

**Ayes:** all

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Debra Webb - *aye*

Gary McCloskey - *absent*

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Leads Pledge: *Joseph Cipres*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENTS / RECOGNITION / REPORTS**

None

**5. CORRESPONDENCE/PROPOSALS/REPORTS/INFORMATION**

**a. Budget / School Update**

**i. Notice of Renewal from Julian Union School District [LINK](#)**

*James Mays provides details of the 2 year renewal. The goal is to work towards a 5 year renewal. Alex Soriano states that we have to present ongoing growth data.*

**ii. Vendor Units Incentive**

*James Mays states that providing the incentive has increased student engagement on learning platforms. The incentive is based on accessing the digital platforms.*

**iii. March 21, 2025 - enrollment closed**

*James Mays presents the plan for closing enrollment on March 21, 2025. Parents will have 2 weeks before that to complete the paperwork once it is no longer on our website.*

**b. Board Ethics Training [LINK](#)**

**i. Must be completed by January 2026**

*Alex Soriano explains the new requirements for ethics training for all board members. It is in addition to the Governance training, Form 700, and Brown Act training. We have until January of 2026 to complete the 2-hour trainingg.*

**c. School Safety Plan 2024-2025 [LINK](#)**

*Alex Soriano reports that legal has analyzed and prepared the updated Safety Plan. It will be updated internally.*

**d. Parent/Student Handbook [LINK](#)**

*Alex Soriano reports that the handbook is being updated to comply with any new legislation and policies.*

**e. Employee Handbook [LINK](#)**

*Alex Soriano reports that the handbook is being updated to comply with any new legislation and policies. Andrew Corder will analyze it and add additional internal requirements.*

**f. Form 700 Efile [LINK](#) [Video](#)**

*Alex Soriano reminds board members to complete their Form 700 before Apr 1, 2025*

**6. APPROVAL OF CONSOLIDATED MOTION FOR CONSENT CALENDAR**

The Board considers all matters under the consent agenda to be routine and will be approved, ratified, and enacted in one motion in the form listed below. Unless specifically requested by a board member for further discussion or removed from the agenda, there will be no more discussion on these items prior to the Board vote. Comments by the Board may be made at the discretion of the Chairperson.

**Approval Motion:** Marcella Nino

**Second:** Joseph Cipres

**Ayes:** all

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Debra Webb - aye

Gary McCloskey - absent

**a. Approval of the Minutes:**

*The December minutes are tabled until the next meeting due to the incorrect link on the posted agenda.*

**c. Expense Reports:** *Reimbursements*

**d. Routine Contract Renewals:** *Routine Contract Renewal*

**7. ACTION ITEMS**

**a. School Accountability Report Card [\(SARC\) LINK](#)**

**i. Approval prepares the report to be shared with the community on the BEST and CDE Website**

*[Joel Manwarren](#) reports on the purpose and changes of the SARC. The SARC is reported out for the 23-24 school year.*

*Marcella Nino asks if the LA fires have increased the enrollment in our school. James Mays states that we have seen enrollments come in from displaced families.*

Approval Motion: 1st\_Marcella Nino

2nd: Joseph Cipres Ayes: all

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - aye

Debra Webb - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Gary McCloskey- absent

**b. Title IX Update [LINK](#) [Policy](#)**

**i. Approval reverts Title IX policy to the 2020 policy.**

*Alex Soriano presents the rationale for reverting to the 2020 Title IX policy.*

Approval Motion: 1st\_Marcella Nino      2nd: Joseph Cipres Ayes: all

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - *aye*

Debra Webb - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Gary McCloskey- *absent*

**c. 2023-2024 Financial Audit Report [LINK](#) [LINK](#)**

**i. Approval accepts the financial Audit report from Chrsity White CPA Firm**

*[Alex Soriano](#) reports there are no significant findings in our 23-24 financial audit.*

*Debra Webb states the precedence and VP positions are incorrect on the audit report. Alex Soriano will clean that up with the auditor.*

Approval Motion: 1st\_Joseph Cipres      2nd: Marcella Nino Ayes: all

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - *aye*

Debra Webb - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Gary McCloskey- *absent*

**d. 2025-2026 A, B track and C track Calendars [LINK](#)**

**i. Approval establishes calendars for the next school year**

*James Mays reports the details of the three calendars and the rationale for each. All three calendars are in the folder.*

Approval Motion: 1st Joseph Cipres

2nd: Marcella Nino Ayes: all

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - *aye*

Debra Webb - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Gary McCloskey- *absent*

**e. Updated Employee Contracts [LINK](#)**

**i. Approval updates contracts for the 2025-2026 school year**

*Alex Soriano reports the addition of 2 statements on contracts for the new school year.*

Motion: 1st Joseph Cipres

2nd: Marcella Nino

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - *aye*

Debra Webb - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Gary McCloskey- *absent*

**f. IXL Contract Renewal [LINK](#)**

**ii. Approval continues the partnership with the digital academic support program**

*James Mays reports the benefits of this digital platform for math and English.*

Motion: 1st: Joseph Cipres

2nd: Marcella Nino

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - *aye*

Debra Webb - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Gary McCloskey- *absent*

**g. PARSEC Renewal [LINK](#)**

**iii. Approval continues to support gathering and organizing data to make it actionable.**

*James Mays reports the benefits of having a data analytics team supporting the renewal petition.*

Motion: 1st Marcella Nino

2nd: Joseph Cipres

Roll Call

Marcella Nino - *aye*

Debra Webb - *aye*

Joseph Cipres - *aye*

Gary McCloskey- *absent*

**8. BOARD COMMENTS:**

*Joseph Cipres asks if the Ethics Training can be completed as a group. Alex Soriano states each person has access to the portal, so need each person to complete the training. He also is grateful to be able to attend field trips to connect with staff and families. Also appreciates being able to experience how funds are being implemented.*

**9. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:**

*James Mays thanks Joel Manwarren for the SARC details. He also thanks the entire staff effort in producing our first school newsletter to share with families and post on our site. Alex Soriano appreciated the HR Director for creating a positive experience for employees and affecting culture.*

**10. ADJOURNMENT:**

**Upcoming BEST Academy Board Meetings:**

● August 21, 2024 Organizational Meeting

- October 2, 2024, Brown Act Training
- November 6, 2024
- December 4, 2024
- February 5, 2025

- *February 26, 2025, added*
- *March 5, 2025 Canceled*
- April 2, 2025
- May 7, 2025
- June 4, 2025
- June, 2025 Graduation

Debra Webb *asks for a motion.*

**Approval Motion:** Joseph Cipres    **Second:** Marcella Nino **Ayes:** all

Meeting Adjourned at 11:21 am

Marcella Nino - aye

Joseph Cipres - aye

Debra Webb - aye

Gary McCloskey - absent