

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
BLOCHMAN UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MARCH 8, 2022**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Blochman Union School District was held at the Benjamin Foxen Elementary School Library on March 8, 2022.

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

**PUBLIC SESSION:** Mrs. Clay called the meeting to order and led the flag salute at 5:31 p.m. and then welcomed guests. She noted no one attended via Zoom.

**I. Reports**

**i. Charter School Reports**

- a. Family Partnership Charter School** – See attached for the complete report from Stephanie Eggert.
- b. Trivium Charter Schools** – Trisha Vais reported that current enrollment is 865. Enrollment for next year is very high. They are hoping to add another classroom in Santa Barbara. The older students are putting on a dance for students in kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Prom and grad night at Disneyland is coming up. Also, state testing is coming up soon. They may need to hire more teachers next year.

**ii. Teacher Reports** – none.

- iii. Superintendent/Principal's Report** – Doug Brown reported that current enrollment is 174. Last month students completed I-Ready testing and teachers are seeing improvement. Teachers received helpful training from I-Ready. Grades 6 – 8 went to Cal Poly for a hands-on learning camp. Cal Poly students then followed up with them on science experiments. Basketball is almost over. There are two games left plus the end of the year tournament at VCA. The end of the trimester is tomorrow, and report cards go home next week. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip will be to Universal Studios. There will also be a parent sponsored bonfire. COVID statistics: 72.1% of residents 5 and older are vaccinated; 73% of staff are vaccinated; the case rate in Santa Barbara County is 6.54 per 100,000.

**II. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR INFORMATION**

- A. Form 700 – Statement of Economic Interests is due April 1, 2022.**
- B. Facilities Use – Eric Kattan; parking lot; October 22, 2022; 2:00 p.m. – 10:30 p.m.**

**III. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR DISCUSSION**

- A. Facilities**

- i. **General maintenance** – Doug Brown reported that the district is still moving forward with installing drinking fountains. Carol Walker has been hired to paint a mural on the bus barn. We are still looking for someone to do letter placing on the solar panels. Mr. Brown thanked Michael Reasner for all his volunteer work around the campus.
- B. **Mask mandate** – Doug Brown reported that effective March 14, California will strongly recommend masking in schools. However, they are leaving up to the individual schools to determine this policy. Mr. Brown and the board agreed that the district policy for masking will be parent choice for their children and staff choice for themselves. It will be up to the parents to discuss the option of wearing masks with their children.
- C. **Board meeting times for 2022/2023** – The board discussed changing the time to start board meetings. They will revisit this issue at the next meeting.
- D. **Developer fee increase** – The board discussed whether to conduct a new developer fee study. The last study was done in 2017. The board asked Mrs. Shafer to determine the cost of a new study and report back at the next board meeting.

#### IV. CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

##### A. Approval of Minutes

##### i. Minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Meeting

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

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

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##### B. Approval of Monthly Warrants – February, 2022

i. Payroll	\$ 176,520.41
ii. Commercial Warrants	\$ 175,291.65
iii. Revolving	\$ 0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 351,812.06</b>

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

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

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##### C. Approval of Family Partnership Charter School's 2020/2021 Audit Adjustments to CALPADS.

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve Family Partnership Charter School's 2020/2021 Audit Adjustments to CALPADS as presented:**

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

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**V. ITEMS SCHEDULED FOR ACTION**

**A. Approval of the Benjamin Foxen Elementary School February 2022 Attendance Report**

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education approve Benjamin Foxen Elementary School February 2022 Attendance Report as presented:**

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

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**B. Approval of the contract with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley.**

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve the contract with Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley as presented:**

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

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**C. Approval of Blochman Union School District's 2021/2022 Second Interim Report.**

**\*\*\* IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT the Board of Education take action to approve Blochman Union School District's 2021/2022 Second Interim report as presented:**

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

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**VI. PUBLIC COMMENTS** - Trisha Vais recognized the contributions of Peggy Salas and offered condolences on her passing.

**VII. MISCELLANEOUS AGENDA ITEMS**

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

**B. Blochman Union School District Board Member Items** – Shannon Clay offered condolences to Peggy Salas’ family. She would like to see a plaque in Peggy’s honor placed on the playground. She noted Peggy Salas’ strong presence in both the community and at the school. Kelly Salas-Ernst noted that her mother was honored to serve as a board member at the district for so many years. She also shared memories her mother shared with her about the board members and staff present at the meeting.

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

**D. Next Scheduled Board Meeting:** April 13, 2021; open session at 5:30 p.m.; Library.

**VIII. CLOSED SESSION** – The board adjourned to closed session and announced that they will consider and may act upon the following items during closes session:

**A. Certificated and Classified Personnel Actions**

i. The Board will be asked to review and approve hiring, transfers, promotions, evaluations, terminations, and resignations

**B. Conference with labor negotiator; Doug Brown, district negotiator.**

**IX. Reconvene in open session at 6:40 p.m.**

**A. Mrs. Salas-Ernst reported the following action taken:**

i. Hire temporary maintenance/grounds from 3/7/2022 – 6/15/2022; 3 hours per day

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

The board also gave Mr. Brown instructions regarding negotiations.

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**X. Adjourn**

**TIME:** 6:41 p.m.

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

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# FPCS Administration and Center Reports

March 7th, 2022

## Administration

**TOTAL ENROLLMENT:416** MB:57 Orcutt:123 SLO:88 K-5 HS:41 Solvang:50 SM:57

- FPCS Parent Advisory Meeting February 2nd
  - ELPAC Data
  - EEBG
  - SARC
  - Supplement LCAP Annual Update
- First common Writing Benchmark completed at the end of February
- WASC Submission 2/28/22 and Virtual Visit is second week of April
- ELPAC and PFT Testing starting this month
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## Morro Bay Montessori - Semu Torres

K: 11      1st: 6      2nd: 7      3rd: 12      4th: 8      5th: 14

- We got a new K student and a new 1st grader.
- We are hearing from parents interested in next year, but we also had a small group of parents interested in joining this year. Those two mentioned have already joined and a few more are still deciding.
- Staffing for next year: We will most likely need to find two new IAs out of the three. One needs to leave to do student teaching and the other has some shifting family/work responsibilities. Both are very sad to be leaving. Our clerical is not yet sure if she will be returning. This is related to summer work and how that might carry over.
- We had our annual Poetry Festival this year. Parents tuned in over Zoom.
- We finished up the Writing Assessments and had 100% participation.
- Lisa and the SLO middle school teacher came to Morro Bay for our annual Middle School Info Meeting.
- Our "Open House" is ongoing and is being done one family at a time by appointment. The teachers organized a signup list.
- On March 3rd, we had a special "Open House" meeting for next year's prospective kindergarten students. It was a great excuse to do some extra cleaning and tidying up, outside and in the K/1st class.
- The 4th/5th class will be going on a field trip on March 10th. It will be an overnight stay at an outdoor-education-focused science camp in Cambria called Camp Ocean Pines
- The 4th/5th class is also planning a trip to the La Purisima mission but the details are not completely finalized yet.

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## Orcutt - Kenny Eggert

6: 13      7: 9      8: 26      9: 9      10: 15      11: 31      12: 20      Total: 123

- Our Middle School Program is close to capacity with two spots remaining to be filled. There are three parents that have inquired about the program and one is scheduled for an intake appointment on Friday. FPCS continues to be of interest to many parents seeking alternatives for their children because of our flexibility, curriculum, and online platforms to assist students in their education. Both Gina Andrews and Stefanie Poland works hard at meeting the expectations of each student to create a climate of educational rigor and inclusiveness.
- The middle school field trip to Refugio State Beach had to be postponed due to COVID regulations and the closure of some of the activities scheduled. They are currently working on plans to reschedule another learning trip in the near future.
- Furthermore, the middle school classes celebrated "Friends Day" on February 10th and 11th. This was a special day to honor each of their classmates as Friends Day. They had an hour in the afternoon to enjoy each other's company and build Ice Cream Sundaes. The students and staff went a bit further and brought cards to memorialize this special day. The event was a hit and led to furthering the camaraderie between the students.
- Our High School Program is also close to capacity with a couple spots remaining. Like our middle school program, there are several inquiries that have been made in the last week. Currently, there are two intake meetings scheduled in hopes to fill those vacancies as soon as possible.
- The High School Advisors are beginning to step up the pressure to ensure each of our 20-12 grade students are doing everything they can to graduate on time in June 2022.
- We are definitely gearing up and looking forward to the 2022-2023 school year with the open enrollment just around the corner to fill the open spots. We are also excited with the number of students choosing to return to the Orcutt Center.

## San Luis Obispo - Lisa Simard

6: 12      7: 6      8: 19      9: 11      10: 13      11: 26      12: 12

- Our Middle School Team met with the 5th grade students and families at Morro Bay Montessori to give an overview of our program. Parents and students alike were able to ask staff and guest students questions about our program and get familiar with what we offer. Students are looking forward to our Learn by Doing Lab at Cal Poly on Friday, March 11. Students will participate in two labs, "Atoms and Molecules" and "Evidence and Explanations", complete a walking tour of Poly, and enjoy their sack lunch in the Leaning Pine Arboretum. Students and Staff are excited to return to a "normal" field trip! Students shared their argumentative essays in a formal google slide presentation in ELA with Ms. Taren. Their presentations showed the different issues

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that our students are passionate about.

- We have welcomed four new students to our high school program over the last month, which is edging our program closer to being at capacity. Only 3 current high school students are planning to attend a different school for the 2022-23 school year and we have 11 of our current 8th graders choosing to stay with FPCS for high school. This gives us a good start to solid enrollment numbers for the fall! Our HS Team will be presenting to the 8th grade parents at our transitional meeting on Friday, March 18. This meeting will provide information on how our high school program is designed including curriculum, support class schedule and Cuesta enrichment. Our seniors and 3 early graduates continue to complete the steps for the Cuesta Promise with support from our Enrollment Specialist, Belem. Summer and Fall Cuesta Enrichment enrollment is just around the corner.

## K-5 Home Study - Lisa Simard

K: 12      1: 5      2: 5      3: 5      4: 6      5: 4

- The K-5 Home Study program continues to be full with a waitlist. Advisors continue to support families with daily check-ins for our K-3 with Ms. Rebecca and on Mondays with Mr. Semu for our 4th and 5th graders. Families are being offered more reading/comprehension support with the option of Lexia accounts for their students and students continue to enjoy their weekly art enrichment with Ms Tina! The K-3 students enjoyed the Leonardo and Sam Virtual Field Trip through the Cal Poly PAC and had fun reading the book with the same title with Ms. Rebecca in the daily morning meetings. The majority of students in our program have committed to continue with FPCS, with only three families leaving for other schools. We anticipate all open spots to be filled during the open enrollment period. Families are looking forward to the NASA virtual field trip on March 28th.

## Solvang - Carl Krugmeier

6: 0      7: 5      8: 8      9: 7      10: 7      11: 12      12: 11

- The Solvang Center continues at maximum capacity with a waitlist. We have completed our re-enrollment survey for next year. Anticipated enrollment for 22-23 looks promising for this time of year with 17 students for Shannon and 18 for Elaine. Open enrollment for next year will take place March 3-17.
- All 50 students had completed their writing assessment by Friday, February 25. Elaine and Shannon joined PLC groups to score writing samples for the afternoon of February 28.

## Santa Maria Montessori - Carl Krugmeier

K: 8      1: 13      2: 8      3: 10      4: 8      5: 11

- There have been some big changes at Santa Maria Montessori. Katrina Homer Darg

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moved out of state because her husband just got a job in Arizona. We have hired Blaga Nichols, a long-time FP parent and substitute teacher. Blaga, who has recently completed her multiple subject credential, is currently serving as a long-term substitute until a permanent teacher can be hired.

- Coordinator, Carl Krugmeier is also planning his second retirement at the end of this school year. It has been an honor and a pleasure serving with such a professional and strong team over these past years.
- The departure date for Tiela Black-Law (Kindergarten and first grade teacher) moved up to Monday, February 28. As a result, Stephanie Anderson has stepped in as the substitute until a long term sub and/ or a permanent teacher can be hired. Jenny Cheverez continues as the instructional assistant.
- Teachers in all 3 classes have been working on helping students complete their writing assessments. Scoring the writing assessments is scheduled for Monday, March 7.
- Several special events are scheduled. Katrina took the  $\frac{4}{5}$  class on a field trip to La Purisima Mission on February 16. Blaga, though she is just getting started, is planning a "Gold Mining" experience for her students, and is setting up a time that the "Nature Trailer" can visit Santa Maria also this month. Kari is planning a trip to the public library with the  $\frac{2}{3}$  class for March 23.