

**Barona Indian Charter School
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
Minutes for December 13, 2021**



The meeting was held at the Barona Community Center Meeting Room at 1095 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040. A phone line was established for public to join the meeting virtually. The public had the opportunity to call (619) 390-2005.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chairman Welch called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.
 - Board Members in Attendance: Raymond Welch, Tawnya Phoenix, Mandy Curo Quintero, and Danthia Gil. Ray Welch left the meeting at 12:13 pm after approval of Action Item A.
 - Absent Member: Shirley Ruis
 - Others in Attendance: Dr. Jeff Felix, Interim Principal; Julie Cushman, TOSA; Shannon Johnston, LUSD Financial Director; Beverly Jimenez, LUSD Education Services; Yvonne LaChappa, Recording Secretary.
2. **Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Tawnya to approve agenda. Second by Mandy. Carried 4, 0, 0.
3. **Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2021- Motion** by Mandy to approve the Minutes of November 15, 2021. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0.
4. **Public Comment-** There was no request for comment.
5. **Action Items**
 - A. **Approval of the First Interim Budget** – Shannon Johnston, LUSD presented the First Interim Budget for approval.
 - Slight increase in federal monies
 - Increase in salaries
 - Increase in spending for property improvements, due to a large reserve in the budget
 - More funding coming
 - Charter is in excellent financial health**Motion** by Mandy to approve the First Interim Budget Report. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, 0, 0. Shannon left the board meeting, thanking the board members for all their hard work.
 - B. **Educator Effectiveness (EFF) Block Grant** – EFF will be used to support professional learning for certificated teachers, administrators, paraprofessional educators, and certificated staff. BICS will be receiving \$29,956 and will be budgeted over a five -year period. **Motion** by Mandy to approve the Educator Effectiveness Block Grand. Second by Danthia. Carried 3, 0, 0.
 - C. **Memorandum of Understanding with East County SELPA** – The former Director of Special Education (BICS) resigned for personal reasons. With the help of Heather DiFede, Executive Director of East County SELPA, has a qualified person within the SELPA with days available to work for BICS. Heather has created an MOU for the Reimbursement of Services for the 2021-2022 Fiscal years for Fred Fox, Program Specialist. BICS agrees to reimburse East County for the salary and benefit costs, 2.5% overhead to cover mileage and supplies, and the SDCOE 4% indirect cost for the services identified within service dates beginning January 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022. Total expenditures are approximately \$15,121.00 and will be funded from the existing budget for those purposes.
 - D. **Approval of Changes to Playground Improvements** – At the October 2021 Board meeting, staff recommended a sand volleyball court. The cost of \$16,605.00 and was approved by the board at the October meeting. SD Asphalt completed the work over

Thanksgiving break. Some additional work was not approved by the staff or board, but was supposed to be applied to the "Wish List." The additional cost is \$5,975.00. Staff is asking for board approval for the additional cost. This will be paid by the school savings account intended for such purposes. **Motion** by Danthia to ratify the extra changes and cost of \$5,975.00 to San Diego Asphalt. Second by Mandy. Carried 3, 0, 0.

- E. Approve Procedure for Policy Adoption Policy** – This policy provides guidelines to future Principal/Directors and Board members on the procedures to adopt policies.
- F. Approve Code of Ethics for Board Members** – This policy asks Board members to promote the best interest of the school as a whole and to adhere to certain ethical standards.
- G. Approve Board Operations Policy** – This policy augments the by-laws providing additional details for Proper Board management.
- H. Approve Policy on School Board Meetings with Brown Act Compliance** – This Office of the Attorney General issued an opinion in 2018 unequivocally finding that CA chapter schools and their governing bodies are subject Ralph M. Brown Act, CA Public Records Act, Government Code Section 1090, and the Political Reform Act of 1974. This policy assists the Board with compliance of these orders and detailed process for all types of meetings.

Motion by Danthia to approve Policies E, F, G, and H. Second by Mandy. Carried 3, 0, 0.

6. Reports

A. Principal – Julie Cushman reported for the Interim Principal, Jeff Felix

- Julie finished all but two teacher observations. She will complete after Winter Break.
- Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 16. Parents are invited to come after the breakfast is over, and have pictures taken with Santa.
- BICS is planning to have a booth at the "Spirit of Christmas" event in Lakeside. This will be good exposure for BICS. Raffle tickets will be given out for prizes.
- Third/fourth grade teacher is out on paternity leave. A long-term sub was hired for that classroom, until his return. Two teachers will be going on maternity leave; currently looking for two long-term subs.
- Volley Ball court is being enjoyed by all students.
- Kristi Johnson is creating a newsletter for BICS, "Hawks Happenings".
- Board member inquired about attendance. Julie replied that Nina is getting ready to send out letters to parents of frequent absences.

7. Discussion Items

- A.** Charter Schools Development Center (CSDC) – The board felt that the conference was interesting and a good experience. They would be open to more training.

8. Organizational Business

- A.** Change in time for January 24 meeting to 8:30 am and February 14, 2022 Board meeting to 12:00 pm. Board members agreed.
- B.** There were no future agenda items and/or Board member comments.
- C.** The upcoming meetings are January 24, 8:30 am; February 14, Noon; March 7th for Board Vision Workshop and Second Interim Budget Approval, 8:30 am; March 21 regular meeting, 4:00 pm; April 18, 8:30 am; May 16, 8:30 am; June 20, 4:00 pm.

- 9. Adjournment-** Motion by Mandy to adjourn (1:01 pm). Second by Danthia. Carried 3, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne LaChappa, Recording Secretary for the Board of Trustees