

# Barona Indian Charter School Board of Directors Meeting Minutes May 17, 2021



*Phone line was established for public to join the meeting. No members of the public joined.*

## I. Call to Order/Roll Call

President Ray Welch called meeting to order at 8:32 am.

Members in attendance: Ray Welch, Tawnya, Mandy Curo Quintero, and Danthia Gill

Absent member: Shirley Ruis

Others in attendance: Dr. Jeff Felix, Interim Principal, Kathy Clenney, Legal Counsel, Laurie Egan Hedley, Barona Museum Director, Nina Drammissi, Family Resource Coordinator, Julie Cushman, Teacher on Assignment, and Yvonne Lachappa, Recording Secretary.

## II. Approval of Agenda

**Motion** by Danthia to approve the agenda. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

## III. Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2021

**Motion** by Danthia to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021. Second by Mandy. Carried 3, for, 1 abstain.

## IV. There was no public comment

## V. Presentations

A. **Barona Cultural Museum Curator/Director Laurie Egan-Hedley** discussed curriculum/ grade level highlights that she is working on with multiple grades here at BICS. Laurie extended an invite to the board to a presentation from the eighth grade class June 11, 2021 at 8:00 am in the museum.

B. **Family Resource Coordinator**, Nina Drammissi, reported on her work with students and families as she continues to improve attendance/tardies, and chronic absenteeism. She has involved Southern Indian Health counselors for support targeted grade levels for social-emotional learning. She is planning class celebrations for perfect attendance. Thirty-one families have been contacted as of May 10, 2021. The board thanked Ms. Drammissi for all her hard work and efforts.

## VI. Action Items

A. **Approval of the 2021 Local Control and Accountability Plan/LCP Annual Update** – The board will consider approval of the LEA's analysis of its goals, measurable outcomes and actions and services from the 2019-2020 Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP). The revised LCAP goals include:

1. Provide rigorous instruction and curriculum that promotes college and career readiness with support and interventions in place to minimize barriers to student success.
2. Ensure parents are partners in the education process through concise communication, collaboration, and the sharing of important information to promote a safe, nurturing and inclusive learning environment.
3. Barona Indian Charter will provide a safe, clean campus. This will be accomplished through concise communication, frequent inspection, daily cleaning of classrooms and offices, and using approved and safe cleaning product.

**Motion** by Danthia to approve the update of the 2021 Local Control and Accountability Plan/LCP Annual Update. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

B. **Approval of the Plan for Expending ELO and IPI Grants** – The California Legislature provided \$6.6 billion for In-Person Instruction (IPI) Grants, and \$4.6 billion for Expanded Learning Opportunities (ELO) Grants. AB 86 provides an opportunity for local education agencies to implement a learning recovery program that, at a minimum, provides supplemental instruction and support for social and emotional well-being. Total allocation for both grants is approximately \$93K. Most of these funds will be used to assist at risk students with learning deficits during the summer of 2021-2022.

**Motion** by Danthia to approve the Expending ELO and IPI Grants. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**C. Approval of SB740 Charter School Facility Grant Program Application** – This is the Annual Funding Round for the 2021-22 fiscal year. It provides annual grants to offset on-going facility costs for charter schools that service a high-percentage of students eligible for free or reduced-price meals or located in a public elementary school boundary servicing a similar demographic. BICS receives approximately \$50K from this grant as a reimbursement for rent of the school facility.

**Motion** by Danthia to ratify approval of the Facility Grant Application Grant. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**D. Approve Board Resolution #21-05-01 in Support of Facility and Staff** – The board recognizes the increased workload on faculty and staff that resulted from school closures and applicable health orders throughout this school year because of the COVID-19 PANDEMIC. The Board would like to show their appreciation with a one-time stipend to all employees.

**Motion** by Danthia to approve Resolution# 21-05-01 in Support of Facility and Staff. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**E. Approve Plan for Summer School in July 2021** – Teachers have planned a summer school program for at-risk students, loss of learning due to COVID. Funding will come from the ELO Grant.

**Motion** by Mandy to approve the Summer School Program paid through the ELO Grant. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**F. Approval of Independent Contractor Agreement for Elizabeth Brenner** – Elizabeth Brenner will serve as an academic advisor as BICS prepares to complete the three- year LCAP, end of the year LCP, and applications for ELO, IPI, ESSER 2 and 3. BICS agrees to pay a total fee not to exceed \$3800.00.

**Motion** by Danthia to approve the Independent Contractor Agreement for Elizabeth Brenner, not to exceed \$3800.000. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**G. Approval of Short-Term Employee Agreement for Jeffrey Felix as Interim Principal** – The board will consider extending the services of Interim Principal Jeffrey Felix through June 30, 2022.

**Motion** by Mandy to approve the Short-Term Employee Agreement for Jeffrey Felix, through June 30, 2022. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**H. Approval of Creative Back Office Service Contract** – The Board will consider approval of employing the services of Cory Cavanah’s charter school business service group. Cory established Creative Back Office in 2015 under the simple premise that Charter Schools deserved better fiscal expertise. Cory’s team of experts will assist the administration and the Governing Board as they go through the re-chartering process this fall. These services and others, as needed, will be contracted at a flat rate of \$2000 per month.

**Motion** by Mandy to approve the Creative Back Office Service Contract at a flat rate of \$2000 per month. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**I. Approval to Purchase a 10x16 Tuff Shed** –The staff is requesting to purchase an additional Tuff Shed for storage of desks and equipment. This shed will be an exact copy of the Tuff Shed that already exists on campus. The quote for this shed is \$6,772.00.

**Motion** by Danthia to purchase the Tuff Shed. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.

**J. Approval to Purchase Office Equipment** – The staff is asking for approval to purchase locking fireproof and waterproof file cabinets for cumulative and special education files, which are required by law. Purchase not to exceed \$15K. A list of other equipment for staff workroom and SPED room was presented to the board.

**Motion** by Mandy to approve the purchase of file cabinets for student records and other office equipment not to exceed \$15K. Second by Danthia. Second by Carried 4, 0, 0.

## **VII. Discussion Items**

A. LCAP Survey Results - Julie Cushman gave an update to the board on the school’s LCAP Survey.

The survey was conducted to gather community input on the school’s goals, progress made, and to engage in the development of new goals. Many efforts were made to contact parents and community by emails, call-out and providing a link on the website. BICS students provided the most surveys.

**B. Teacher Evaluation Update – Evaluations went well.** Teachers appreciated their evaluations.

**C. TOSA Report – Julie Cushman**

1. Staff changes; Ms. Gill will be teaching 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Mrs. Barber will move to 3/4 grade. Two temporary teachers will not be returning, they were hired during COVID. They are welcome to apply if positions open. BICS will be going back to regular classes next school year. Adam (Coach M) will be teaching PE K- 8 grades. Students did not like the Block Schedule; they prefer to be with their homeroom teacher.
2. Book Fair went well. Sales were the best in many years. Community room was an ideal place for the book fair. Teachers will benefit in books for their classrooms.
3. Ninety-six students have been enrolled to date.

**D. Principal/Director Report – Jeff Felix** - Jeff reported to the Board that Julie Cushman and Kristi Johnson have spent numerous hours updating the LCAP. When completed, there will need to be a Public Hearing meeting prior to our regular scheduled Board meeting. The Public Hearing date will be posted on the website. The Board will need to approve the completed LCAP at the June 21, 2021 Board meeting.

Discussion regarding K and eighth grade promotions. Will put in a request for the gym for both events. Kristi Johnson’s husband volunteered to pick up tables and chairs for these events.

**VIII. Organizational Business**

A. Board Calendar of meetings for 2021-2022

B. Future agenda items and/or Board member comments – The board will need to have a workshop sometime in August 2021 prior to school start. Jeff will look into a workshop for Board members.

C. Upcoming meetings

1. June 21, 2021 (Annual Meeting) at 4:00 PM
2. No meeting for July
3. Special Board Workshop in August

**IX. Executive Session – at 10:00 am**

A. The board will meet in closed session to consult with legal counsel concerning existing facts and circumstances that might result in litigation per Government Code section 54956.9, subdivision (d)(3) (Section (d)(3)).

**X. Return to Open Session at 10:11 am.**

**XI. Adjournment – Motion Mandy to adjourn** meeting at 10:12 am. Second Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne LaChappa, Recording Secretary