

**BRAWLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
480 N. Imperial Avenue  
Brawley, CA 92227

**A G E N D A**  
**Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday February 13, 2013**  
**BUHSD Board Room**  
**Regular Board Meeting 6:00PM**

**A. OPENING**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Certification of Compliance

To accommodate the requirement of Government Code Section 54954.2 in accordance with the Brown Act revisions, the agenda for the meeting was posted 72 hours prior to this meeting.

4. Adoption of the Agenda

**B. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS**

1. Elks Teens of the Month: January 2013  
Marissa Zielinski  
Tanner Rollins
2. National School Counselors' Week
3. Rotary Club Speech Contest  
Dakota Hickingbottom  
Sierra Hickingbottom

**C. BOARD COMMENTS**

**D. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS**

**ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION** - An individual or group representative may address the Board of Education on any agenda item or subject within its jurisdiction. Public comments will be allowed when each agenda item comes before the board for consideration. Speakers are requested to state their name and address prior to speaking to the Board. Not more than three minutes may be allotted to each speaker and no more than twenty minutes to each subject, except by consent of the Board of Education. The Board Members may question the speaker but there will be no debate or decision. The Superintendent may refer the matter to the proper department for review.

**E. REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

1. BUHS – Jenny Preece/Bryan Wood, Student Board Representatives
2. DVHS – Jessica Penuelas, Student Board Representative
3. Superintendent's Report
  - a. DAIT Findings and Recommendations

- b. Brooks Field 101 and Rancho Los Lagos Project
- c. Safety Update
- d. One Voice Initiative

**F. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None

**G. CONSENT CALENDAR**

All items under Consent Calendar are considered to be of a routine nature and are acted with one motion. Any recommendation may be removed from the Consent Calendar at the request of any Board Member and placed under Action/Discussion.

**1. Minutes**

The Superintendent recommends that the Board of Education approve the Minutes, as listed:

- a. Regular Meeting: January 16, 2013

**2. Personnel Consent Items**

- a. Approve to hire Danielle Seeger as a temporary English Teacher
- b. Accept resignation from Mr. Michael Romero as Special Ed. Teacher
- c. Approve to hire Christopher Rendon as Part-time Security
- d. Approve to hire Andy Sanchez as Part-time Security
- e. Approve change of title for Superintendent's Administrative Assistant to Executive Assistant.

**3. Business and Finance Consent Items**

- a. Approve payments of Commercial Warrants

**4. Educational Consent Items**

- a. Ratify the trip request for Simon Canalez and Frank Felix to attend the Project SOL 2.0 Conference in Los Angeles, CA on February 7-8, 2013. To be paid from Administrative Funds (transportation only).
- b. Approve the trip request for Ines Estrada and 20 students to attend the HOSA Future Health Professionals in Sacramento, CA on March 20-24, 2013 to be paid out of HOSA funds.

**H. ACTION/DISCUSSION**

- 1. Motion to approve the Consulting Agreement between BUHSD and Dr. Rudy M. Castruita.

*Supt. recommends approval of the consulting agreement with Dr. Rudy Castruita to provide consulting services to the Board of Trustees and Superintendent not to exceed \$4,500.00.*

- 2. Motion to approve Resolution #12-13-12 for Joint Powers Authority Membership – School Project for Utility Rate Reduction

*Supt. recommends the approval of Resolution #12-13-12 to participate on the SPURR E-Rate with AMS.Net to provide VOLP and Network Infrastructure.*

3. Motion to nominate Ralph Fernandez and Diahna Garcia-Ruiz as the 2013 CSBA Delegate Representatives for the Sub-region 18-B (Imperial County).

*Recommendation to approve the nomination of Ralph Fernandez and Diahna Garcia-Ruiz to serve as the CSBA Delegate Assembly representatives for the sub-region 18B which encompasses the Imperial County*

4. Motion to accept or deny the Bid for the ROP House located on 9<sup>th</sup> and "K" Street.

*Superintendent requests the acceptance of the \$125,000.00 bid for the ROP House located on 9<sup>th</sup> and "K" Street.*

5. Motion to accept the transition of students from Del Rio Community School to BUHSD.

*Supt. recommends the acceptance of students transitioning from Del Rio Community School to BUHSD.*

6. Motion to approve the MOU between Brawley Union High School District and Brawley Elementary School District to provide transportation services for the 2012-2013 school year.

*Supt. recommends the approval of the MOU with BESD to provide transportation services to and from Betty Jo McNeece not to exceed \$3,000.00.*

7. Motion to Ratify Emergency Repairs caused by the waterline breakage.

*Supt. recommends ratifying the emergency repairs caused by the waterline breakage. Repairs were made by A & R Construction for the amount of \$28,214.00.*

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

The Board of Trustees may suggest/request items for discussion and/or action at a subsequent Board Meeting.

1. Discussion of District office relocation
2. Baseball Field

**J. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**

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**K. CLOSED SESSION**

1. Student Discipline (Pursuant to Provisions of Education Code Section 48918(b)). Student Discipline/Expulsion Case No. 16388 and 15814.
2. Personnel matters relating to the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline or dismissal/release of public employee pursuant to Government Code § 54957.
  - A. Extended Leave of Absence for Classified Employee
3. Conference with Labor Negotiator (Pursuant to Provisions of Government Code Section 54957.6):  
Agency Designated Representative: Dr. Hasmik Danielian  
Employee Organization: Brawley Union High School District CSEA.
4. Anticipated Litigation
  - a. Significant Exposure to litigation pursuant to Government Code section 54956.9(b) – one case

**L. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

1. Report of action(s) taken during Closed Session.

**M. ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with the Americans with Disability Act (ADA), the District will provide accommodations, with reasonable advanced notice, for any individual with a disability needing to participate in the Board meeting and/or access the information herein. Please contact Brawley Union High School District Superintendent's Office to request such accommodations. In accordance with the Brown Act revisions, public records relating to a Board meeting agenda item that are distributed to at least a majority of Board members less than 72 hours before a regular meeting, may be inspected by the public at the District Administrative offices during regular business hours (7:30a.m. to 4:30p.m.).

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**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**  
**ADOPTED MINUTES**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING, FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

**CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

1. The regular meeting of the Brawley Union High School District Board of Education was called to order by President Helen Noriega at 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 13, 2013 with the following members present for roll call: Trustee Noriega, Trustee Sassie, Trustee Dial, Trustee Fernandez and Trustee Garcia.
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
Frank Felix led the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE**  
President Noriega read the following statement: “To accommodate the requirement of Government Code Section 54954.2 in accordance with the Brown Act revisions, the agenda for the meeting was posted 72 hours prior to this meeting.”
4. **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**  
The agenda was adopted as presented.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS & RECOGNITIONS**

1. Elk Teens of the Month for January 2013  
Marissa Zielinski  
Tanner Rollins
2. National School Counselor’s Week  
President Noriega and Supt. Dr. Danielian presented the counselors with a certificate in celebration of National School Counselor’s Week:  
Bette Hardy, Susan Villon, Veronica Vega-Castro, Gina Romero, Adriana Martinez, Frank Felix and Ruben Felix
3. Rotary Club Speech Contest  
Dakota Hickingbottom  
Sierra Hickingbottom

## **BOARD COMMENTS**

Trustee Fernandez congratulated the counselors for their dedication to our students.

Trustee Sassie congratulated the following:

- Elks Teen of the Month: Marissa Zielinski and Tanner Rollins
- Counselors on National Counselors Week
- Rotary Club Speech Contest Winners: Sierra and Dakota Hickingbottom
- Mock Trial Team on advancing to finals
- Westmorland Unified Elementary School District for hosting joint board meeting on February 6<sup>th</sup>.

Trustee Sassie also reported attending the safety meeting during collaboration day. She thanked the Brawley Police Department for providing the safety presentation and also the parents involved in celebrating The National Counselors Week.

Trustee Garcia commended the counselors for their dedication and amount of years of service to the district. He congratulated the Mock Trial Team in advancing to the finals and stated that the presentations are amazing; thanked Mrs. Debra Owens for the amount of hours, dedication and effort to the program. Trustee Garcia also introduced Mr. Steve Benson, IID Director.

Trustee Dial thanked Westmorland Unified Elementary School District for hosting the joint meeting as well as the superintendents from all feeder districts. She expressed excitement for the district's goal to reach academic excellence and all the preparation that has gone on to roll-out the implementation of the Common Core Standards. She congratulated the students and staff and thanked the parents and community for their support.

President Noriega read the thank you note from the Pace Family to the public.

## **PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Pedro Carranza, Teacher/Baseball Coach, thanked the community, parents and Board of Trustees for their support. Mr. Carranza introduced the student athletes present.

C.J. Perez, student athlete thanked the Board and the parents, especially the Abatti family for their support and for their contribution for the repairs done to the baseball field. He stated that he is proud to play on a field that looks so green and clean.

Jordan Abatti reported on the MLB Action Team which includes 50 members formed by the ASB, baseball and softball teams. He reported that the team's goal is to improve the quality of life for needy students and families by providing food; to raise funds for student athletes; and to provide Christmas gifts for the Brawley community.

President Noriega stated that this program could qualify for the Golden Bell Award and Mr. Carranza should get more information from the administration.

## **REPORTS & PRESENTATIONS**

Jenny Preece, BUHS Student Board Member reported on the following:

- Winter Homecoming Dance
- Winter sports coming to an end
- Wrestling IVL Championship
- Mock Trail Finals
- BUHS FFA animal projects
- High School Madness
- California High School Exit Exam

Jessica Penuelas, DVHS Student Board Member reported the following:

- Junior and Senior CAHSEE
- CAHSEE Intervention Classes
- DVHS Elective Classes

Mrs. Phillips reported on the English Speech Project which was very successful and encouraging for students.

Superintendent's report included the following:

a. Dr. Danielian introduced Dr. Katherine Schneider from PIVOT Learning Partners:

- Dr. Katy Schneider stated that PIVOT Learning Partners is an organization that works statewide and provides assistance to improve student achievement. Dr. Schneider explained that the district became a program improvement district due to a significant subgroups failed to meet the AYP proficiency levels in English Language Arts for four years. She explained the process that the DAIT team went through in order to identify the high-leverage recommendations.

b. Brooks Field 101 and Rancho Los Lagos Project:

Dr. Danielian introduced the Development Consultants: Mr. Mike and Lori Madigan, Mr. Moser and Mr. Thomas Topuses.

Mr. Topuses presented a map of a future development which will include two housing projects and planned communities. Mr. Topuses stated that these are long term projects and his goal is to provide the district with an idea of how it could affect the community in twenty years from now.

Mr. Madigan represents the Brooks Field Homes which is a major development. He reported that the property is in the heart of the valley, which is located in the central area between Brawley, Imperial. BESD has reserved an area for 4 elementary schools. The plan currently does not include a high school. However, there is property available for a high school. He requested direction from the Board if in fact the district is interested in a site for a potential high school.

Mr. Denis Moser provided a map of the development projects that included the combined plans and boundaries for both properties and plans for up to 10,000 units, one central park and a golf course. A high school could be incorporated into the plans and there is 60-80 acres available to accommodate a high school if needed.

c. **Safety Update**

Mr. Canalez reported on the safety measures that are taking place which include, but are not limited to keeping gates locked, focusing on the ingress and egress, monitoring the gates by staff members, and reporting any suspicious activities and/or individuals. Gates are being locked within 5 minutes after the tardy bell; student crossing signs are being used. Mr. Canalez also reported that Officer Valdez has been assigned to the local schools to assist in the refining of the comprehensive safety plan. Officer Valdez has conducted site surveys and will continue to collect data pertaining to safety.

Trustee Sassie suggested that security proctors be visible and available to assist students when crossing the street. She also suggested that all visitors get a visitors pass even if they are just visiting the Attendance Office.

d. **One Voice Initiative**

Dr. Danielian thanked the Board for allowing her to attend the ACSA's Superintendent's Symposium in Monterey. She reported on the One Voice Initiative which was created so that California superintendents can speak with a common voice as they work to influence educational policy. One voice Initiative policy priorities are as follows: 1) Improving student outcomes by implementing Common Core and 21<sup>st</sup> Century skills for all students; 2) Creating Human Resource processes that support meeting the needs of students; and 3) Creating a stable and sufficient statewide finance system for California students that enables all of our students to meet California high standards. Dr. Danielian also stated that on March 7<sup>th</sup>, ACSA's Superintendency Council will meet in Sacramento and discuss the next steps.

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*Motion was made by Trustee Fernandez, seconded by Trustee Garcia and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Calendar.*

**ACTION/REPORTS**

- 1. Motion to approve the Consulting Agreement between BUHSD and Dr. Rudy M. Castruita.

*Motion was made by Trustee Dial, seconded by Trustee Fernandez and carried unanimously to approve the Consulting Agreement between BUHSD and Dr. Rudy M. Castruita.*

- 2. Motion to approve Resolution #12-13-12 for Joint Powers Authority Membership – School Project for Utility Rate Reduction.

*Motion was made by Trustee Fernandez, seconded by Trustee Dial and carried unanimously by the following vote to approve Resolution #12-13-12 for Joint Powers Authority Membership School Project for Utility Rate Reduction.*

*Ayes: Trustee Fernandez, Trustee Sassie, Trustee Sassie, Trustee Garcia and President Noriega*

*Nays: None*

*Absent: None*

- 3. Motion to nominate Ralph Fernandez and Diahna Garcia-Ruiz as the 2013 CSBA Delegate Representatives for the Sub-region 18-B (Imperial County).

Trustee Fernandez requested that this motion be changed from nominate to vote.

*Motion was made by Trustee Dial, seconded by Trustee Garcia and carried unanimously to vote for Ralph Fernandez and Diahna Garcia-Ruiz as the 2013 CSBA Delegate Representatives for the Sub-region 18-B (Imperial County).*

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7. Motion to Ratify Emergency Repairs caused by the waterline breakage.

*Motion was made by Trustee Sassie, seconded by Trustee Garcia and carried unanimously to ratify Emergency Repairs caused by the waterline breakage.*

#### **I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

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1. Discussion of District office relocation
2. Baseball Field
3. Flag poles
4. Safety update on DVHS and Renaissance
5. Update on the parent portal (monitoring guidelines)
6. Passing rate/grade analysis for 1<sup>st</sup> semester

#### **J. CLOSED SESSION**

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**K. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION:** Report of action(s) taken during Closed Session.

1. Motion to accept or deny the Pupil discipline and expulsion matters pursuant to Education Code §48918(c). Students Discipline/Expulsion Case No 16388 and 15814.

*Motion was made by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Sassie and carried unanimously to accept the Pupil discipline and expulsion matters pursuant to Education Code §48918(c). Students Discipline/Expulsion Case No 16388 and 15814.*

2. Personnel matters relating to the appointment, employment, evaluation of performance, discipline or dismissal/release of employees pursuant to Government Code § 54957.
  - a. Extended leave of absence for Classified Employee #9962

Motion was made by Trustee Garcia, seconded by Trustee Fernandez and carried unanimously to approve the extended leave of absence for Classified Employee #9962.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Trustee Sassie, seconded by Trustee Dial and carried unanimously to adjourn meeting at 9:40pm.

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Helen Noriega, President

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Rusty Garcia, Clerk

Brawley Union High School District Board of Education Minutes – Board Meeting held on February 13, 2013 at BUHSD Board Room at 6:00p.m.

Approved: March 6, 2013