



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Remote Meeting Via Zoom

August 13, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Members present: Jeff Wickersham, Chair
David Allen
Dan Fuller
Laura Mills
Jon Paul Anderson
Hunter Reichel, Student Representative
Ingrid Colvard, Superintendent
Emily Sabo, Board Secretary Designee

Guests: Anthony Winstead, Bethany Myers, Carly Wright, Charles Strom, Esther Holman, Heather MacAlevy, Jereth Robinson, Karen Schreiber, Kelli Dizmang, Kiera Newton, Laurie Damian, Lena Macnab, Lindsey Harmening, Lisa Birney, Rachel Prince, Sandi Karppinen, Lydia Griffiths, Nancy Ellis, Melinda Hardie, Sarah Marino-Dodson, Terri Tynisma, Wendy Krieger, William Schwan, Randall Krog, Alisha Randall, Anna Niedert, Ashley Ferguson, Brandi Reavy, Brian Howe, Cheryl Adams, Faith Gunderson, Linda Lee, Philip Watness, Ellie Miller, Karen Simmons; and others who were not identified on the online platform.

1. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Stevenson-Carson School District Board of Directors was called to order on August 13, 2020 at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Jeff Wickersham.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Jeff Wickersham proposed the addition of an action item under 8e. for a School Board Leadership Director Discussion. Dan Fuller made a motion to amend the agenda, Laura Mills seconded and the motion carried.

Laura Mills entertained a motion to approve the agenda with the addition; Dan Fuller seconded and the motion carried.

4. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND GUESTS

5. REPORTS/COMMUNICATIONS TO THE BOARD

a. Audience

b. Written

The board received two forms of written communication, one from a district parent, and one regarding the pool.

c. Board Member Reports

Jeff Wickersham reported on his and Ingrid Colvard's meeting with the Skamania School District's Superintendent and School Board Chair. The districts are collaborating together, along with local health officials to make the best decision for the health of students, while working together to support the community as a whole.

d. Student Representative

Hunter Reichel reported his creation of the Instagram page "scsd_students" where he plans to repost district communications that may be missed by students. He believes this new platform will update students who do not regularly check the website, or may not have Facebook.

e. Administrative

Anthony Winstead shared that he and Brian Howe had completed the transition and install of the district's new phone system. He added that some of the many benefits of this transition include staff having the ability to call from laptops (taking away need for personal cellphone use), checking voicemail remotely and no added utility costs to the district.

f. Facilities/Maintenance

Ingrid Colvard reported that the maintenance crew is hard at work, checking items off their summer lists while simultaneously getting ready for the upcoming year. Plexiglass partitions are being installed in school offices and the buildings have restricted access for some staff, so maintenance can keep up with sanitizing routines.

g. Financial

Ingrid Colvard reported that there were no changes to the budget, and a question was asked regarding status of the roof replacement at SES. She responded that someone on the contractor's team was exposed to COVID-19, which pushed their start date back.

h. Superintendent

Ingrid Colvard shared the update that COVID-19 has touched the staff. She also noted that the superintendents and ESD 112 received information from the insurance company that SCSD is a part of. Their statement was that a district has a right to open how they want, but if they knowingly open school without the support of the local health department and there was a COVID-19 emergency, it could be seen as willful and wantful neglect.

She also shared that task force groups are meeting regularly to discuss details about the reopening. This consists of about 80 staff, parents and community members who are all focusing on different details of the reopening.

The District has made the decision to supply school supplies to all the families in the community, due to the COVID-19 emergency. Ingrid also added that she plans to add a communications contract this year, as

8. Action Items

a. Approve – Resolution 20/21-3 Classified Reduction in Force

Ingrid Colvard led the discussion regarding the need for a temporary reduction in work force, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and remote learning model. She stated that the district must have meaningful work for its employees or it is considered a gift of public funds. She explained that the state funded us through the spring to keep classified workers busy (delivering meals, etc.) but will not be continuing that through the fall. The board followed up with some clarifying questions including what the process was for bringing staff back and how many employees would be affected. Ingrid said callbacks would be based on seniority, and that the district was finding meaningful work for as many employees as they can. The Board reflected that thought, repeating how important it is to get staff back to work as soon as possible.

Laura Mills made a motion to approve the classified reduction in force; Jon Paul Anderson seconded and the motion carried.

b. Approve – 2020-2021 School Reopening Plan

Ingrid Colvard explained that the district needs to submit a reopening template to OSPI, which reflects the remote only model and options the district has chosen. The discussion following clarified that the learning management system the district will use is Google classroom (the state will provide training for teachers and parents), the remote model will be designed to be flexible for parents who work different shifts, daily attendance will be counted more towards daily engagement for students and Skyward will still be the portal for information. Ingrid added that communication with parents (brochures with tech tips, email communication, etc.) will be a priority, along with student emotional support.

Jon Paul Anderson made a motion to approve the 2020-2021 school reopening plan; David Allen seconded and the motion carried.

c. Approve: Technology Surplus

Dan Fuller made a motion to approve technology surplus, David Allen seconded and the motion carried.

d. Approve – Resolution 20/21-4 Special School Year Waiver Remote Learning PD

Ingrid Colvard explained that the district has the opportunity to request a waiver from the state with the purpose of mitigating training shortfalls for staff, due to the remote learning platform. The waiver would allow SCSD to begin school on September 10th, which allows an extra 5 days for staff professional development, without extending the end of the year. This is possible because the waiver is intended to waive days, but not instructional hours (which will be made up throughout the year). David Allen expressed his concern for parents that may be negatively impacted by the schedule change, while using himself and family as an example.

Jon Paul Anderson made a motion to approve the Resolution 20/21-4-Special School Year Waiver Remote Learning PD; Laura seconded and the motion carried with three in favor and a no vote from David Allen.

9. CONSENT AGENDA – REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL

a. Personnel – Approve Hires/Resignations/Retirements/Transfer-Reassignments

ii. Hires: Faith St. John – Food Services Supervisor

b. Vouchers - General, Capital, ASB Funds

c. Payroll

d. Investment Review

10. DISCUSSION

Jeff Wickersham led a discussion regarding the Monday night board meeting, and the silence he heard from board members. He went on to say that he recognized that the world is in unprecedented times, the board is mostly a freshman board and it was a very difficult position, but he still felt that he needed to ask if they thought he was the correct choice for leader. Each board member expressed that the silence was mostly contemplation, with Laura Mills expressing that she feels she has made the motions on many tough decisions, and that is hard on her. The board members showed support for Jeff as the chair, with Hunter Reichel echoing the support as well.

11. SCHEDULE

a. Regular Board Meeting – August 27, 2020 at 7:00 PM

b. Regular Board Meeting/Board Work Session – September 10, 2020 at 7:00 PM

Jon Paul Anderson made a motion at 9:10 PM to adjourn for executive session. Dan Fuller seconded and the motion carried.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

YES NO

Executive Session(s) may be held to consider the appointment, employment, charges against or dismissal of a public officer or employee; to consider the acquisition or disposition of real estate; to consider professional negotiations, grievances, or mediation; or to consult with legal counsel (RCW 42.30.110).

Dan Fuller made a motion at 9:43 PM to adjourn the executive session. Jon Paul Anderson seconded and the motion carried.

Laura Mills made a motion at 9:43:20 PM to adjourn the board meeting, Jon Paul Anderson seconded and the motion carried.

13. ADJOURN

_____, Chairperson

_____, Superintendent/Secretary to Board

_____, Recording Secretary