

**BUTTE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
DECEMBER 20, 2021**

The Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on Monday, December 20, 2021 at 4:00 p.m. via teleconference with Chairperson Ann Boston presiding. Trustees present were Tom Billteen, Susanne Dauenhauer, Frank Joseph, and Kelly Lee. Trustees Hepola, Klobucar and Queer were absent. Also present were Judy Jonart, Superintendent, Therese McClafferty, Director of Human Resource and Kevin Patrick, Director of Business Affairs.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

WELCOME AND DIRECTIONS FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

2021-2022 BOARD GOALS

Judy Jonart, Superintendent, recapped the 2021-2022 proposed Board Goals.

PROPOSED 2021-2022 BOARD GOALS

1. Technology: Educational technology (hardware, software, connectivity including any assistive technology or adaptive equipment. Smartboards, wireless upgrades, installation, educational software, (Classlink Microsoft TEAMS, Feckle, Infinite Campus, online textbooks), personnel costs. The Butte School District will be researching and designing an online program that would be used to enhance our in-person instruction. The goal is to have the plan completed and presented to the Board in the Spring of 2022.
2. Extended Learning Opportunities: Summer School/Afterschool Programs K-12 (21, 22 and 23 school years).
3. Address Learning Loss: Focus on reducing class size (Currently 3 Elem/1 HS), Focus on Early Childhood Education 2-3 positions, focusing on the unique needs of low-income children 2 elementary positions to address reading/math for targeted students in Title I schools, focusing on children with disabilities and providing additional support including hiring support personnel, 2 teachers and monitor to serve K-12 programs.
4. Minimizing the Spread of Infection: Elementary nurse, cleaning staff – 3 positions, PPE equipment, cleaning and sanitizing supplies for all classrooms, cleaning equipment (scrubbers, sprayers for disinfectants, hand sanitizing stations etc.) staff training on the proper use of all disinfectants and cleaning equipment.
5. Facilities: The Butte School District has identified a strategic plan for facilities to enhance the health and safety of all students and staff.
 - a. Bathrooms: Beginning in the 2021-2022 school year the district will begin to update the student bathrooms in buildings needing repair. These updates will include new fixtures, stalls, and flooring which will allow for better sanitation and also follow ADA standards. Features such as touchless faucets and flushometers will be included in the updates.
 - b. Classroom Sinks: Install touchless faucets on classroom sinks.
 - c. HVAC/Ventilation: Based on a facility assessment, all buildings have adequate air exchange systems with the exception of Emerson School. Work is currently being completed on the Emerson system and will be ready for the beginning of the school year. The assessment did indicate that unit ventilators need replacing in three schools including Butte High School, Kennedy, and Whittier. The Butte School District is currently working with engineers to develop a bid to replace these units in Butte High School, Whittier and Kennedy. The goal is to complete the RFP during the Fall of 2021, go to bid by March, 2022 and begin the project during the summer of 2022. Finally, the District is working with engineers to determine the feasibility of adding HEPA filters in school buildings.

- d. Water Fountains: The Butte School District is in the process of replacing water fountains with sensory activated water filling stations.
- e. Flooring: The Butte School District is in the process of planning for the replacement of carpet with new flooring which will be better for cleaning and disinfecting. During the 2021-2022 school year the District will begin meeting with administrators to identify areas in each building needing replacement. A schedule will then be developed based on this assessment.
- f. Butte High School: The Butte School Board will discuss the feasibility of a Bond election.

Ann Boston, Board Chair, requested that “two (2) instructors for after school homeless program” be added to number 3. Ms. Jonart said that will be added.

Ms. Jonart stated that the architects have information for a pre-bond presentation. She would like to know if Board members think the timing is right.

Kevin Patrick, Director of Business Affairs discussed the Bond timeline. SMA Architects is recommending 4 months.

Frank Joseph would rather make the decision and start earlier.

Tom Billteen is comfortable with the process laid out. There is never a “right time”. If we decide to proceed with the Bond we need to be diligent in explaining how federal funds are being used to mitigate issues in great detail.

Judy Jonart reminded the Board that we may still be asking for an Operating Levy in May for the Elementary District. She’s guessing it will be approximately \$100,000.

Susanne Dauenhauer is comfortable with a timeline similar to the Elementary Bond. It is hard to get information out to everyone and have it understood. She is leery of requesting a bond this year with everything else going on and feels it is too close to the last one.

Ann Boston would like to air on the side of caution. We all know it needs to be done, but she isn’t sure if we can ask people to give more. The hospitals and schools are all overloaded. Also, historically, there has not been as much support for high school needs as there is for elementary.

Trustee Joseph also mentioned inflation and asked what the deadline for a decision was. Ms. Jonart said February for a November ballot. Mr. Joseph stated that he didn’t want to hit Butte folks again.

Kelly Lee knows Butte High School needs work but he is concerned about running another bond election so soon.

Ms. Jonart suggested that the Board allow SMA to go forward with the pre-bond feasibility work and establish a community group to gather input.

Trustees should submit names of community members to Judy Jonart.

Due to another appointment, Trustee Joseph left the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

It was decided that the Board will begin the process of looking at the feasibility of running a high school bond in November 2022. SMA will continue with pre-bond feasibility work, a community group will be formed to provide input to the Board. A Board decision will be made in February.

The Board will vote on approval of the 2021-2022 Goals at the January meeting since there was no longer a quorum.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY PUBLIC MATTER NOT ON AGENDA

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the board, Trustee Lee moved to adjourn, second by Trustee Dauenhauer, motion carried. Chairperson Boston adjourned the meeting at 4:37 p.m.

Chairwoman of Board of Trustees

District Clerk
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