

BRAWLEY UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT

**480 N. Imperial Avenue
Brawley, CA 92227**

A G E N D A Special Board Meeting Monday March 17, 2014, 5:30 BUHSD Board Room

A. OPENING

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. Adoption of the Agenda

B. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS

ADDRESSING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION - An individual or group representative may address the Board of Education on any item of this agenda. 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 Superintendent may refer the matter to the proper department for review.

C. STUDY SESSION:

1. FFA Animal Farm

D. ADJOURNMENT

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To accommodate the requirements of Government Code Section 54954.2 in accordance with the Brown Act revisions; the agenda for this meeting was posted on the bulletin board in the Main Entrance, BUHS Cafeteria and on the BUHSD website 24 hours prior to this meeting

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING **ADOPTED MINUTES** **SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, MARCH 17, 2014**

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

1. The Special Board meeting of the Brawley Union High School District Board of Education was called to order by President Carol Sassie at 5:30p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2014 with the following members present for roll call: President Sassie, Trustee Fernandez, Trustee Dial, Trustee Contreras and Trustee Garcia. Others Present: Dr. Hasmik Danielian, Jennifer Layaye, Tony Leon, and Randy Smith.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Sassie led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Motion was made by Trustee Dial, seconded by Trustee Garcia and carried unanimously by the following vote to adopt the agenda as presented.

Ayes: Trustee Fernandez, Trustee Garcia, Trustee Contreras, Trustee Dial and Trustee Sassie

Nays: None

Abstained: None

PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS:

No comments were made.

INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. FFA Animal Farm: President Sassie opened the meeting by stating to the audience that this was an informational gathering meeting and there would be no action taken.
 - School Architect-Mr. Jimmy Sanders' power point presentation included maps of the campus including buildings on both sides of the campus and the parking lot on the north side of the campus. He stated that the area where the re-locatables are housed is very tight. He also included an enlarged map of the area across the street with 4 re-locatable buildings and restrooms. He stated that the area is reserved for future re-locatable classrooms. However, should the district decide to go a different

direction, the district will need to research and possibly purchase new property for more re-locatable classrooms. He also stated that the buildings are already very tight and the other alternative would be to use the parking lot or the athletic fields.

- City Planning Director - Mr. Gordon Gaste reported that there is a government code which exempts school districts from meeting the zoning requirements from the city regulations. If the district decides to be exempt, then the district will be responsible for any and all complaints. If the district chooses to be exempt, the property will have to meet government code and city standards. Mr. Gaste stated that the city is there to help and support BUHSD in any way possible.

Mr. Gaste reported that there is other land available by Pat Williams Park, but the road would have to meet city code. However, it is a more appropriate site for the animal farm.

City Manager-Mrs. Moore stated that Cattle Call Park is part of the city parks. However, the Rodeo Committee has priority in the use of the facilities. If the district wishes to research this possibility, she is willing to consult with the Rodeo Committee.

Dr. Danielian reported meeting with Mr. Jim Hanks and he has expressed his willingness to consider making his property available for district use, either through lease or sale. Dr. Danielian stated that if the district were to consider purchasing the property, then this item would have to be agendized for closed session at a future meeting.

Mr. Randy Smith stated there are two re-locatables in the middle of campus, behind the new gym which are in bad shape. There is a possibility of moving the un-used mobiles replacing them with two from across the street to free up space and re-arrange the portables in order to use some of that space.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Floyd addressed the Board with concerns of transients living at the river bottom and safety issues.

Steven Elmore stated that we needed to prepare our students for a better future.

Roseanna Moore reported that the City of Brawley is here to serve all.

Michelle Taylor addressed the Board regarding the transportation to and from Pat Williams Park. She also reported on the issues of public access to these parks. She stated that the animal farm is in use 6 months out of the year and it serves close to 30 animals.

Trustee Fernandez reported that there would also be expenses for relocating the buildings from one site to another.

Luis Olmedo stated that he lives close to the FFA classrooms and so do his parents. He does not like the idea of having animals so close and the possibility of an animal getting hit by a car. Pat Williams is a good idea, he encouraged the board to look into the regulations and pollution which could attribute to asthma. He pleaded with the Board to consider another location besides the high school campus. He stated that he is in support of livestock. However, there are too many bad projects and all liabilities need to be researched.

Tony Leon stated that we need to consider the waste, water and other costs as well.

Dr. Danielian stated that the area around the school is not very safe and the school has experienced major thefts and burglaries. She is worried about animal thefts.

Trustee Garcia thanked the community for all the information and research brought forward. He stated that we all need to continue working together and bring back more ideas for our students.

President Sassie has concerns regarding other costs (power, insurance, trash and sewer).

Michelle Taylor stated that there are some small grants to cover some of the costs. There would be no fee differential to the sewer, since there is a trash bin which will continue to be used.

Mr. Floyd stated that there are lots of great questions. He stated that more students will be involved if there were an on-site lab and the focus should be on the under privileged kids.

President Sassie thanked everyone for their input and support and stated that the Board is here to get all information in order to make a decision at a future meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Trustee Contreras, seconded by Trustee Fern and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 6:37pm.

Carol Sassie, President

Ceci Dial, Clerk

Brawley Union High School District Board of Education Minutes – Special Board Meeting held on March 17, 2014 at Brawley Union High School District at 5:30pm.
Recorded by: Sandra Cortez and Isabel Garcia