

Barona Indian Charter School Board of Directors Regular Meeting Minutes – October 18, 2021



The phone line has been established for public to join the meeting. Public can call 619-390-2005.

- I. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 8:35 am.
Board Members in attendance: Raymond Welch, Tawnya Phoenix, Mandy Curo Quintero, and Danthia Gil.
Absent Member: Shirley Ruis
Others in attendance: Interim Principal, Dr. Jeff Felix, Legal Counsel Kathy Clenney, TOSA Julie Cushman, Family Resource Coordinator Nina Drammissi, and Recording Secretary Yvonne LaChappa.
- II. **Approval of Agenda**
- Motion** by Danthia to approve the agenda. Second by Tawnya. Carried 4, 0, 0.
- III. **Approval of Minutes – September 20, 2021**
- Motion** by Danthia to approve the minutes of September 20, 2021. Second by Tawnya. Carried 4, 0, 0.
- IV. **Public Comment:** There was no public comment requested at this meeting.
- V. **Reports**
- A. Student Services –** Nina Drammissi, Family Resource Coordinator gave a Progress Attendance Report, and handouts for the Board members. Teachers, and staff school leadership collaboratively create independent study packets to support consistent academic progress when a student is to stay home. Southern Indian Health counselors will support targeted grade levels for social-emotional learning, beginning 10/ 19/ 2021. Nina has contacts of 23 families as of 10/15/21. Letters will be sent to families at the end of the trimester, to encourage positive attendance and support. Nina plans to celebrate individual, and whole class for seven plus days of Perfect Attendance. Infinite Campus Parent Portal can be used by family to obtain attendance data.
- B. Principal Report –** Julie Cushman will report for Interim Principal, Jeff Felix
- Fencing has been completed, looks very nice
 - The blacktop area has been sealed, looks very nice
 - Southern Indian Health visited BICS for wellness checks on October 12-13
 - National Unity Day - October 20, students wear orange in support of kindness and support preventing bullying School and staff will gather for a school-wide picture
 - Earthquake Drill planned for October 21
 - Red Ribbon Week October 25 to October 29, teaching the students the danger of drugs
 - Students will trick or treat to Tribal Office, Fire Station, and Tribal Enforcement on October 28, transported by tribal vans
 - Students will visit the Pumpkin Patch, October 28 at the Chekwa Garden, transported by casino shuttles
 - Veteran's Day is November 11. No school November 11,12, four day weekend
- VI. **Action Items**
- A. Discussion to Conduct SARB Meetings -** Jeff shared with the Board SARB, (School Attendance Review Board) are composed of school and community members who meet regularly to diagnose and resolve student attendance or behavior problems. Discussed the possibility of parents/students coming before the school board after all other avenues have been exhausted. More discussion followed. Jeff will present a proposal at the next board meeting.
- B. Approval to Create Position of Reading Specialist –** There are a handful of students that would benefit from extra reading help. By third grade, students should be sufficient readers. Staff would like approval to hire a Reading Specialist to work with those students that are low in reading skills. The Reading Specialist will support, supplement and extend classroom teaching, and will work collaboratively to implement a quality-reading program. The Reading Specialist will assess the reading strengths and needs of students and provide that information to classroom teachers, parents, and specialized personnel such as, psychologists, special educators, or speech teachers. This position will be funded using Title I funds at 3 days/week at \$25 to \$35 per hour.

Motion by Danthia to approve the position of Reading Specialist. Second by Tawnya. Carried 4,0,0.

C. Resolution #21-10-01- Approval of this Resolution that designates authorized representatives to the San Diego County schools risk management joint powers authority for workers' compensation, property, and liability, or any other risk or plan authorized by law.

Motion by Tawnya to approve Resolution #21-10-01, San Diego County School risk management joint powers authority, and approve to designate Dr. Jeffrey Felix as the authorized representative of the Board of Trustees of Barona Indian Charter School, and Julie Cushman as alternate representative. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

D. Approval of the Plan to Expend ESSER III Funds - The ESSER III (Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Funds) The ESSER III funding provides LEAs with emergency relief funds to address the impact of COVID-19 on elementary and secondary schools. BICS will receive \$106,887. A minimum of 20% will be spend on Learning Loss Mitigation. A copy of the ESSER III expending plan was provided to the board members.

Motion by Mandy to approve the ESSER III Expenditure Plan. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

E. Approval of Sand Volleyball Playground – The school would like to add a sand volleyball court to the north play area in front of the bungalows to increase activities for both school and recreational children and adults. The estimated cost of work performed by San Diego Asphalt is \$16,605.00. Expense will be funded by the school savings account intended for such purpose.

Motion by Mandy to approve the proposed Sand Volleyball Playground from San Diego Asphalt Company and pay from the Charter savings account. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

F. Adoption of Conflict of Interest Code Policy – The Governing Board hereby adopts the attached Conflict of Interest Code, which shall apply to all governing board members, candidates for member of the board, and all designated employees of the Barona Indian Charter School. Governance Policy #7A

Motion by Danthia to adopt Policy#7A of the Conflict of Interest Code. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

G. Adoption of Budget Development and Fiscal Management Policy – The policy details proper accounting procedures for use in the charter school including Controls, Negotiating Funding Entitlements, Budget Reports, Property and Liability Insurance, Solicitation, and Donation Recognition. On page two **A – Budget Development and Oversight Calendar and Responsibilities**, strike out bullet# 3, for March – April.

Motion by Mandy to approve the Budget Development and Fiscal Management Policy with correction. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

~~**H. Signing of Board Bylaws** – The Secretary/Treasurer will sign the Board Bylaws approved at the August 16, 2021 meeting. **DELETED PER BOARD 11/15/2021**~~

VII. Discussion Items

A. Charter Schools Development Center (CSDC) – The board discussed their attendance at the CSDC Leadership Conference in San Diego December 6-7. Jeff will send an agenda to the Board.

VIII. Organizational Business

A. Future agenda items and/or Board member comments

B. November 15 (4:30), December 13, January 24, February 14, March 21 (4:30), April 18, May 16, and June 20 (4:30).

Motion by Danthia to adjourn the meeting at 10:09 am. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Submitted by,

Yvonne LaChappa, Recording Secretary