

**Barona Indian Charter School
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
December 14, 2022**



1. **Call to Order:** Tawnya Phoenix, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:37AM.
Roll Call: Chairman Raymond Welch (via Zoom), Tawnya Phoenix- Vice Chair, Danthia Gil-Secretary/Treasurer, Darla Boller- Member, & Melanie Villa- Member
Members Absent:
Others in attendance: Julie Cushman, Director/Principal, Kathy Clenney, Legal Counsel, Lisa Davis – LUSD, Samantha Orahood - LUSD
2. **Approval of Agenda**
Motion by Danthia, Second by Darla to approve the agenda. Carried 5, 0, 0.
3. **Approval of Minutes** for November 7, 2022
4. **Public Comment** – There was no request for public comment for Agenda.
5. **Action Items -**
 - a. **Approval of the First Interim Budget-** Samantha Orahood from Lakeside USD presented the First Interim Budget to the Board for approval. LEAs are required to file two reports during a fiscal year (interim reports) on the status of the LEA's financial health. The first interim report is due December 15 for the period ending October 31. The second interim report is due March 17 for the period ending January 31. Samantha explained the budget would be finalized in January. There were some revenue changes to report. The LCFF funds were lower due to lower enrollment, as it is based on ADA. Federal revenue has increased due to some one-time funds for ESSER, Covid and the Child Nutrition program. State revenue has decreased due to the state budget. Samantha warns of a major shift next year due to the decrease in state revenue. Expenditures report showed a few differences. Both certificated and classified salaries went up and the addition of a Campus Food Coordinator position. However, there was a reduction due to the drop of the physical education teacher position and the continued vacancy of a music teacher position. The Benefits expenditures changed, and are tied to the salary changes. Book and Supplies showed an increase due to the adoption of the Twig Science pilot, the garden expansion, equipment purchase for lunch program and new fencing. There is a continued push to expend these funds before the deadlines. Lisa Davis discussed the state COLA guidelines, and how it could impact expenses for next year.

Motion by Danthia, Second by Melanie to approve the First Interim Budget. Carried 5, 0, 0.
 - b. **Approval of i-Ready-** BICS staff recommended the Board approve the purchase of a program called “i-Ready” that supports every learner on their path toward grade-level success. By connecting to actionable, intuitive data, our teachers will know where to focus, and students will become more capable and engaged in both ELA and math. The program cost is \$24,150.00 for a 3-year license. Julie explained how this program is now being used in many area school districts, and is parent-friendly. This program will also tie into our Leader in Me program. If approved, teachers will receive training in the spring and be ready for the next school year. Depending on the program’s success, BICS may drop the NWEA MAPS assessments in the future. I-Ready is willing to give a presentation to the Board in March.

Motion by Danthia, Second by Darla to approve purchase and adoption of the i-Ready program. Carried 5, 0, 0.

- c. **Amendment of the Certificated Salary Schedule** - This amendment would serve as an hourly-rate and stipend guide for certificated staff (teachers) when they perform duties outside of their contracted times. The stipend guide will help with financial record keeping. The hourly rate would apply to teaching staff that serve as advisors for before school care and afterschool clubs. Expenses for clubs would come from ELOP funding and the Educator Effectiveness grant.

Motion by Melanie, Second by Danthia to approve Amendment of the Certificated Salary Schedule. Carried 5, 0, 0.

6. Principal's Reports – Julie Cushman

- **After School Clubs** started last week. This term we have Leadership, Yearbook, Musical Theater and Art Club. Students are very excited.
- We have applied for a **Kitchen Equipment** grant. If awarded, it would pay for already purchased equipment.
- **Breakfast with Santa** event will be held on December 22. "Santa & Mrs. Claus" will visit classrooms and read to the students. We will have a school-wide breakfast afterwards. Board members are encouraged to join in.
- **Winter Break** will be from Dec 23-Jan 6
- **Campus upgrades** – the front gate and display case in the front are complete.
- BICS participated in the **Spirit of Christmas** with the Barona Museum. It was a great success

7. Discussion Items

- a. **Discussion about Board member attendance at the Charter Schools Development Center (CSDC) Leadership Conference on November 13-15, 2022 in Sacramento.**
Danthia felt that the marketing and website information was very useful to help with increasing enrollment in the future. Melanie suggested reaching out to the tribe, and possibly presenting at a tribal meeting, to inform tribal members about the school.

8. Organizational Business

- a. **Future agenda items and/or Board member comments** – No future agenda items or comments were discussed.
- b. **Upcoming meetings Feb (no meeting), March 13 (4:00PM), April 24**

9. Closed Session

Closed session began at 9:23 am. This session was to discuss a parent matter. Julie will draft a letter to the parent and follow up with the Board regarding the situation. Open Session resumed at 9:45 am.

No further business, by **Motion** of Danthia and Second by Darla.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 AM. Motion carried 5, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted by Kristi Johnson, Recording Secretary