

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Meeting	Board Room Place	6:30 pm Time	August 4, 2020 Date
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MEMBERS

PRESENT

Michael Springer: President
Brandy Moore: Vice-President
Robert Curtis: Secretary
Danny Loyd: Member
Alfonso Vasquez: Member

ABSENT

1. Call to Order and Roll Call by Mr. Springer. All present.
2. Due to the COVID pandemic, virtual learning will be built into the school calendar and additional virtual learning days may be mandated by the ADH. On virtual learning days, students will access instruction remotely on Chromebooks. The District is currently in need of approximately 175 Chromebooks in order for each student to have their own Chromebook. Technology coordinator, Kenneth Massey, has been told by multiply technology providers that Chromebooks won't be available for shipment until next semester, but recently two providers made contact and informed him they have some available now. Neither provider can supply 175, but together they can meet that quantity. Dr. Shumate is asking the Board to approve quotes from those two providers for the required number of Chromebooks. Motion by Mr. Vasquez to approve the quotes from Whiter River Services and SHI for Chromebooks. Second by Mr. Curtis. Motion passed unanimously.
3. Dr. Shumate explained the need to adopt virtual platforms during the COVID pandemic. One platform is needed for the Rattler Virtual Academy, which means students do not attend in person classes on campus and instruction is provided by the third party provider not our District staff. Another platform is needed to provide blended learning, which means on days when students are scheduled by the District or required by ADH to learn remotely, they will access virtual instruction provided by District staff. Mr. Loyd made a motion to adopt Edgenuity as the provider for the Rattler Virtual Academy and as the blended learning platform for the Magazine High School. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
4. Ms. Moore made a motion to adopt Curriculum Associates as the provider for the blended learning platform for the Magazine Elementary School. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion and it passed 5-0.
5. The State will provide our District with 35 Wi-Fi access point devices and will pay the monthly access fee to one of the participating cellular providers, to aid students who are economically disadvantaged acquire connectivity for online/blended learning materials and resources. Dr. Shumate is requesting permission to purchase an additional 38 devices at an approximate cost of \$60/device and 12 months of unlimited date for \$20/month. Ms. Moore made a motion to purchase the Wi-Fi access point devices (hot spots) as proposed by Dr. Shumate. Mr Vasquez seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
6. Mr Curtis made a motion to approve the following petitions for transfer of students:
 - Michael Boersma from Booneville SD to Magazine SD
 - Kloey & Adaline McConnell from Magazine SD to Booneville SD
 - Kamryn & Karu Dupree from Magazine SD to Booneville SD
 - Chevelle & Riley Reynolds from County Line SD to Magazine SDMs. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
7. Dr. Shumate presented the attached calendar as approved by the Classified and Certified Personnel Policy Committees on 7/31/2020. It has the state mandated start date of 8/24/2020 with traditional holidays and breaks. It has 20 days of virtual learning, when students will remain at home and all faculty and staff work from school. The virtual learning days will allow time for teachers to work on a virtual platform for next school year and allow extra time for cleaning and sanitizing. Mr. Curtis

made a motion to adopt the attached calendar. Ms. Moore seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

8. The District has a phased-in schedule for student start dates. Students won't all attend in person on the first day of school. Instead smaller groups of students will attend in person over the course of the first week. Emphasis will be on: teaching the technology of Chromebooks and virtual platforms; practicing safe social distancing and wearing of masks. Mr. Curtis moved to approve the phased-in schedule. Second by Mr. Loyd. Motion passed 5-0.
9. The Governor has mandated wearing masks for everyone age 10 and up when social distancing is not possible. In line with other area school districts, Dr. Shumate recommended extended this mandate to require all K-12 students and staff wear masks. Mr. Loyd made a motion to adopt the emergency procedures on wearing masks and face coverings. Second by Ms. Moore. Motion passed unanimously.
10. Part of the Families First Coronavirus Response Act, requires certain employers provide up to two weeks (80 hours) of paid sick leave for certain COVID related absences. Mr. Loyd made a motion to follow the applicable law regarding paid sick leave for COVID related absences with the exception that if an employee is able to perform their job duties remotely they will be considered to be at work and such leave will not be applied. Mr. Curtis seconded the motion. The motion passed 4 for 1 against (Mr. Springer).
11. Ms. Moore made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Loyd seconded and the motion passed 5-0.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'M. Loyd', written in a cursive style.