

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF
THE BENNETT VALLEY UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2023, 6:30 P.M.
YULUPA SCHOOL MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM**

Open Session began at 6:34 p.m. Board Vice-President McKeon called the meeting to order. Trustee Bull was absent. All votes 4-0-1(absent).

Agenda Additions and Reordering: None

Public Appearances: 6:35 p.m. with no comments from the public

Public Hearing: (6:36 p.m. with no comments from the public but a notation that the Opening Letter is actually for the 2024-25 school year)

BVTA Opening Letter for 2023-24

Per Government Code 3547, contract provisions must be “sunshined” at a public meeting for public comment prior to collective bargaining. The bargaining unit openers are required to be included as an information item in a single meeting. The District has an obligation to “sunshine” at two meetings, first as an information item, and then as an action. In the case a bargaining unit opens the entire contract, there is no further obligation on the part of the district for the sunshine process.

The Bennett Valley Teachers Association is opening the Bennett Valley collective bargaining agreement for negotiations *“with a focus on retaining and recruiting the best educators for our students. Our working conditions are the students’ learning conditions, so we will begin by proposing changes to the following articles:*

- *Article V- Salary and Benefits*
- *Article IX- Safety of Employees”*
- [BVTA Sunshine Letter with Interests](#)

Action:

1. MSC Sharpe/Brott to Approve December 13, 2023, for the Annual Organizational Meeting
2. MSC Brott/Kemnec to Approve Effective Educator Grant Expenditure Plan Update
3. MSC Kemnec/Sharpe to Approve Arts, Music, Instructional Material Discretionary Block Grant (AMIMBG) Expenditure Plan
4. MSC Brott/Kemnec to Approve Board Policy Manual Revisions

Discussion:

1 California School Boards Association (CSBA) Delegate Assembly - No nominations

2 Evaluations: Trustees discussed a process and timeline for the Board Self-Evaluation (December) as well as the Superintendent’s annual evaluation (possibly in January).

3 Monthly Reports: Reports: Trustees discussed and provided feedback around the content of monthly informational reports at the start of the agenda.

Consent Agenda: MSC Kemnec/Brott to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Open Session adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

ALEXIS CALA, BOARD SECRETARY

STEVEN SHARPE, BOARD CLERK