

# BOLINAS-STINSON UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## MINUTES

*Special Meeting between the  
Board of Trustees and BSUSD Staff*

**Tuesday, December 6, 2016**

*3:15-4:15 p.m.*

*Bolinas Campus, Middle School Classroom*

3:15

### ARRIVAL TIME AND REFRESHMENTS

#### 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

M/S by Pfeiffer/Marcotte

Board president Siedman introduced the two new Board members, Georgia Woods and Bob Demmerle, who will be sworn in on 12/13/16 replacing Trustees Dar and Harmon

#### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS: *A staff member requested the meeting be known as "Staff/Board meeting" rather than "Board/Staff meeting"*

#### 3. Study & Information

Discussion of a District sponsored pre-school program for 4-year olds  
Superintendent Carroll started the discussion on the proposed district sponsored program for 4-year olds. Distributed was an update that outlined Future steps, logistical information, staffing goals and student requirements. The Board will be asked to approve changes to the District's Strategic Plan on 12/13/16 related to the program. They include: (1) Form a Steering Committee to discuss what the program will look like, (2) Hire a Director/Lead Teacher for the program.

Members of the audience, comprised of Trustees, Staff, current parents and prospective students parents made the following comments:

1. Facilities: the extra classroom is used as a break-out room and by the specialists. Will there be any provisions for another such room/area?
2. Would the specialists (music, art, PE) be involved with the pre-school students
3. Would the existing pre-school(s) become toddler programs
4. Can the enrollment in the program be capped?
5. A no-charge Preschool program will create equity in the community and among students
6. Suggest Specialists visit the pre-school classroom instead of the children going to the specialists
7. Will work done by the various committees that studied Kindergarten readiness, etc. be used in the formation of the program
8. The district can work with the existing pre-school(s) to find options that are best for the children and that can still make the private pre-school a viable business
9. The prospective parents need to see what the program will look like before they

- can be asked to enroll (more planning and answers/logistics)
10. A varied age range (in a program) is more beneficial for students
  11. A program that is free of charge may attract more parents/students
  12. What will be the option of children younger than the district's plan will accept; if the BCC cannot survive (due to decreased enrollment), the District should step in and assist these children/families
  13. An after-school program will be necessary
  14. Studies show that universal pre-school works; the District should make the changes necessary to make this happen- focus on what is best for the kids.
  15. The District needs to be diligent in the planning so that the program gets off to the right start.
  16. The count of 15 students for the pre-school program is not an enrolled count but a the number of parents interested in the program
  17. In order to cap the program, Interdistrict transfers might not be approved
  18. The "Steering Committee" will be charged with formulating how the program will look

The Board will be asked to approve 2 items related to the Pre-school Program for 4-year olds at the 12/13/2016 Regular Board meeting

4. Action  
Approve Incoming Interdistrict transfer (Grade 6)  
M/S by Pfeiffer/Marcotte

4:15

5. ADJOURN  
M/S by Pfeiffer/Marcotte  
The meeting was adjourned at 4:40

The next regular Board meeting will be held on 12/13/2016 at the Bolinas Campus