

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BLOCHMAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
JANUARY 12, 2021**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Blochman Union School District was held at the Benjamin Foxen Elementary School Library on January 12, 2021, with a closed session at 5:00 p.m. and an open session at 5:30 p.m.

Members present: Shannon Clay, Thomas Gibbons, Daniella Pearce, and Kelly Salas-Ernst. Absent: Jeania Reasner.

**I. PUBLIC SESSION: Mrs. Clay called the meeting to order and led the flag salute at 5:35 p.m. and then welcomed guests. She noted that Steve Torres from Family Partnership Charter School attended the meeting via Zoom.**

**A. Announce Closed Session Action – Mrs. Pearce reported that the board took action to hire a Maintenance/Grounds position as presented.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Daniella Pearce</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**B. Reports**

**i. Charter School Reports**

- a. Family Partnership Charter School** – Steve Torres reported that their enrollment is remaining steady and that they have been able to accommodate the additional 100 students that enrolled since the prior year. Teachers are providing online instruction, virtual field trips, and virtual lunch socialization time. Parent feedback is good. They are monitoring a few students who are not engaged. They are prepared to reopen once the health department allows.
- b. Trivium Charter Schools** – Mr. Brown read the following report from Trisha Vais: We are processing the first half of the oversight payment this week and will process the second half the first week of February. Thank you so much for working with us. The extra funding that has been promised by Gov. Newsom to support re-opening in-person classes excludes non-classroom-based schools. Trivium students are still 100% remote. As soon as we are able, we will run a new survey about re-opening. Once we have a good majority of students who wish to come back in-person, we will plan to re-open. We are in the final stages of deciding how we continue to offer in-person and virtual learning going forward for our ACE days since

we think we will have many students falling in both camps. Our first semester is ending this Friday and our teachers and families are much more comfortable with all of the virtual learning platforms. This coming semester, we are excited to offer a virtual leadership class for junior high and high school students and may expand the grades this class is offered to in the future.

- ii. **Teacher Reports** - none
- iii. **Superintendent/Principal's Report** – Mr. Brown reported that there are currently 174 students enrolled. The state is offering funding to help return students to in-person learning in the amount of approximately \$450 per ADA. It will require us to test students and staff for COVID-19. The deadline to apply is February 1 but there are very few details about the program. The current county COVID-19 rate is 64 per 100,000 which is high. Since we have a waiver, if we have to close then we can re-open regardless of the county tier color. Mr. Brown doesn't think it is a good idea to bring other grades back now. He will update parents every two weeks regarding when grades 4 and 5 can return to campus.

**II. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

**A. Facilities use – none**

**III. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

**A. COVID-19** – Mr. Brown reported that we need to improve air circulation in the buildings since the majority of the buildings do not have HVAC systems. He has asked a contractor to visit the site to give us ideas on how we can improve circulation.

**B. LCAP Goals** – The board discussed the LCAP goals for the upcoming three-year cycle. Mr. Brown noted that the district's Special Education Director is researching ways to improve student test scores. He is also researching new interim assessment programs. Mr. Brown also noted that we should be seeing a great improvement in our English Language Learner reclassification rate.

**C. Facilities**

**i. General maintenance** – The well equipment has been fenced.

**ii. Proposition 39** – We are still waiting for PG & E to install the meter. We are in discussions with the solar company as to whether we need a fence around the structure.

**IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Approval of Minutes**

**i. Minutes of December 8, 2020 Regular Meeting**

**ii. Minutes of December 15, 2020 Special Meeting**

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the Minutes as presented:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	Daniella Pearce	<b>SECOND:</b>	Kelly Salas-Ernst
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	Aye	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	Absent
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	Aye	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	Aye
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	Aye		

**B. Approval of Monthly Warrants – December, 2020**

<b>i. Payroll</b>	<b>\$ 179,807.66</b>
<b>ii. Commercial Warrants</b>	<b>\$ 300,972.43</b>
<b>iii. Revolving Fund</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 480,780.09</b>

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the Warrants as presented:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Thomas Gibbons</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**C. Approval of the following Trivium Charter School reports:**

- i. Trivium Charter School 2020/2021 First Interim report**
- ii. Trivium Charter School: Adventure 2020/2021 First Interim report**
- iii. Trivium Charter School: Voyage 2020/2021 First Interim report**
- iv. Trivium Charter School 2020/2021 P-1 Attendance report**
- v. Trivium Charter School: Adventure 2020/2021 P-1 Attendance report**
- vi. Trivium Charter School: Voyage 2020/2021 P-1 Attendance report**

Discussion: The board requested to review Trivium’s cash flow statement and instructed Mr. Brown to discuss with Trivium their cash situation.

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the Trivium Charter School reports as presented:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Thomas Gibbons</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>Abstain</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**D. Approval of Family Partnership Charter School’s reports:**

- i. Family Partnership Charter School 2020/2021 First Interim report**
- ii. Family Partnership Charter School 2020/2021 P-1 Attendance report**

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the Family Partnership Charter School’s reports as presented:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Thomas Gibbons</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**A. Approval of December 2020 Benjamin Foxen Elementary Attendance Report**

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the attendance report as presented:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Thomas Gibbons</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Daniella Pearce</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**B. Approval of Blochman Union School District’s COVID-19 Prevention Program (CPP)**

Discussion: The board discussed the best way to handle COVID-19 related employee absences. They requested the following amendments be made to the CPP:

For employees who are unable to telework, but are otherwise able and available to work, the following applies in order to receive compensation during the isolation or quarantine period:

1. If an employee tests positive for COVID-19, then during the isolation period the employee will be compensated by using their own sick leave or unpaid time off for 50% of the days absent and the other 50% of the days covered by the district.
2. If an employee must stay home to care for a relative with COVID-19 then they must use their sick leave.
3. If an employee chooses to travel more than 120 miles from home, then they must quarantine for five days and receive a negative COVID-19 test before returning to work. The employee must use their sick leave or unpaid time off to cover the absence.
4. If an employee has close contact COVID-19 exposure, then they must quarantine for 14 days after the last known close contact exposure. The employee will be compensated by using their own sick leave or unpaid time off for 50% of the days absent and the other 50% of the days covered by the district.

Employees will not be required to present a negative COVID-19 test in order to return to work (except for travel as noted in item #3 above).

**\*\*\* The Board of Education took action to approve the above amendments to the CPP:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Thomas Gibbons</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**\*\*\* The Board of Education took action to approve the Blochman Union School District's COVID-19 Prevention Program with modifications:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Thomas Gibbons</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>No</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**C. Approval of the following revised board policies and administrative regulations: AR 0430; BP 1312.3; AR 1312.3; BP 4119.25,4219.25,4319.25; AR 4119.25,4219.25,4319.25; BP 4140,4240,4340; BP5113.2; BP 5126; AR 5126; BP 5141.31; AR 5141.31; BP 6170.1; BB 9012; BB 9320**

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the revised board policies and administrative regulations as presented:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Thomas Gibbons</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Daniella Pearce</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**D. Approval of 2019/2020 Blochman Union School District School Accountability Report Card.**

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve the 2019/2020 Blochman Union School District School Accountability Report Card as presented:**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Daniella Pearce</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS - none**

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS**

**A. Items Proposed for Future Action or Discussion - none**

**B. Blochman Union School District Board Member Items - none**

**C. Items not on the Agenda - none**

**D. Next Scheduled Board Meeting: February 9, 2021; closed session at 5:00 p.m.; open session at 5:30 p.m., Library**

**VIII. Adjourn**

**TIME: 6:56 p.m.**

<b>MOVED:</b>	<b>Daniella Pearce</b>	<b>SECOND:</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst</b>
<b>VOTE:</b>			
<b>Shannon Clay:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Jeania Reasner:</b>	<b>Absent</b>
<b>Daniella Pearce:</b>	<b>Aye</b>	<b>Kelly Salas-Ernst:</b>	<b>Aye</b>
<b>Thomas Gibbons:</b>	<b>Aye</b>		

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