

# The Big Pine Beacon

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**We Are Crew!**

Superintendent, Pamela Jones  
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## Back to School

By Pamela Jones, Superintendent

We have been hard at work in the district this summer, keeping the facilities in great condition to support student learning. The list of improvements includes, painting, carpet, refinishing of floors, new book cases for classrooms, a fresh load of soft fall chips for the playground and a complete redo of lockers and epoxy flooring in the locker rooms. We are caring for your investment in our school district, and never forget the support of the Big Pine community. We look forward to an exciting new school year.



*Newly refinished gym floor.*

## Board Election

It is school board election time, and filing for positions is open until August 10. We have two positions up for election, Marilyn Mann has filed for re-election and Tom Snyder is stepping down after five years of service to the District. If you wish to run for a Board position you can file in our District Office or at the Elections office in Independence.

Local school boards must govern responsibly and effectively. The California School Boards Association has developed professional governance standards to guide this work. We provide a summary of those professional standards so you can get an idea of the work our school board members

are involved in and what you are taking on should you choose to run.

### The Individual Trustee

A trustee is a person at least 18 years old, lives in the school district and is elected or appointed to serve on our board of education. In order to govern effectively, the trustees must work with each other and the superintendent to ensure that a high quality education is provided to each student.

#### A Trustee:

- \* Keeps learning and achievement for **ALL** students as the primary focus
- \* Values, supports and advocates for public education
- \* Commits the time and energy necessary to be an informed and effective leader.
- \* Understands that authority rests with the Board as a whole and not with individuals

## The Board

Big Pine Unified School District is governed by the Board of Trustees, not by individual trustees. The Board and superintendent work together as a "governance team."

#### The Board must:

- \* Keep the district focused on learning and achievement for all students
- \* Operate openly, with trust and integrity
- \* Govern in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility and respect

## The Board's Job

The primary responsibilities of the Board are to set a direction for the district, provide a structure by establishing policies, ensure accountability and provide community leadership on behalf of the district and public education.



## Welcome to our new Kindergarteners!

Good attendance in Kindergarten builds academic and social skills for the future.

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[www.bigpineschools.org](http://www.bigpineschools.org)



*The playground is safe and fun, ready for new kindergarten students!*

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