

MINUTES

SHEPHERD PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

November 9, 2020

5:45 p.m.

Present: Michael Klumpp, President
Brent Curtiss, Vice-President
Melissa Hutchinson, Secretary
Rick Judge, Treasurer
Matthew Showalter, Trustee
Jon Daniels, Trustee (Arrival 5:58 p.m.)
Gina Gross, Trustee

Absent: None.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Klumpp called the meeting to order at 5:47 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present: Michael Klumpp, President, Brent Curtiss, Vice President, Rick Judge, Treasurer, Matt Showalter, Trustee, Melissa Hutchinson, Trustee, Gina Gross, Trustee, Jon Daniels (arrived at 5:58 and not present for roll call), Trustee

Others in attendance:

Greg McMillan, Interim Superintendent
Julie Freeze, Director of Business & Finance
Administrators, Educators, Directors, Athletic Director
70+ Community Members

III. PUBLIC COMMENT:

President Klumpp asked if anyone would like to address the board; Teresa Meyer and Krystal Yost approached the board digitally.

IV. ITEMS OF DISCUSSION

1. Building and Grounds:

Steve Sura gave an update on the repair work around school grounds. He stated that the work in the auditorium is almost finished and waiting on curtains. He is checking on Winn's water, since an odor was detected. Winn and Odyssey schools both run off of water wells. He is also going to update the signage around the buildings to make it easier to find the offices, since there is no more Hall Street. He gave a shout out to the bus drivers for everything they have been doing throughout this pandemic (COVID). He said that JBS Contracting was great to do business with.

2. Financial Statements/Bills:

Julie said the financials/bills were sent out to the board members and if any questions arise please let her know by the board meeting on November 17, 2020. She mentioned that it will be difficult to do a year to date comparison to last year, as last year's financial activity was atypical.

3. Minutes on school website:
The board member comments will be left off of any future minutes, so the secretary can work with one set of minutes only. The only comments that will be recorded are the comments from the members that state for the record.
4. Covid Update:
The district statistics were sent to the board members and Isabella Country numbers have tripled. Heidi, school nurse, has been doing an excellent job keeping an itemized list of all the information of cases, tests, both positive and negative. There have been 5 positive cases in the school, one teacher and 4 students.
5. Substitute shortage:
School was closed for the week due to sub shortage and staff having to be quarantined due to covid exposure.
6. Second Trimester School Planning Team Report/Recommendation:
Jason Wolf showed a slideshow on the different options for learning for the second tri, which starts on November 30, 2020. The elementary plan would consist of face to face (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday (Virtual only), Thursday, Friday) or Bluejay Online. The secondary plan would consist of a hybrid with blue and gold groups or Bluejay Online. There was a lot of discussion on the pros and cons of each plan. One major difference was that the school day would end at 2:00 p.m., which would give teachers the opportunity to contact their virtual students each day. These options will be voted on at next Tuesday's board meeting.
7. Virtual Learning:

ACTION ITEM:

1. Curtiss moved, seconded by Hutchinson, to approve Shepherd Public School District to change to 100% virtual from November 9, 2020 through November 27, 2020.

The vote was taken on the motion.

Ayes: Curtiss, Judge, Daniels, Hutchinson, Klumpp, Showalter, Gross
Nays: None.
Absent: None.

The motion carried.

8. Staff working during virtual learning:
The SEA Letter of Agreement states that teachers will be working remotely. Support staff may need to work in areas where the district needs them the most during this time.
9. Sports and extracurricular activities will be put on hold as long as we are virtual. Special arrangements, possibly video taping, were discussed as the middle school play is scheduled for this weekend.
10. District Language Arts/Mathematics Curriculum Studies:
Laurie Richards presented the current problems with the K - 5 Language Arts and Math programs and how they are not online ready. She presented the online programs that she would like to bring to the board next week. She would like to purchase these programs with Cares Act Grant Funds.
11. Contract Reopeners:
The teachers were in a previously negotiated 3 year contract. All other groups were put on a freeze until the budget looked better than previously predicted. There will be a closed session for discussion at next week's board meeting.

12. Newly Elected Board Members:

Greg sent out a welcome letter to the 4 new board members. It was mentioned that each board member should attend the CBA 101 class that is being offered virtually for free. Brent Curtiss will work with new members so they feel comfortable on what board members do. It was also mentioned to reach out to Brad Banasik for a rules and responsibilities meeting, and also the new board members can look to the MASB website for more information.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Michael Klumpp, President

Holly Moeggenberg, Acting Secretary