

Governing Board of Directors REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 22, 2024 — 9:00 AM

1. **Call to Order** Meeting was called to order at 9:01am
Roll Call: Tawnya Phoenix- Vice Chair, Danthia Gil- Secretary/Treasurer, Darla Boller- Member, & Melanie Villa- 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 Darla Boller and seconded by Melanie Villa. Carried 5, 0, 0.
3. **Approval of Minutes:** Amendment to Minutes. Should read “4:46 PM”. Motion to approve the minutes for March 11 and March 20 with amendment was made by Melanie Villa and seconded by Darla Boller. Carried 5, 0, 0.
4. **Public Comment-** No public comments were made
5. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approved Auditors for 2024 through 2027-** The Board considered approving a three-year contract for fiscal auditing services with Wilkinson Hadley King & Co. LLP, the same company that BICS has used for the past three years. School Boards are required by law to select an auditor to conduct an independent annual audit of CDE programs. This firm has met the requirements of state law and is authorized to practice public accounting by the California Board of Accountancy. Pricing includes annual audit, federal compliance, and tax preparation.
Motion to approve Auditors for 2024 through 2027 was made by Tawnya Phoenix and seconded by Melanie Villa. Carried 5, 0, 0.
 - B. **Approved 2024 Summer School Plan-** Since an extended summer break results in significant learning loss, especially among disadvantaged and low-achieving students, staff recommends a plan to provide summer school opportunities for students to practice essential skills and make academic progress. This summer program will be aligned with the LCAP and the educational program provided during the school year. This program will blend high quality academic instruction in core curricular and/or elective subjects with recreation, nutrition programs, social and emotional development, and support services that encourage attendance, student engagement in learning, and student wellness. This program is funded using one-time funds.
Motion to approve the 2024 Summer School Plan was made by Melanie Villa and seconded by Tawnya Phoenix. Carried 5, 0, 0.
 - C. **Approved ARISE Teacher Stipend-** The board considered approving a one-time \$800 stipend for the 6 classroom teachers that are participating in the ARISE Literacy Grant Program. Payments will be made from the \$5,000 received from the

San Diego County Office of Education for participating in the program.
Motion to approve ARISE Teacher Stipend was made by Tawnya Phoenix and seconded by Darla Boller. Carried 5, 0, 0.

6. **Reports** – Principal’s Report by Julie Cushman
 - A. **Fieldtrips** – 5th/6th Grade will be attending several fieldtrips this year.
 - B. **Teacher Appreciation Week** – Parent volunteers are getting ready for Teacher Appreciation Week.
 - C. **Western Days Float**- BICS will be represented at the Lakeside Western Days Parade on April 27. We hope to have students, parents and staff represent BICS this year.
 - D. **Enrollment** – Enrollment is in full swing. We are at 68 students. That is up 22 students from last year at this time.
 - E. **7th/8th Grade** – Mrs. Hoffmann will return to the 7th/8th grade classroom for the 2024-25 school year.
 - F. **8th Grade trip** – The 8th grade trip this year will be at an escape room and dinner. Each student will also get a basket with their favorite things.
 - G. **Cafeteria** – The concrete has been poured for the new cafeteria. We are in the process of researching equipment. We will apply for a grant to help cover the costs of this project.
7. **Organizational Business**
 - A. **Future agenda items and/or Board member comments:** No comments
 - B. **Upcoming meetings**
 - May 20, June 10 (Budget 4pm)
8. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 10:01am.

Motion was made by Darla Boller and seconded by Melanie Villa. Carried 5, 0, 0.

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Respectfully submitted by Danthia Gil, Secretary/Treasurer