and Administrative Regulation 5118 – Open Enrollment Transfers. (*Education Code [48350-48361](#) created the Open Enrollment Act which allows a student attending a "low-achieving school" to transfer to another school that has a higher Academic Performance Index (API) than the school in which the student was enrolled. Each year, the Superintendent of Public Instruction will identify 1,000 open enrollment schools ranked by increasing API scores.*)
- As part of its regular review of district policies, the board reviewed and discussed the following Board Policies and Administrative Regulations:
 - BP 5000: Concepts and Roles
 - BP 5020: Parent Rights and Responsibilities
 - AR 5020: Parent Rights and Responsibilities
 - BP 5021: Non Custodial Parents
 - BP 5022: Student and Family Privacy Rights
 - AR 5022: Student and Family Privacy Rights
- The board adjourned to Closed Session at 7:48 pm.
 - Superintendent/Principal Goals & Evaluation (Government Code 54957)
- The board reconvened in Open Session at 8:11 pm. Shawn announced that no action had been taken.
- The next regularly scheduled school board meeting will be held on Thursday, December 8, 2011 at 6:00 in the multipurpose room.
- The meeting adjourned at 8:12 pm.

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