

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING held Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. in the boardroom in the district office building.

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The following Board Members were present to begin the meeting: Michelle Lambert, Dale Brinkerhoff, Ben Johnson, Dave Staheli, and Jeff Corry. Shannon Dulaney, Superintendent; Todd Hess, Business Administrator; Kevin Garrett, Steve Burton, Roy Mathews, and Monica Torres were also present.

At 5:31 p.m. President Lambert began the regular meeting in the boardroom in the district office building.

President Lambert conducted the meeting.

Sadie Adams offered the thought.
Jolie Sudweeks led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes of the Work Meeting held on Tuesday, February 16, 2021 and the Regular Meeting held on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 were approved on a motion made by Mr. Brinkerhoff. Mr. Johnson seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

Mr. Corry moved to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Staheli seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

Recognitions

The Board recognized Cedar High School Debate students Spring Bitner and Kailey Gilbert for placing first in Policy Debate; Neah DePoe and Breanna Wilson for placing first in Public Forum Debate; Caleb Nelson for placing first in Congressional Debate; and Dagan Murray for placing second in Foreign Extemporaneous Speaking. The debate team placed second in region competition. Coach Maher introduced the team members in attendance and thanked Principal Sanders and Assistant Principal Lewis for their leadership.

The Board recognized Cedar High Wrestlers Payton Murray and Ayelen Alissa Grili. Coach Luke Payne introduced the wrestlers. Payton placed second in the State wrestling competition and Alissa was the State Champion in girls' wrestling. This is the first year girls' wrestling has been sanctioned by UHSAA.

The Board recognized the Cedar High School Boys Basketball Team. Assistant Principal Danny Lewis introduced Coach Monks and the team members in attendance. Coach Esplin was unable to attend. The team won the 4A State Championship. The Board congratulated them on their successful season. Principal Lewis thanked the district for the support in everything they've been given this year. He thanked the parents for raising great kids and the community for their support.

The Board next recognized Canyon View High students for their success in the State CTE competition. Tim Benson, TSA advisor at Canyon View High School, introduced students Kandice Adams, first place in CAD Architectural Design; Lane Cox, first place in CAD Engineering Design; and Heather Engler, second place in Webmaster. The Board congratulated the students for their success.

Sara McAfee introduced Canyon View High School student Claire Swope. Claire designed the STEM logo that will be used with professional development and community activities. Sara explained the logo represents the district's vision and intent with STEM. Claire is a senior this year at Canyon View High School. The Board thanked Claire for her hard work and creativity.

Parowan High School Principal Kim Bailey and Parowan Elementary School Principal Trevor Heaton gave a beautiful tribute to the late Michael D. Robinson. Mike passed away on March 1st after a valiant battle with pancreatic cancer. Fellow teacher and friend Michael Robinson shared memories of teaching across the hall from Mike for the past 29 years.

Principal Bailey next recognized Pat Benson and Amy Wilkey for Team of the Year. Amy has taught at Parowan High School for 25 years. Pat has taught at Parowan High School for 34 years. They were given the secondary teachers of the year award last year, but because of COVID they were not publicly recognized. Mr. Bailey praised them for the amazing job they do each day.

School Report

Parowan High School Principal Kim Bailey presented the school report for the month. He reviewed the school's Positive Behavior Interventions and Support program, Cool 2Care. He explained what it means to be True RAMS: As true RAMS we strive to be Respectful, Accountable, Make a Difference, and Serve others. Students who are caught exhibiting True RAMS behavior are awarded with tickets from teachers and community members. The school holds weekly drawings, quarterly drawings, yearly drawings. The grand prize at the end of the year is a car. He reported that 349 kids have been awarded this school year. Principal Bailey reported on the school's Veterans' Day program. This year the school delivered a total of 80 Veteran Care Packages to veterans in Parowan. Within a five block radius of Parowan High School there were 30 packages delivered. There are currently 134 active members in the Parowan area and he presented a video that was shown at the Veterans Day assembly. The video presentation was of two Parowan High students talking about the importance of veterans in the community and what it means to be a True RAM. Mr. Bailey reviewed the demographics of Parowan High School. The total enrollment is 346 students. There are 75 students who are enrolled in online programs and 20 students enrolled in Southwest Technical College (SWATC). 50% of Parowan High students are enrolled in Concurrent classes, 91% are involved with sports extra curricular, and 64% are involved with clubs and student government. Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Bret Jacobsen recognized student Nisha Fletcher for winning the Southern Utah Aspirations in Computing Award; Brooke Reed for a 2nd place finish at the State Cross country meet and Haley Mobley for placing 3rd at Girls' State Wrestling for 1A, 2A, 3A, and 5A. Principal Bailey invited the Board to visit his school anytime and thanked them for the opportunity to present his report.

Public Input regarding School Fees

The board meeting time was next made available for public input to address items not already listed on the published agenda.

Public Input

Matt Martin spoke in favor of FLEX and late start. He teaches at Southern Utah University and has taught at multiple high schools in his career. His child, who is a senior at SUU this year, participated in four sports in high school and was given the academic all state award. This was made possible because Canyon View High School introduced the FLEX program. It is a solid system. He said he hopes the board will consider continuing the program. Students need the opportunities.

Cory Greer thanked the board for extending the public input time to 30 minutes. He expressed his opinion that he thinks it is distasteful that parent input time is limited compared to the time the Board spends listening to school reports, personnel matters, buildings, administrative matters and awards. He said kids have been masked for 136 days this school year. It's past time to end the mask mandates. If the state controls these issues then there's no use for a school board. He called for the board to discontinue the mask mandate, including any form of mask exemption documentation, effective immediately.

Camie Merrill read an email she sent the Board previously. She said what we have witnessed is the American people being fed massive amounts of fear and then in turn handing over their essential liberty with the idea that this would bring safety. We have felt the grip of the government more than ever before. She said it is time for Iron County to take a stand to take back our unalienable rights under the Utah Constitution. She said it is the public policy of this state that parents retain the fundamental right and duty to exercise primary control over the care of their children. She said wearing a mask all day is detrimental to a child's health. We need to value integrity first and not value funding over freedom. The mask is a show to please a tyrannical government. She asked the Board to uphold the constitution and give the rights to parents.

Patty Maser, bus driver for the district, read the Pledge of Allegiance. She said there are a handful of people who willingly wear masks and the rest don't. It should be a parental choice and an individual choice. She asked the Board to fight for the right for people to choose for ourselves.

Rayonna Hale, bus aide for the district, said it is hard to see four and five year olds wearing masks on the bus. Parents have the right to make the choice. She said she wears a mask, but feels her rights have been infringed upon. She asked the Board to stop the mandate of the children wearing masks in school.

Meredith Burnett, a parent of two children in the district, said she supports the mask mandate. It has been one of the reasons we have been able to keep kids in school. She said she believes

the reason we have been able to manage our numbers is because of the mask mandate. She said she appreciates the reading of the Pledge of Allegiance. The school board has a tough job in managing the needs and meeting the requirements. It's hard to balance liberty for all. We have to think of greater good.

Jennifer Hayes, mother of three in the district, said she has a four year old daughter who is terminal and very fragile. She has been life flighted three times for the common cold. She said her family believes that the psychological effects of the masks on children is worse than the risk of spreading a disease that 97% of people recover from. She said being a parent of a medically fragile child, it is her responsibility to protect her, not the board's.

Christina Carrigan, teacher and parent of children in the district, said as a teacher it is her responsibility to keep kids safe in her classroom. The purpose of the mask mandate is to protect people. The masks help keep your germs to yourself. She said she cannot do her job keeping kids safe if we are not wearing masks. Our job as educators and elected board members is to make decisions that support the greater good. No one likes to wear masks, but they keep us safe and keep us in school.

Paul Cozzens, father of students in the district, said his issue is hypocrisy. He claimed everyone at the district office is a hypocrite because he knows they have all touched their mask, or taken it off at some point during the day. He said he has seen leaders in the state demand we wear masks and then they themselves don't wear them in meetings. He spoke of his daughter who plays the violin and was reprimanded in music class for not wearing her mask correctly. It's not okay to bully kids. He said he's tired of the hypocrisy.

Ann Clarke, grandmother of three students, said she is here to speak about the masks. It is ridiculous because science changes all the time according to Dr. Fauci. There is no critical thinking, we are just demanded to wear the masks. Parents should have the right to choose. Masks are very porous and they are not safe. Please let the kids be free, let the people be free. Let the parents decide.

Emily Barney distributed a picture of her mother who passed away from Covid. She said over 540,503 people have died from Covid-19. The American Academy of Pediatrics has said 253 children have died from Covid since March 4, 2019. She said when both parties wear masks there's a 70% chance of not catching the virus. Wearing masks will keep our children as safe as possible She urged the Board to please keep the mask mandate.

Brad Green is a father of four kids and his wife is a teacher in the district. He said he has a child with ADHD who he says has become rebellious and now hates school. His daughter has developed something that is causing her immune system to attack itself and it's being compounded by her environment. He said we honor and respect our veterans because they protect us. They stand for freedom. He asked the Board to please have faith and get back to freedom.

Michael Harrington pointed out he stands before a school board, not a board of medical professionals. Non-medical personnel cannot prescribe a medical device to anyone. 95% of the Board is not wearing masks, that is hypocrisy. It's time to end this.

Kenneth Bauer served in Vietnam and ended up with three conditions and the government told him to suck it up and get over it, it will go away. For those who get COVID, 97% survive it. He said we need to push back on the mask mandate. We are a free people and we ought to act like it.

Dr. Stephen Workman, a local physician spoke of being against face masks. He said masks are contaminated and people touch them at least once a minute. If you can't wash your hands everytime you touch your mask you are being hypocritical. He said the Board needs to see how ridiculous it is to expect kids to not touch their masks. He said he will not put his kid in public school if they mandate masks because there are too many psychological problems. He read headlines of different studies around the world and asked the Board to be careful with what they listen to and believe.

Richard Jensen, father of nine school age children in the district, said he believes the Board thinks parents are liars. He said if you go to Wal Mart you will see the majority of people are still wearing masks because they are being told they are still required. There are kids suffering in the district because of the masks. They don't want counseling or medications so they suffer. They're scared. He said he is here to talk for them. They feel neglected and ignored. He said as someone who has attempted suicide he hopes no students feel that darkness or turns to suicide as their only way out. If they do and you vote to keep them suffering he said he hopes their demise burns you to the core. You can remove a burden that would bring them comfort.

William Gent, father of 16 children and 16 more foster children, said his entire family has had Covid-19. Some of them wore masks all the time before they contracted it. It is real. What is not real is if the mask works. He said through Covid, tax money was used to purchase a \$180,000 program on social and emotional learning. He said masks are just to make people feel less scared. He sent the Board an email with statistics he said are based on facts. He asked the Board to please vote to let parents make the decision.

Brett Messer, father of four adopted children in the district, spoke of the importance of social and emotional learning in our schools. He explained research from Stanford that was published indicating that blue eyed individuals have the inability to achieve and learn while brown eyed individuals have higher intelligence. Is it fair to make this judgement? No. He asked the question: do we want our children to be taught to be tolerant of others? We need to educate and mentor our kids that all people deserve to be respected and valued. The community is getting more and more diverse. He agreed that it is the parent job to teach this, but not everyone is doing it. Suite 360 is not brainwashing, it is educating our kids so that they will know what is expected of them. He said his nine year old is black and has had to deal with mean and racist comments like his hair and skin is ugly. He said his son had a breakdown where he wanted to die. He said he doesn't believe the parents of these kids are racist, but they are learning it somewhere. We need to take a stand in our schools, let's teach our kids what is ok and what is

not ok to say. He said South Elementary is doing a great job training their teachers to deal with these problems. He urged the Board to have something in place by next school year.

Hillary Messer, mother of four adopted kids, said they have experienced racism with their son who is black. She and her husband both grew up in Cedar and she feels that people are not used to having a diverse community. She shared negative comments that children like her son throughout the district have experienced. When parents have asked her what they can do she has told them to talk to their kids at home, but some have said they don't want to talk about these ugly things and bring them into their home because it doesn't pertain to them. The schools should also be addressing these problems.

Deirdre Barton, a junior at Canyon View High School, addressed the FLEX time issue. She plays soccer and basketball, runs track, is president of the Hope Squad and a candidate for the next year's student body president. She said FLEX has been a saving grace as it has helped her keep her 3.9 GPA and has helped her to help other kids. In a day where suicide and depression rates are so high, the Hope Squad training is absolutely crucial. Because of Hope Squad she is able to have the training to help students who suffer with depression and suicidal thoughts and this training is held during FLEX. Competing in three sports a year is tough and she said FLEX time helps her catch up on homework and gives her time to study so she doesn't fall behind. She asked the Board to consider these thoughts and do what is best for the well being of students.

Jennifer Neumann, parent of students at Canyon View High School, gave her full support to the FLEX program. Next year Canyon View will be a 3A school, which means they will be traveling far distances to compete in sporting events. FLEX and late start are essential. She said every student benefits from FLEX, even those who are not travelling. Teachers are able to tag students who are having problems and those students are able to get help. She asked the Board to not be closed minded and follow their own agenda on this. It has worked for Canyon View for five years and it will continue to be a benefit for students to prepare for the future.

Charles Flowers, parent of three and employer of eight in Iron County, spoke of the difficulty late start creates for him as a business owner. He said it's hard to negotiate schedules because of late start. He said he has spoken to other employers in town and they struggle as well. He said he loses money and productivity because of late start, which is tax dollars for the district.

Brooklyn Rushton, a student at Canyon View High School and SUU concurrent enrollment, spoke about the positive effects of FLEX. She plays volleyball and is in the orchestra. She also teaches violin as an opportunity to earn money for college and a mission. She said if she didn't have the opportunity to attend FLEX, she wouldn't be able to be involved in the community because during FLEX she is able to get extra help in chemistry and advanced english rather than after school. She said she wants to be a leader in the community. She said, from a students perspective, FLEX isn't a main concern with general teaching time.

Mr. Platt said his kids were taunted and badgered mercifully while in school in the Alpine School District. He took it under their control to make a difference. It's the parents position, not the school's position. If the parents could be told that it would make the world of difference.

School Fees Approval

Mr. Corry moved to approve the school fee schedule for the 2021-2022 school year. Mr. Staheli seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

President Lambert requested the Board now address agenda item #11, the amendment to the reopening plan, due to the fact there are many people in attendance for that agenda item. The Board agreed.

Amendment to Reopening Plan

President Lambert explained the schools are under a mask mandate from the public health department. Even though the legislature is removing the general mask mandate April 10th school will remain until July 1st. The district's reopening plan refers to the Utah Health update and if that update changes, we can remain consistent without having to go back and change things. The Utah Public Health Order states that schools may require a dr note for mask exemption. Our schools have been doing that, but there has been discussion as to whether or not we need to do things a different way. Mr. Staheli indicated the Board has the authority to not require a dr. 's note for mask mandates and allow parents to make the decision. It's time to relook at this. The number of cases in the state have gone down. Consider going ahead and putting up for a vote by the Board to give parental choice. Mr. Corry asked how many positive cases have we had in the district in both elementary and secondary schools and how many have been hospitalized. Superintendent Dulaney indicated there have been a total of 606 positive cases since August 25th, that includes employees and students. President Lambert asked how many were related to school? Superintendent Dulaney indicated 36 students and 12 employees. Mr. Staheli pointed out that as of March 22nd local law officials stated clearly they are not enforcing the latest state health order 2021-7. Dr. Blodgett of the Health Department also confirmed that his office does not have enforcement jurisdiction for the health order. The only enforcement of this health order in Iron County is being performed by district administrators, teachers, staff, and other private entities who have chosen to do that within their own structure. Mr. Staheli said both Iron County Sheriff Kenneth Carpenter and Cedar City Police Chief Darren Adams support Iron County School Board's decision to cease enforcement of the state public health orders. We are not here to do that today, but they would support that. Mr. Staheli indicated the Board has received many emails regarding parental choice. He asked if the Board members took the oath of office to protect and defend the constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Utah? He referred to Utah Code 62A-4A-201 regarding the rights of parents. Mr. Staheli moved Iron County Board members hold a roll call vote to 1- affirm the constitutional rights of parents in Iron County to exempt their child or children from wearing a mask at school while at or while at any other school activity by writing and signing a parental exemption for their child and submitting it to the school administration of the school their child attends. 2- prohibit any discrimination by administrots teachers, staff, district employees or other students against any student who has a mask exemption from a parent/guardian or doctor or if an adult who has a mask exemption by their own choice or a doctor order. Mr. Corry seconded the motion. Mr. Johnson asked if this would amend the Reopening Plan? School nurse Laurie Baumgartner addressed the Board and gave credit to everyone in the room. She said the question is when you work for an entity that requires you to do a certain thing do parents have the authority to write an exemption for their students? From

day one we have chosen to do what is best, sometimes we are right and sometimes we are wrong. She referred to the health order 2021-7. Each individual on school property or on a school bus shall wear a face mask except as provided. She described the following situations: an athlete performing in athletic events; individuals who are six feet apart or are playing outside, an individual with a medical condition, mental health condition, or intellectual or developmental disability, that prevents the individual from wearing a face mask or who is unconscious, incapacitated, or otherwise unable to remove the face mask without assistance. If a child has an IEP with any kind of condition that would logically assume this person couldn't wear a mask, a child with cerebral palsy, anything that would endanger their life or health, we know they can't wear a mask. We as a school board may have the opportunity to make the decisions that we can accept the fact that they cannot wear a mask or we can choose to get a doctor's order. She indicated it clarifies that in the order. It does not say we have the choice to let a parent choose whether their child should not wear a mask, unless their child falls under the category in section 3, letter D of the order. She indicated that if there are medical conditions we have accepted them without question. We don't think twice about things that could hurt a child. She indicated she emailed many questions to the state representative to the school board and asked if she knew anything about USBE guidelines that are allowing school districts to make their own decisions on whether to allow students to not wear masks if a parent signs an exemption that requests this. The representative answered absolutely not. The statute that ends the mask mandate does not apply to schools. Schools are still required to wear masks at least through to July. This is what USBE has told us nurses that we are mandated to do under employees of that district. The personal exemption to have someone write an exemption for any reason they want is not what we are told as employees of the State Board of Education. School Boards don't have the right to make that decision. She indicated she is not saying whether that is right or wrong. She empathizes with everyone in this situation. She mentioned she sees up to 25 kids in the office each day and from her perspective she doesn't see kids having any more anxiety issues this year than last. Kids have anxiety more on a general basis from other things in the community and homes and different issues we are facing as a community. They are stressing out more about getting sick and having to quarantine than wearing a mask. She referred to a study by KSL that shows suicide rates were down last year compared to the last five years. She said she doesn't want to make any child feel like they are not going through something difficult because for some children it's harder than others. The big question here is whether or not our local board has the authority to make a decision when we work for an entity that tells us the rules we need to follow. President Lambert thanked Laurie for her comments. Mr. Johnson thanked teachers, administrators for getting us through this year and keeping our kids in school. Regardless of what side you are on here it is something that needs to be appreciated. President Lambert referred to Mr. Mathews understanding that we follow the public health order and under that order we could require a doctor's note in addition to those exemptions. When we have a student with one of those exemptions we are honoring that. She said one of our options is not doing anything. It looks like we don't have the option to say we can go with just a parent's note, but we can contact legal counsel, if needed. Mr. Staheli said one of the problems is there have been many doctors refusing to give an exemption. The state is stepping between the doctor and the patient in many cases. He said he still contends that maybe the board gives a little legal challenge to what people perceive we can do. Whether or not we will get challenged will remain to be seen. He referred again to the police department and sheriff's office and the fact that they have chosen not to enforce the mandates that are on our county. If we see it brings a real

problem we can revisit it. He said it is ok for people to sometimes stand up. Mr. Mathews made it clear that Chief Adams, Sheriff Carpenter and Chief Burg were all a part of this conversation from the beginning and we have always understood that law enforcement is not hired to run around and ticket people for not wearing masks. He expressed his appreciation for law enforcement. Richard Jensen requested the Board just make a motion to no longer require a doctor's note it would be much appreciated. President Lambert indicated that is what they just learned the Board cannot do given what is stated in the public health order. A member of the audience, who did not announce his name, said he is there without a mask on a religious exemption. He said he has family members who attend high school and they are suspended for not wearing masks even though they have religious exemptions. He said kids have the right to go to school and say no I'm not wearing a mask because their God says no. He called the Board to repentance. President Lambert called for a roll call vote on the motion by Mr. Staheli.

Jeff Corry - yes

Ben Johnson - nay

Dave Staheli - yes

Michelle Lambert - nay

Dale Brinkerhoff - nay

With a 2-3 vote the motion failed.

Mr. Brinkerhoff offered a substitute motion. He said that it is important to remember the Governor of the State of Utah has issued a mask mandate, whether we like it or not. He said we can stay the course and petition our representatives, Representative Vickers and Representative Shipp, to petition the governor to exempt Iron County based on our numbers. As far as kids on the bus, the motion is we still encourage and request kids wear masks on the bus. If they show up without one they can still ride the bus. At school we still encourage and request students wear a mask. If they show up at the front door without a mask they would not be turned away. Teachers and administrators have latitude to allow masks to not be worn during certain activities. Mr. Johnson asked to clarify the motion. Mr. Corry asked that if students show up at school without a mask they can still go to school. Mr. Staheli asked if that would be for the whole day. Mr. Brinkerhoff indicated that it would be for the whole day. Mr. Staheli indicated the motion is still going against the order and it allows for the student to decide whether or not they wear a mask. He said his feeling is parents should still be involved. There wasn't a second to Mr. Brinkerhoff's motion. The motion failed.

Presentation by Canyon Creek Services, Iron County Safe Kids Coalition and Southwest Behavioral Health

Kaleigh Bronson-Cook, awareness and prevention director at Canyon Creek Services, presented a letter of support for the social emotional learning program in the Iron County School District. She said we have wonderful community partners that work to improve the health and well being of kids. As someone who is working on the frontlines it is important the Board hears from us. The letter is posted on Canyon Creek's FaceBook page. Mr. Staheli thanked them for their work and said the concerns weren't with social and emotional learning but with Suite 360 and the way the curriculum was brought in. Kaleigh praised district administrators and Karen Johnson for looking to do everything they can to support what Canyon Creek, Iron County Safe

Kids and Southwest Behavioral Health does. President Lambert thanked them for their presentation.

Business Administrator Report

Mr. Hess presented the business administrator report. He reviewed the general fund budget and pointed out the district is still under budget. We are about 66% through the fiscal year and 50% through the payroll year. The Child Nutrition Fund expenditures have exceeded revenues so far. Some of this is intentional, but some is due to timing and when we receive reimbursements from the Federal Government. Last year at the end of the year we were notified by the State that our balances were too high in this fund and we needed to make a plan to spend down those balances. We purchased very much needed equipment for schools for their kitchens as well as a delivery truck that will deliver food items to various locations in the district. So far we have collected \$4.5 million in our capital projects fund and spent \$2.5 million. He pointed out there are a lot of summer projects coming up for bid.

Marcus Keller from Zions Public Finance joined the meeting electronically.

Consideration of Bond Refunding

Mr. Hess continued a discussion of various options in regards to bonding for capital facility projects that are needed throughout the district. He indicated he took the information from that discussion and worked with Marcus Keller from Zions Public Finance to get the estimates as to what the tax effects would be under various scenarios of bonding. Currently there are two outstanding bonds that will be paid off in 3 years. That is the last of the district's debt at this point. Once that is paid off we wouldn't have a property tax levy for debt service. The problem is we need district buildings. We need to increase our space at the middle schools and East Elementary needs to be replaced. We have the ability to refund the last three outstanding payments which will allow us to save some money over the next three years and have a lower interest rate. It also assists us in cleaning up our bond documents. The district's bond documents are legally sound, but they are a little confusing. He reviewed the effects if the bonds are refunded. It was discussed last week to ask voters for a 60 million bond. The tax impact of the proposed bond without refunding the existing bond on a \$300,000 home would see a decrease in taxes of \$156.22. Assuming we get approval to issue \$60 million in bonds the highest the annual tax becomes is \$229.07 which is a \$142.16 increase. Taxes would go down and then back up. The other part of the proposal is to in two years go back and ask voters for \$30 million to construct a new South Elementary and repurpose the existing facility. There would be no tax effect there because the two bonds we currently have would be paid off. If, ten years down the road, we need high school and middle school facilities because of growth we will need to ask for another bond issuance and that would result in a \$44.35 increase per year on a \$300,000 house. The 2nd scenario is to refund, or refinance, the bonds. This refunding would result in \$87,000 savings over the next three years. If we choose to go through with the refunding and then ask for a bond issuance of \$60 million it would cost taxpayers \$112.58. The increase in taxes on a \$300,000 home would be \$97.85 rather than \$145.94. The question today is do we want to move ahead with the refunding or not? There are some savings with the refunding option. Marcus Keller indicated there isn't a need for an official motion today; we just need to know if the Board is in agreement moving forward with bond counsel. There are potentially two options - the board could hold a special meeting on April 14th to select bond

counsel, or they can authorize the business administrator or a delegate committee to select bond counsel.

Approval of RFP for Bond Counsel

Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the RFP for bond counsel including the discussion with the refund. Mr. Brinkerhoff seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously. President Lambert asked which board members would like to serve on the committee to select bond counsel. Mr. Staheli abstained. Mr. Johnson agreed to serve on the committee.

Health Ed Curriculum Approval

Mr. Staheli asked for clarification on what is taught in health education on each grade level. Mr. Mathews agreed to meet with him to review the grade level curriculum. Mr. Johnson made a motion to approve the Health Ed Curriculum for the 2021-2022 school year. President Lambert seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

Cory Greer from the audience asked if there's a chance to amend the mask mandate that was discussed earlier. Can we still find middle ground?

Mr. Staheli asked to take a five minute recess. President Lambert declared a five minute recess.

The meeting resumed at 8:47 p.m.

Policy Handbook

The following policies were reviewed as a first reading: Cash Management Policy, Comparability of Services Policy, Time and Effort Policy, and Social Media Policy.

The following policies were reviewed as a second reading: BD (Board Meeting Policy), Statement of Policy - Parent Grievance Policy, Curriculum Adoption Policy, and Suicide Prevention Policy. Policy BD (Board Meeting Policy) was tabled until it can be reviewed by legal counsel.

Mr. Staheli moved to approve the Statement of Policy - Parent Grievance Policy and have it added to the policy handbook. Superintendent Dulaney suggested adding a reference to the Curriculum Adoption Policy on page three paragraph C. The Board agreed to the amendment. Mr. Corry seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

Mr. Staheli made a motion to strike dual immersion on page two under Process of Materials' Evaluation and Selection for District Wide Adoption. He requested the dual immersion curriculum be vetted by the Board. Mr. Corry seconded the motion. The board members passed it unanimously. Mr. Staheli moved to adopt the Curriculum Adoption Policy as amended and have it added to the policy handbook. Mr. Corry seconded the motion and the board members passed it unanimously.

The second reading of the Suicide Prevention Policy was tabled until all the technical corrections are made.

At 9:05 p.m. President Lambert concluded the meeting.

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Board President

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Todd R. Hess", written over a horizontal line.

Business Administrator