

OFFICIAL MINUTES
JT SCHOOL DISTRICT #342
CULDESAC, ID 83524

The Board of Trustees held a rescheduled meeting on July 15, 2020 in the school Title room at 8:00 p.m. as posted. Those in attendance were Chairman Cecil Martin, Vice-chairman Bryce Scrimsher, Trustees Mitchel Reid, Eric Steigers and Andrew Renshaw, Superintendent Alan Felgenhauer and Clerk/Treasurer Loretta Hammond-Nichols.

ORDER/SALUTE

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 8:03 p.m. and those present joined in the flag salute.

COMMENTS AND REPORTS

Superintendent Report

*Budget Status (6/30/20) – Budget still needs to include the summer accruals for salary and benefits expenses. Superintendent noted that with the 1% holdback at the end of the fiscal year would put the budget close to break even. Food Service Program will have a balance to begin the year as salary reimbursement is absorbed by the district to help cover the additional costs for meal delivery expenses. The students may need to eat in the classrooms this next year.

*Projects Update – The construction project seems to be at a standstill since the Fourth of July holiday. The schedule deadline is August 24th for start of school. The staff return on the 17th and will have to shuffle meetings this year to another room since the office and teacher prep area will not be finished.

Public Comments – None

Board Comments

*Vice-chairman Scrimsher mentioned that summer is going fast and student will be back at school again.

*Chairman Martin noted that this past year would be a memorial one and become part of history. It will be interesting how this past year will affect the students in the future to come.

CONSENT AGENDA (Agenda/Minutes/Finance Report/Current Bills/Leave Report/Section 125 Plan Renewal/2020-2021 Homeless Liaison – Mrs. Smith)

Vice-chairman Scrimsher moved to approve the agenda as presented. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

ACTION ITEMS AGENDA

Unfinished Business – N/A

New Business

Review Plan Options for Upcoming School Year

Superintendent reported that the school will need to be flexible due to ongoing COVID-19 issues to function or operate under the different category risk levels as the state transitions if COVID-19 cases continue to spike.

*Category I level requires staff and students to have temperatures taken each day upon entry into the building. Each will need their own water bottle since water fountains will be closed. Hand sanitizer will need to be stationed at each entryway and every classroom and at the cafeteria. Cleaning and disinfectant will be required each day on all regular touchable surfaces to include bus and vehicles used to transport students and staff.

*Category II is the same as I with addition of facemasks if not able to social distance.

*Category III follow CDC protocols with facemask required due to local infection/cases which requires deeper and more repetition of cleaning the touchable areas daily within the building and transportation vehicles.

Busing students will need to social distance and take temps before boarding. The back to school newsletter will help outline expectations for the start of school. Lockers will be an issue to consider unless students only use every sixth locker to social distance. The staff only restroom needs to be enforced this year. Facemasks need to be available for those who do not have one but opt to wear one. Washing hands need to happen on a frequent basis throughout the day. Six-foot spacing markers need applied to the building and grounds. On-line distance learning options will need to be available for those students who choose not to attend on campus. Students will

be in their own group and not mix with other groups. This past year the K-6th lost time due to focus issues being at home. This year the elementary will concentrate on ELA and Math for three hours each per day to catch up. The bus, classroom and restrooms will be cleaned each day with Friday the entire school will be deep cleaned. New on campus open enrollment requests for this next year will need to wait until our existing students catch up. Many schools are doing a social promotion and then going to address those issues this next year. Culdesac needs to focus on getting our students back on schedule. Parent/Teacher conferences will need to be by appointment or phone calls. Maybe virtual zoom meetings for the parents who have the technology available. *Category III will be distance learning with junior and high school students doing on-line classes and homebound packets for the elementary again. Hope that November through January the virus does not return like some are predicting. Staff will be back on the 12th of August to do registration and discuss the different options for on campus classes. Parents will be notified through the Swift Reach calling software regarding the registration and on the school website. Extracurricular startup maybe pushed back this fall. IHSAA is meeting to discuss it.

Board response/discussion regarding Superintendent comments – Trustees noted that if staff or students are exposed and medical recommendation for 14-day quarantine is required that should not count against the sick leave or special medical consideration will need to be made for the student. Category I should be masks optional for staff and parents who opt to have student wear cloth mask if they prefer. Category II require face masks or shields if spike in cases and six foot distancing not possible. If public health notifies school of confirmed exposure then mandatory masks and shields required and distant learning for those that prefer on-line class option. Self-quarantine has been reduced to 10 versus 14 days by the CDC. Tests are only required for those that are ill and medical recommendation dictates. This situation would require staff to have a medical release to return to work. The problem is the Asymptomatic people who are carriers and not aware that they are contagious. Trustees concerned with another stay at home order this next year. Prepare staff, students and parents during the year for a more efficient on-line distance learning options with focus and on-task strategies. Substitute teachers will be needed if staff need to self-quarantine. If community outbreak happens then the mandatory on-line and distance learning will need to be in place until that quarantine time is lifted. Fridays could be used for those students that need extra help to catch up. School needs to update the parents on what is expected for school to start this year.

EXECUTIVE SESSION as per Idaho Code 74-206 1(b) for Personnel Matters

Vice-chairman moved to enter executive session as per IC 74-206 1(b) for personnel issues. Seconded by Trustee Eric Steigers/Board Poll: Yes, Yes, Yes, Yes and Yes/Affirmative response.

Into executive session: 9:02 p.m.

Clerk dismissed from session.

Personnel

Alternative Authorization Approval – discussion regarding guidelines.

Open Staff Positions - discussion of recommendation.

Out of executive session: 9:15 p.m.

Superintendent record minutes

Chairman noted no decisions during executive session.

OPEN SESSION

Personnel

Alternate Authorization Approval – Counselor Position

Vice-chairman Scrimsher moved to rehire Kala Parker as part-time K-12 Counselor with the alternate authorization for the 2020-2021 school year. Seconded by Trustee Mitchell Reid/Motion passed.

Open Staff Science Position

Vice-chairman Scrimsher moved to hire Elexus Moore for the 7-12th Science teacher position with an alternative authorization for the 2020-2021 school year. Seconded by Trustee Andrew Renshaw/Motion passed.

Adjourned: 9:20 p.m.