



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Remote Meeting Via Zoom

April 16, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jeff Wickersham, Chair
David Allen
Laura Mills
Dan Fuller
Jon Paul Anderson
Karen Douglass, Superintendent
Laura Fishburn, Board Secretary

Guests: Ingrid Colvard, Anthony Winstead, Kathy McKee, Meaghan Young, William Schwan

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Budget Work Session of the Stevenson-Carson School District Board of Directors was called to order on April 16, 2020 at 6:02 p.m. by Chair Jeff Wickersham.

2. Budget Work Session

Kathy McKee informed the Board about her concerns regarding the financial status of SCSD in relation to the lack of levy dollars for 2020 and about receiving levy funds for the rest of 2019 due to the economic hardships caused by COVID-19. Another concern Kathy brought to the Board was in regards to a potential drop in enrollment in the 2020-2021 school year due to parental concerns regarding the virus, and how lower enrollment numbers will reduce state allocation funding.

Karen Douglass informed the Board that teachers must be informed by May 15, 2020 if they are going to be impacted by reduction in force (RIF).

Karen reminded the Board about the election and resolution filing dates for 2020 which gave the Board two options to rerun the levy, either in August or November. Jeff Wickersham said he was in favor of putting the levy on the ballot again in November considering the current

uncertainty caused by the global COVID-19 pandemic. Dan Fuller, Laura Mills, David Allen and Jon Paul Anderson agreed that a November date would be preferable. The board did not request that a resolution be added to any future board meetings for consideration.

Karen Douglass moved on to the topic of the pool and reminded the board that they had agreed to fund it through August and then to wait and see the outcome of the levy the school district ran in April before making further decisions on the future of the pool. With the board removing the levy from the April ballot, this topic needed to be readdressed. Karen asked for direction from the Board for her and Kathy McKee to be able to build the budget for next year in regards to the pool. Jeff Wickersham said he would like to wait until the end of the work session to make a decision on this. Dan Fuller wanted to know more information on the status of when the Metropolitan Parks District is going to be taking over the pool from the school district. Megan Young informed the Board that the Metropolitan Parks District is looking at running a levy in August to help fund the Pool. Karen Douglass reminded the Board that the pool is currently closed due to OSPI (Washington Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction) guidelines due to it being a school recreation facility, and must remain so until those restrictions are lifted.

Kathy McKee and Karen Douglass presented information to the Board showing possible changes in funding from the 2019-2020 school year and the 2020-2021 school year. Kathy informed the Board that the expenses for the 2019-2020 school year were \$14,000,000 and that revenue came to \$13,900,000. Kathy reiterated her concern to the Board that the district might not be able to collect the allotted levy amount for this year since tax payers might be unable to pay due to financial hardship caused by COVID-19. Kathy asked the Board for direction on how they would like her to balance the budget. Kathy said the district is receiving SRS (Secure Rural Schools) funds this year, but is concerned that since the district is in such a deficit that if the funds don't continue in future years that the district could go bankrupt very quickly.

Karen Douglass and Kathy McKee presented information to the Board regarding financial cuts that would need to be made in order to create the budget for next year. The Board asked Karen Douglass to find out more information about a variety of topics to be presented at the April 23, 2020 Board Meeting in order to help them give guidance on making these financial cuts including looking at the cost of contracting transportation, the cost of athletics and clubs, the cost of soft closing the pool, and a list of reduction consideration. The board requested that Kathy and Karen prepare a list of \$2.1 million for cuts for their consideration so that they would have some options moving forward.

Karen Douglass asked the Board to add an additional meeting for her and Kathy McKee to receive further guidance on creating the budget. The Board members agreed to add a Special Meeting on May 7, 2020 at 6 p.m.

3. ADJOURN

Dan Fuller motioned to adjourn; David Allen seconded. The Board meeting is adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

_____, Chairperson

_____, Superintendent/Secretary to the Board

_____, Recording Secretary