

## Governing Board of Directors

### REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 19, 2024 — 9:00 AM

1. **Call to Order** Meeting was called to order at 9:01am  
**Roll Call:** Ray Welch – Chairman, Tawnya Phoenix- Vice Chair, Melanie Villa - Secretary/Treasurer, Darla Boller- Member, and Danthia Gil - Member  
**Other Members in attendance:** Julie Cushman, Principal/Director, Kathy Clenney, Legal Counsel,
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Agenda approved.  
Motion to approve the agenda was made by Danthia Gil and seconded by Darla Boller.  
Carried 5, 0, 0.
3. **Approval of Minutes for June 24, 2024 & June 28, 2024**  
Motion to approve the minutes was made by Darla Boller and seconded by Danthia Gil.  
Carried 5, 0, 0.
4. **Public Comment-** No public comments were made
5. **New Staff -** New staff was introduced: Jamie Beech, Nevin Bradley, Madison Kelly and Brook Stewart
6. **Special Education Report-** Special Education consultant Carolyn Nunes reported to the board on the direction of the SPED department with a presentation and Q&A. SPED staff was invited to present at the January Board meeting for updates.
7. **Action Items**
  - A. **Approval to hire Marcella Nino, School Psychologist, as an independent service contractor-** She will partner with the Barona Indian Charter School's Special Education Department to enhance and support both General Education programs and Special Education services. This collaboration will include providing guidance and counseling and ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations pertaining to Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).  
Motion to approve the hiring of Marcella Nino was made by Danthia Gil and seconded by Darla Boller. Carried 5, 0, 0
  - B. **Approval to hire Edna Vazquez, School Psychologist, as an independent service contractor-** She will partner with the Barona Indian Charter School's Special Education Department to enhance and support both General Education programs and Special Education services. This collaboration will include providing guidance and counseling, conducting special education assessments, and ensuring compliance with state and federal regulations pertaining to Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).  
Motion to approve the hiring of Edna Vazquez was made by Darla Boller and seconded by Danthia Gil. Carried 5, 0, 0
  - C. **Approval of 2024-2025 San Diego County Nonpublic Master Contract w/Specialized Therapy Services -** the Board considered the approval of the Master Contract for Special Education services with longtime provider Steve Oas, Founder/President of the Oas Center and Specialized Therapy Services (STS). STS is the only comprehensive non-public agency in San Diego County that can provide all of a school's special education services. They are approved by the CA Dept. of Education as a provider of services for IEP and 504 students. The Board discussed section 4 of the contract.  
Motion to approve the 2024-2025 San Diego County Nonpublic Master Contract w/Specialized Therapy Services was made by Danthia Gil and seconded by Darla Boller.  
Carried 5, 0, 0

**D. Approval of BICS School Board Communication Policy-**

Motion to approve the BICS School Board Communication Policy was made by Danthia Gil and seconded by Darla Boller. Carried 5, 0, 0

**E. Ratify the Purchase of Tables for Cafeteria–** Tables were purchased for the new cafeteria.

Motion to approve Ratification of the Tables for Cafeteria was made by Danthia Gil and seconded by Tawnya Phoenix. Carried 5, 0, 0

**F. Ratify the Purchase of New Blinds –** New blinds were purchased to replace old, non-functioning blinds in the 2nd grade classroom and all three (3) back bungalows.

Motion to approve Ratification of New Blinds was made by Danthia Gil and seconded by Melanie Villa. Carried 5, 0, 0

**8. Reports –** Principal’s Report by Julie Cushman

A. **Cafeteria update –** Purchase updates and cafeteria patio was discussed.

B. **Staff Lounge –** a mini-makeover of the staff lounge has made a more inviting atmosphere for our staff.

C. **Summer School –** BICS has decided not to hold summer school for next year.

**9. Organizational Business**

A. Charter School Development Center Conference November 18-20, 2024, Sacramento

B. Future agenda items and/or Board member comments: No comments

C. Upcoming meetings

- September 16, October 21 (new date), ~~November 18~~ (cancelled), December 9, January 20, March 10 (3pm), April 28, June 9 (3pm), June 23

**10. Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:38am.

Motion was made to adjourn meeting by Danthia Gil and seconded by Tawnya Phoenix.

Carried 5, 0, 0

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*Respectfully submitted Melanie Villa, Secretary/Treasurer*