

**Barona Indian Charter School  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
Minutes for February 14, 2022**



The meeting was held at the Barona Community Center Meeting Room at 1095 Barona Road, Lakeside, CA 92040  
A phone line was established for public to join the meeting virtually. The public may call (619) 390-2005.

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call:** Chairman Raymond Welch called the meeting to order at 12:01 PM. **Members in attendance:** Ray Welch, Tawnya Phoenix, Shirley Ruis, Danthia Gil, and Mandy Quintero. Others in attendance: Dr. Jeff Felix, Interim Principal, Julie Cushman, Assistant to the Principal, Kathy Clenney Legal Counsel, Nina Drammissi, Family Resource Coordinator, and Yvonne LaChappa, Recording Secretary. Two long-term substitute teachers were introduced.

**2. Approval of Agenda** – A change was requested to move Item VI on the agenda, *Discussion on School Attendance* Review Board SARB, so that Nina Drammissi can give her report after approval of minutes. **Motion** by Tawnya to approve the agenda with change. Second by Mandy. Carried 5, 0, 0.

**3. Approval of Minutes** – January 4, 2022. **Motion** by Tawnya to approve the minutes of January 4, 2022. Second by Danthia. Carried 4, for and one abstain.

**4. Public Comment** – there was no request for public comment. Nina Dramamissi reported and shared with the Board a handout of SARB Procedures that the board may want to follow, forming a SARB Board Committee. There was a high absentee of 33%, now at 17%. Nina has been working with families; wake-up calls encouraging students and parents to get to school on time. First SARB meeting will be on March 7, 2021 at 8:30 AM.

**5. Action Items**

**A. Approve Annual Audit** – The audit firm of Wilkinson Handley King & Co. has audited the financial statements of Barona Indian Charter School, Inc. as of June 30, 2021, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements. The firm has no findings and no recommendations. **Motion** by Mandy to approve the Audit Report of June 30, 2021, Second by Danthia. Carried 5, 0, 0.

**B. Approve Annual Contract with Multiple Measures, LLC** – Staff would like Board to ratify an annual contract for assimilation, aggregation, and report of student data from Multiple Measures (MMARS). This allows staff to get full assessment history complete with student information, notes, and documentation. Knowing the details and the achievement gaps, staff can identify curriculum/systemic issues to direct and allocate resources. The cost for an annual contract is \$1500.00. **Motion** by Mandy to approve the Annual Contract with Multiple Measures at a cost of \$1500.00. Second by Danthia. Carried 5, 0, 0.

**C. Approve Internal Complaint Procedures – Special Education Policy** – This policy outlines a complaint procedure that must be followed for certain special education law, Education Code, violations of settlement terms agreements relating to the provision of a free, appropriate public education. This policy aligns with federal regulations and provides that an organization or individual may file a signed written complaint with the California Department of Education.

**D. Approve Harassment, Discrimination, and Retaliation Prevention Policy** – This policy defines the Board's wish to create and maintain a work environment where employees are treated with dignity, decency and respect and to maintain an environment that encourages and fosters appropriate conduct among all persons and respect for individual values. Approval will assist the School with enforcement.

**E. Approve Complaints for Pupil Nutrition Policy** – This policy relates to complaints of violations of law or regulations relating to Child Nutrition Programs, National School Lunch Program, Special Milk Program, and the School Breakfast Program.

**F. Approve Title IX Grievances Policy** – This policy pertains to Title IX a federal civil rights law that protects people from discrimination based on sex in education programs or activities that receive federal financial assistance. Title IX regulations require extensive standards and grievance procedures for complaints of sexual harassment. **Motion** by Mandy to approve Policies C, D, E, and F. Second by Danthia. Carried 5, 0, 0.

## 6. Reports

**A. Supplement to the Annual Update to the 2021-22 Local Control and Accountability Plan** – California’s 2021-2022 Budget Act, the federal American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and other state and federal relief acts have provided BICS with a significant increase in funding to support students, teachers, staff, and their communities in recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic and to address the impacts of distance learning on students. This is a one-time mid-year report to the board and educational partners related to engagement on, and implementation of, these Acts.

**B. Lakeside USD Annual Visit on March 4** – Administrators from LUSD will conduct their annual visit at BICS. They will meet with the BICS leadership team, and tour classrooms. Board members are invited to participate in this visit that begins at 8:30 AM.

**C. Discussion on School Attendance Review Board (SARB) Process** – Discussed prior to Action Items.

**D. First Draft of the 2022 – 2023 School Calendar.** The Board was shown and were impressed with the first draft of the next school year calendar. Staff will finalize the calendar for approval at March 7th meeting.

**E. Principal Report – Julie Cushman will report to the Board for the Interim Principal**

- MAPS testing for seventh/eighth grade is completed. Third – fifth will be doing their testing today. Make-up testing for students that were absent will be completed by February 25
- New signs were installed around the campus. The signs look professional and give parents clear direction
- School Ambassador Training (School Buddies) will begin again this year March 15, 16. This is a free program that was implemented in the past
- Read Across America, Dr. Seuss Day, March 2 will begin with a school-wide assembly in the Community Room. Chairman Welch will read “Green Eggs and Ham” book to the students. The students will have a Green Eggs and Ham breakfast followed by activities in the classrooms

## 7. Organizational Business

**A.** Future agenda items and/or Board member comments.

**B.** Upcoming meetings – Board went over the upcoming board meetings to June 20, 2022.

No further business, by **Motion** of Mandy. the meeting adjourned at 1:31 PM. Second by Shirley. Carried 5, 0, 0.

Respectfully submitted by Yvonne LaChappa, Recording Secretary