

SLATE VALLEY UNIFIED UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT  
 Superintendent's Office Conference Room  
 Regular Meeting-Virtual  
 March 23, 2020  
 6:30 p.m.

Approved Minutes

Name	Role/Term	Town Representing	In Attendance
Kris Benway	Director of Special Services	Slate Valley UUSD	-
Pati Beaumont	Board Member	Benson	X
Rebeckah St. Peter	Board Member	Benson	X
Vacant	Board Member	Benson	-
Toni Lobdell	Board Member	Castleton	X
Tim Smith	Board Chair	Castleton	X
Julie Finnegan	Board member	Castleton	X
Vacant	Board Member	Hubbardton	-
Joshua Hardt	Board Member	Hubbardton	X
Vacant	Board Member	Hubbardton	-
Tanya Tolchin	Board Member	West Haven	X
Angela Charron	Board Member	West Haven	X
Vacant	Board Member	West Haven	-
Tara Buxton	Board Clerk	Fair Haven	X
Mike Bache	Board Member	Fair Haven	X
Rick Wilson	Board Member	Fair Haven	X
Peter Stone	Board Vice Chair	Orwell	X
Glen Cousineau	Board Member	Orwell	X
John Wurzbacher	Board Member	Orwell	X
Brooke Olsen Farrell	Superintendent	Slate Valley UUSD	X
Cheryl Scarzello	Director of Finance	Slate Valley UUSD	X
Chris Cole	Director of Operations	Slate Valley UUSD	X
Casey O'Meara	Director of Curriculum I&A	Slate Valley UUSD	X

Audience Attending: Kim Lucci

Call to Order - 6:30 P.M. Board Chair Tim Smith called the meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Approval of Agenda: Peter Stone made a motion to approve the agenda with no changes; this was seconded by Toni Lobdell; Motion Carried.

Approval of SVUSD Minutes - March 9, 2020: Mike Bache made a motion to approve the 3/9/20 minutes; with the following corrections, Pati Beaumont mentioned that sometimes her name appears with two t's and there should only be one please correct going forward; Angela mentioned that at last meeting Pati voted Nay to the field trip, and it was listed as an abstention; Rebeckah should be on building and grounds and the Executive Committee and did not appear on the committee lists, please add her name. Brooke's name is incorrect in one place. This was seconded by Peter Stone Motion Carried with 1 Abstention (TL)

Public Comment: None

Correspondence: None

Rescind Budget Revote Warning: Peter Stone made a motion to Rescind Budget Revote Warning due to the Coronavirus, on going pandemic; Brooke explained the Secretary of Education's thinking that we should not be doing this vote in April given the situation. Per Brooke we may start the year with no budget. She reminded the Board that we can borrow up to 87% of this year's budget should we need to, roughly \$22,000,000.00. This was seconded by John Wurzbacher; Motion carried.

Coronavirus Update: Brooke provided an update on the Coronavirus situation. Brooke has kept the board apprised of all the major emails going out to the staff and community. Brooke acknowledged how hard the staff was working to make this remote learning possible. This is a marathon, not a sprint per Brooke. This is uncharted territory for all of us. Pati Beaumont thanks all of the Slate Valley Team. Brooke noted that the Slate Valley families have been amazingly supportive. There has been overall very positive feedback and very supportive. She mentioned there are a few families that are struggling and we are offering them additional support. Pati asked about the food pick ups. We have been doing daily deliveries, but that is switching to two times per week, Tuesday and Friday. Tuesday they will pick-up for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Friday they will pick up for Friday and Monday. Rebeckah mentioned that her kids love the meals. Peter noted that his kids are ready to return to school.

Tim Smith asked for clarification on the need to provide additional childcare. We are partnering with Rutland Recreation and have less than 10 families interested. These families do not necessarily need care all five days a week.

Tim Smith asked about the teacher's understanding of maintenance of efforts the first two weeks, and that we are working with teacher's to plan for the long term plan. Casey noted the specifics of the plan with teacher's. The looming date of April 6, 2020, and what the plan will be going forward should the deadline be extended beyond April 6, 2020. Both Brooke and Casey

noted the confusion coming from our State and that it is changing daily. We are constantly reassessing and retooling as we go. Tim wants to know if we have a definitive way to bridge the divide of those families that do not have internet access, and they are being provided other learning opportunities such as paper pencil tasks. Our Grade K and 1 do not have chromebooks provided in the home. We have approximately 25 students/families that do not have access, some by choice and others by lack of connectivity. Administration is still working on a solution for this.

Pati asks if schools internet are still on, and wonders if kids would be able to come to the parking lots of schools to access the wifi? Casey replied yes, and noted some teachers are doing this as well. She also asked if people could use their phones. Casey mentioned that certain people have very limited data plans on their phones. The district has provided a list of hot spots in the area, but Brooke noted that some of our families don't even have gas money to get to the hotspots. Angela Charron mentioned she was concerned with the amount of workload assigned. Brooke suggests that the parents reach out to the teachers and/or Administrators if they are feeling overwhelmed. Peter mentioned that his children's work seemed to be a good fit. Tim thanks all the Central Office Administrators, Building Level Administrators, Teachers, Support Staff, Custodians, Bus Drivers and all for the extra efforts they have put in.

Other Business: None

Executive Session - if Needed: No need tonight.

Adjournment: Peter Stone made a motion to adjourn at 7:06 pm; this was seconded by Josh Hardt; Motion carried by full Board.

SVUUSD Board Meeting - April 6, 2020 - Virtual Meeting