

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF THE PLATTE-GEDDES SCHOOL
DISTRICT #11-5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MONDAY, JULY 13, 2020**

President J. Sondgeroth called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Platte-Geddes School District #11-5 to order at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2020, in the Library at the Platte-Geddes High School. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members present: Jess Sondgeroth, Ross Van Zee, Ross Varilek, Dennis DeBoer, Duke Starr, Roxi Summerville, Heather VanDerWerff

Members absent: None

Others present: Superintendent Joel Bailey, Business Manager Kathy Holter, and Jason Huizenga. Via Zoom: Secondary Principal Patrick Frederick, Sandy Biddle, Donna Duba, Phyllis Daum, Darcie DuFrain, Lisa Millar

Additions or deletions to this agenda

The following item was added to the printed agenda: Approve Annual Report

Approve agenda

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr approving the agenda as amended. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Approve Consent Agenda

Motion R. Summerville, seconded H. VanDerWerff approving the following consent agenda:

- Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 15, 2020
- Authorize Payment of Claims for June 30, 2020 Expensed Payables and Regular Claims for July 20, 2020
- Approve Report of Cash Transactions dated 06/30/2020

All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Public Participation

None

Administrative Reports

Superintendent Report

The initial planning for reopening the schools for the 2020-2021 school year has begun. The administration made the decision to wait until mid-summer to begin planning because the situation is so fluid. A "Return to Learn" task force has been created with the ultimate goal of creating plans that will safely allow the school year to begin as normal as possible.

The task force will be comprised of the district administration, board members, members of the parent advisory council, and community stakeholders that include hospital personnel. The task force will be divided into groups and will develop plans/procedures for the following areas: instruction, facilities, transportation, calendar options, organization, social distancing/room design, and personal protective equipment.

The Department of Education's "Starting Well" guidance document has continued to grow and improve. They now have a tool box that provides districts with a myriad of information and guidelines for returning to school. On Wednesday, the Department of Education and Department of Health held a joint Zoom meeting for school administrators. The DOE, DOH, and the American Association of Pediatrics are strongly recommending the return to in-person instruction. The DOH is putting procedures in place to share community and school specific data to administrators if positive COVID-19 cases are identified.

The track resurfacing project began on Monday, July 6. The resurfacing portion has been completed and the painting should be wrapped up within the next few weeks. The crow's nest project is also near completion.

The Title I Consolidated Application was submitted on June 20. The district received notification that the School Improvement Grant Application was approved on July 8. This grant will be used to cover the cost of the virtual instructional coaching for the middle school teachers who want to participate.

Supt. Bailey met with Jay Nelson from Johnson Controls to review indoor air quality solutions as an additional COVID-19 safety measure. The district's best option would be a solution called Atmosair which would emit bi-polar ions through the air handlers and ductwork, disinfecting both the breathing space and surfaces throughout the school. The quote for this project came in at \$103,211.34.

Results from a recent Parent/ Stakeholder survey indicate that 77% favor in-person instruction, 22% prefer blended instruction, and .79% want e-learning. A special board meeting may be called later in the month once the task force has had the opportunity to meet and a plan has been developed for returning to school.

Business Manager Report

The CARES ESSER Fund Grant Application will be used to recoup expenses the district has realized due to COVID-19. There are some restrictions as to what the funds can be used for, including any administration related expenses. As soon as the application is approved, the district will be reimbursed for the summer instruction in the lower grades, activity bus payout, wages and benefits paid to paraprofessionals, administrative assistants, bus drivers, and some custodians during the school shut down, and MIFI charges for those students without home internet access. The grant will also cover additional expenses incurred for the preparation of the 2020-2021 school year.

The Platte-Geddes School District's annual report was submitted to the state and approved on Friday, July 10th. Holter reviewed the financial data and reports with the board.

The district will be offering an online payment option this fall for school lunches, yearbook, activity tickets, and other school related charges. Training for office personnel will take part later this month in hopes that implementation will be ready by the start of the school year. This option will be available to those who have students enrolled in the district and have an account through Infinite Campus. The general public will not have access to the online payment feature.

Mid Central Educational Coop Report

R. Summerville reported on the Mid Central Educational Coop meeting.

Core Educational Coop Report

The Core Educational Cooperative meeting will be held later this week.

Budget Hearing

Time was allowed at 7:35 p.m. for a hearing on the proposed 2020-2021 budget, in accordance with SDLC 13-11-02.

Approve 2019-2020 Annual Report

Motion R. Van Zee, seconded D. Starr approving the 2019-2020 Platte-Geddes School District Annual Report. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion D. Starr, seconded R. Varilek to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

President

Business Manager