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REGION 9 BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Joel Barlow High School
Tuesday, May 21, 2019 -7:30 p.m.
Minutes

ATTENDANCE

Region 9 Board of Education members: D'Agostino, Coppinger, Hocker, Denny, Graziano, Hancock, Johnston, Williams

Administration: McMorran, Pierson-Ugol, Pin, Desmarais, Panos, Czudak

Others: Videographer and 2 members of the public

CALL TO ORDER

Mr. D'Agostino called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

Two student groups made presentations to the Board summarizing their work. Three members of "Code Blooded," an activity group involved in computer coding, summarized their ongoing project to rebuild the Barlow Program of Studies currently on the website, to create a system that was clear, accessible, and capable of being readily updated. Four members of JB RobAutics (i.e., robotics) reviewed their successful participation in recent robotics competitions, and provided a robotic demonstration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: move to approve minutes of April 23, 2019 Regular Meeting and the May 6, 2019 District Meeting (Hancock, Williams). Approved. Unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

None.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: PROPOSED STUDENT TRIPS

Members of the Barlow faculty presented a plan for students in the Music Program to visit Disney World in March 2020 for chorale, orchestra, and jazz band performances.

Motion: move to approve trip to Disney World as presented (Hancock, Denny). Approved. Unanimous.

Mr. Smith of the Language Department presented a plan for students of French to visit Quebec City in February 2020 for purposes of studying language and culture.

**Motion: move to approve trip to Quebec City as presented (Hancock, Coppinger).
Approved. Unanimous.**

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: GRADUATION UPDATE

Ms. Panos reported on the current graduation status of the 232 Barlow seniors. She reported that 214 are slated to attend two or four year colleges, with the remainder intending to work, take a gap year, or enlist in the military. She summarized efforts to support the handful of students who may not yet have sufficient credits to graduate.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: BUILDING COMMITTEE FOR CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Mr. D'Agostino announced the appointment of members of a Building Committee to oversee the campus improvements to be completed during the summer. Members are Coppinger, Hocker, Denny, and Johnston from the Board, and Susanne Krivit of Redding.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: CAMPUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT OVERVIEW

Mr. Coppinger, as Chair of the Facilities and Fields Committee, summarized the status of the project and initial meetings with the contractor and engineering consultant. The consultant, Gale, will be observing the work on behalf of the Board. The work will officially start on June 17, with most items to be completed by August 15; completion of the tennis courts is scheduled to be done by September 15.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION: POLICY REVIEW – SECOND READING

The proposed Policy 5141.213, “Administering Medication – Use of Naloxone (Narcan) was reviewed. Corrections to minor typographical errors were noted.

**Motion: move to approve Policy 5141.213 with corrections as noted (Coppinger, Hancock).
Approved. Unanimous.**

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Dr. Pin reported on several recent student achievements, as well as two resulting awards. After participation in the Sikorsky STEM Challenge, Barlow students were awarded training simulator software valued at \$10,000; the software will be used at Barlow. Also, after senior Annika Morgan won a Best of Category award at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair, Intel Foundation made a \$1,000 grant to the Joel Barlow High School Chemistry Department for scientific research.

**Motion: move to accept award of software from Sikorsky (Coppinger, Williams).
Approved. Unanimous.**

**Motion: move to accept Intel Foundation grant of \$1,000 (Hancock, Coppinger).
Approved. Unanimous.**

Dr. Pierson-Ugol reported on the status of a state mandate requiring instruction on genocide and the Holocaust, and how this requirement will be integrated into the curriculum at different levels.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Mr. Johnston reviewed the status of the Tri-District Food Service Committee and the prospective renewal of the food service contract. He also reported on Audit Committee matters including student activity accounts and preparations for the annual audit.

Ms. Graziano stated her intention to schedule a meeting of the Curriculum Committee to further evaluate weighted grading.

Mr. Coppinger reported that the Facilities and Fields Committee was reviewing the status of existing and future permits from the Redding Building Department, and would be revising the Capital Plan.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Sandi O'Reilly, Redding, thanked the Board for its work during this school year. She also inquired as to the status of the tennis courts and was assured that they were being refurbished over the summer.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENT

Members of the Board expressed their appreciation for the student presentations and encouraged them to continue at Board meetings, and also thanked the voters of Redding and Easton for approving the 2019-2020 operating budget and the campus improvements project.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: move to adjourn the regular meeting of the Region 9 Board of Education (Coppinger, Denny). Approved. Unanimous.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Recorded and submitted by

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