Attendance Taken at 2:00 PM:

Present:
Isabel Hacker
Noah Margo
Mel Spitz
Tristen Walker Shuman

Absent:
Rachelle Marcus
Thomas Recupero

Updated Attendance:
Thomas Recupero was updated to present at: 5:00 PM
Rachelle Marcus was updated to present at: 5:00 PM

I. OPEN SESSION-CALL TO ORDER-FLAG SALUTE-2:00 pm

Minutes:
Mr. Margo called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Agenda. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Absent Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

III. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD-PUBLIC COMMENT

Minutes:
Laurie Lande addressed the Board.
The following person did not speak but wished to go on record as follows:

Honorary Board Members and Staff,

I am unable to make it to the meeting tonight - and, to be honest, I don't want to distract from the organizational meeting and celebration of all of your hard work. Your dedication is

I'd like to go on the record to say that I vehemently disapprove of this change in the middle of the school year.

Not only is the announcement - during finals - highly disruptive to the children, but it also gives almost no notice for parents to react to the change before going on holiday.

In addition to the manner in which it was announced, I'm disappointed in this district for not having a public discussion on this matter. I never saw this item on the agenda, and other than a What'sApp conversation LAST NIGHT, this was never even on anyone's radar. Was this ever discussed by the board? Did anyone elicit parent opinion OTHER than the "pro" side? Were experts consulted about traffic / sleep to support the claims made in the announcement? Was the city's traffic division notified of this potential change? How do they feel this will affect the neighborhood? I can't imagine that after months of resident input and figuring out the traffic flow patterns, that this creates zero impact. Was this even taken into consideration?

Moreover, the reasons given in the announcement below are not valid:

1. This district has previously discussed that the middle school should be aligning with the HIGH SCHOOL, not the elementary school. What other decisions are being made to align down to the elementary school rather than up to the high school?

2. Eliminates time gap -- only takes into consideration kids who go to school related activities. This window allows parents to schedule tutoring, doctor's appointments, sport's / music lessons or much needed down time. Was there ANY consideration for kids who are not in school-based athletics? Also, the gap is a great time for athletes to do their school work before practice, so that the rest of their day is free. Was there any discussion about a homework club or supervision during this time to help with that?

3. Provides a little extra sleep -- this is actually counter-intuitive. The best sleep practices call for the SAME SLEEP SCHEDULE every day. Having an extra hour and a half mid-week an actually mess with a tween / teen's circadian rhythm and make productive sleep more difficult for the entire week.

4. Reduces kids on Beverly -- this is just plain untrue. It will only shift the time when kids are on Beverly to the morning. This was always a problem with middle school kids at Beverly Vista. And, if kids are disruptive, then, like the administration loves to say "parents need to parent". Our kids need to be respectful wherever they go. And, punishing families by changing a schedule mid-year to help police what's happening to local businesses seems way out of line.

Overall, I find these rationales insulting - as if parents cannot understand that this decision was made to placate a group of vocal families / local businesses - rather than doing what's BEST FOR KIDS.

But, perhaps, my biggest concern is that this is not the first time an impulsive, disruptive and, arguably, detrimental decision was made by the school's administrative team to address the needs of a vocal group of parents. This district prided itself on going to the 1:1 tech model and
spent a good deal of time, money and effort on executing the 1:1 model BEFORE the middle school year commenced - claiming that having a dedicated computer is "mandatory" in today's environment and the "best" for the children. However, just a few weeks into the school year, all computers were pulled from the students, citing "backpack weight" issues. While that may be true, teachers were still insisting on individual spiral notebooks (instead of loose leaf paper) and other superfluous supplies that added to the weight of the kid's backpacks... but those issues were never addressed. Some board members responded to my concern about not having a dedicated computer by telling me to just "buy your kid a computer" - which is a nice sentiment if you can afford it, and, frankly, insulting. We are a PUBLIC school, and we should not be relying on parents spending hundreds of dollars for supplies that were originally supplied by the school and then confiscated. But, I digress...

The crux of my concern is that these decisions made by the administration team are impulsive, disruptive and unprofessional. It is clear that the BVMS administration team is running without approval from the governing body (yesterday, a Board Member assured the community that this change was being discussed for 2020/2021 not Jan 2020...) and that concerns me greatly. I, personally, don't like this decision - it will be a huge burden to my family - but I am more concerned about the lack of coordination between BVMS and the Board of Education and how decisions are being made. What other decisions are being made to appease parents without taking into consideration the "best interest of the children'? What other decisions are being made without Board notice / discussion / input? What other decisions are being made to align BVMS with the elementary schools, rather than the high school?

I will make the necessary adjustments to my and my daughters' schedule to align with this new announcement, however, I beg you to please take a close look at these impulsive decisions to ensure that they really are in the best interest of the students - and they benefit as many students as possible - rather than a select few who have the fortune of having parents who like to complain.

Thank you,
Deena Wachtel
PS - Thank you for your service, and continued dedication to our children's best interest.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Consent Calendar.
Mr. Margo made a Friendly Amendment to make an amendment to the Certificated Personnel Report items 4-6 as pending conversation with applicable staff. Mrs. Hacker and Mrs. Walker-Shuman accepted the Friendly Amendment. Passed with a motion by Isabel Hacker and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Absent Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

IV.A. Approval Board Meeting Minutes
   IV.A.1. Regular Board Meeting-12-10-2019

IV.B. Personnel Reports
   IV.B.1. Certificated Personnel Report

IV.C. Approval of Hatch and Cesario Legal Services
IV.D. Approval/Acceptance of Donations Listed Pursuant to Board Policy 3290

IV.E. Approval of Parchment Quote for the scanning of the BHUSD Aperture cards

IV.F. Approval-Professional Services Agreement - Chrissie Leong

V. BUSINESS AND FINANCE

V.A. Approval of the 2019-2020 First Interim Report

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the 2019-2020 First Interim Report. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

V.B. Annual Developer Fee Report

Minutes:
Mr. Roach presented the Annual Developer Fee Report to the Board.

VI. CLOSED SESSION-2:15 P.M.

Minutes:
Mr. Margo adjourned the meeting to Closed Session at 2:30 p.m.

VI.A. Approval of Settlement Agreement-Employee #QS3609677

VI.B. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL   Existing Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(d)(1)): Beverly Hills Unified School District v. Federal Transit Administration; et al. (Case No. 2:18-cv-0716)

VI.C. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-Anticipated Litigation Significant exposure to litigation pursuant to subdivision (b) & (d)(2) of Section 54956.9: (2 Cases)

VI.D. CONFERENCE WITH LABOR NEGOTIATORS: Agency Designated Representative(s): Luke Pavone, Executive Director Human Resources; Employee Organization: BHEA

VII. OPEN SESSION-CALL TO ORDER-5:00 P.M.

Minutes:
Mr. Margo called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m.

VII.A. BOARD PRESIDENT INTRODUCES MR. MICHAEL TURNBLOM-BHHS MADRIGALS

Minutes:
The Board was serenaded by lovey holiday music courtesy of the BHHS Madrigals.

VII.B. INTRODUCTION OF THE K-8 STUDENT COUNCIL PRESIDENTS AND THE BHHS ASB PRESIDENT
Minutes:
Mr. Margo introduced the following student leaders: Zachary Khodabash, Josh Niku, Trevor Levin and Maddy Nassir and asked them to lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VII.C. FLAG SALUTE BY ALL OF THE STUDENT PRESIDENTS

VIII. AGENDA HEARING PERIOD/ORAL COMMUNICATION FROM THE AUDIENCE

Minutes:
The following people addressed the Board:
Cindy Trost and Howard Goldstein.

IX. BOARD ORGANIZATION/ACTION

IX.A. APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2019-2020-007 AND PRESENTATION OF OUTGOING GAVEL TO MR. MARGO

Motion Passed: A motion was made for the APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION #2019-2020-007. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Hacker presented the resolution and a gavel plaque to Mr. Margo. Mr. Margo made his outgoing comments. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Mel Spitz.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

IX.B. ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Motion Passed: A motion was made to nominate Mrs. Isabel Hacker to be the Board President. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Recupero made a provisional vote of Yes.

Mrs. Hacker was sworn into office by her husband Adi and her some Aviram. Passed with a motion by Mel Spitz and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

IX.C. ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Motion Passed: A motion was made to nominate Mrs. Rachelle Marcus as Board Vice President. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Recupero made a provisional vote of Yes. Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Mel Spitz.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
X. ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIONS

X.A. ADOPTION OF ANNUAL MOTIONS

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the adoption of the Annual Motions. A roll call vote was taken. Mr. Recupero made a provisional vote of Yes. Passed with a motion by Noah Margo and a second by Tristen Walker Shuman.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Margo
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

X.B. APPROVAL OF CERTIFICATION OF SIGNATURES

Motion Passed: A motion was made for approval of the Certification of Signatures. Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Noah Margo.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Marto
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

X.C. BOARD MEETING DATES FOR JANUARY 2020-DECEMBER 2020

Motion Passed: A motion was made to approve the Board Meeting Dates for January 2020-December 2020. Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Mel Spitz.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Marto
Yes Mel Spitz
Yes Tristen Walker Shuman

X.D. SELECTION OF ANNUAL REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL TRUSTEES ASSOCIATION

Motion Passed: A motion was made to select Mr. Noah Margo as the representative to the Los Angeles County School Trustees Association. Passed with a motion by Tristen Walker Shuman and a second by Isabel Hacker.

Yes Isabel Hacker
Yes Rachelle Marcus
Yes Noah Marto
Yes Mel Spitz
X.E. BOARD LIAISONS

Minutes:
City Liaisons (including oil well ad hoc and security ad hoc)-Mrs. Hacker & Mrs. Marcus
City Commissions:
Health & Safety-Mrs. Marcus
Human Relations-Mrs. Walker-Shuman
Finance Committee Liaisons: Mr. Spitz & Mrs. Walker-Shuman
Strategic Plans Committee Liaisons: Mrs. Marcus & Mr. Margo

XI. REPORT OF CLOSED SESSION ACTION

Minutes:
Dr. Bregy reported that in Closed Session the Board voted unanimously to approve the Settlement Agreement for Employee #QS3609677.

XII. BOARD COMMUNICATION

XIII. FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

XIII.A. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, January 14, 2020-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School

XIII.B. Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, January 28, 2020-5:00 PM-STC/Jon Cherney Lecture Hall, Beverly Hills High School

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
Mrs. Hacker adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.