

Board Members:	Greg Miller, President; Scott Jones, Vice President; Duane Pegg, Debbie Carter-Bowhay, and Hillary Bearden. (Joined via Zoom Session.)
Administration:	Heather Sweet, Superintendent (hosted meeting remotely via Zoom); Nicholas French, Director of Teaching & Learning/Special Services (Joined through Zoom Session); and Christopher Pollard, Jr/Sr HS Principal. (Dr. Cindy Risher and Christopher Pollard were not present.)

Call to Order: **1.0** The meeting was called to order at 7:02pm and the flag salute was led by President, Greg Miller.

Citizen Comments on Non-Agenda Items **2.0** None

New Business: **3.0**
 Facility Use for Outside Groups **3.1** Supt Sweet recommended that the school board consider not allowing outside groups to use the district facilities. She stated that an exception could be made for some events including the Red Cross blood drive in November and facility usage by state agencies. Board member, Debbie Carter-Bowhay, agreed siting exposure tracking issues as well as difficulty sanitizing district facilities after events. The board agreed to suspend outside groups from using the district facilities until further notice. Facility use approvals will still need to be submitted in writing and go to Supt Sweet for approval.

Re-entry Planning for the 2020/21 School Year **3.2** **Re-entry Planning for 2020/21 School Year:**

- Supt Sweet provided a brief overview of each buildings' plans for re-entry.
- Supt Sweet and other area superintendents met with representatives from the insurance company and the health department on Tuesday. She was told that districts will not likely be sued by people who claim to contract Covid-19 from attending district activities, but the district would have to follow and enforce every single safety guideline to avoid liability in spreading Covid-19 if in-person learning was happening this fall. During the meeting, the reps for the health department and county lawyer were still undecided on whether to support or oppose opening schools to in-person learning.
- Supt Sweet recommended to the board that, until there is a directive from a medical professional that it is safe to return to school, they motion to approve starting the 2020/21 school year through virtual learning.
- Supt Sweet stated that the buildings are prepared to transition to a hybrid learning model when it is safe to return to in-person instruction.
- Supt Sweet recommended that the board start with a full virtual learning model then work into a phased hybrid and then full in-person school day as the health threat subsides.
- Hillary Bearden stated that she supports virtual learning.
- Greg Miller and Duane Pegg agree that remote learning would be the safest plan for the district right now. However, Duane Pegg expressed concern for students who will fall behind with the virtual learning model.

Debbie Carter-Bowhay motioned to approve that the 2020/21 school year be started as virtual learning, Duane Pegg seconded the motion.

M/C, Unanimous.

Jump Start Program:

- Kindergarten and first grade students in need of extra support will come to the school for a brief period of in-person instruction. Currently only 7 total students are enrolled, but it is planned that there will be approximately 7 students per classroom attending the program. Supt Sweet stated that the 21st CCLC Summer Day Camp did a very good job following health and safety guidelines while still offering an educational opportunity for students in July.
- The Jump Start program will focus on social/emotional learning as well as preparing the students for school.

- There is a meeting on Monday to see how the teachers feel about having a program with 7 students per classroom.
- Supt Sweet stated that student athletes have been permitted on campus with a group maximum of 10, so having 7 students per classroom also follows the requirements for groups gatherings.
- Members of the board agreed to letting the Jump Start program continue as long as parents, students, and teachers are comfortable with in-person instruction at this time.

Leadership Students:

- Lindsey Quinby requested that the leadership students be allowed to come to campus to work on annual traditions geared toward increasing student involvement, maintaining a collective positive spirit, and connecting Jr/Sr HS students to the school.
- The students would meet August 17th & 18th to make posters and work on virtual assemblies. Supt Sweet thinks it is important for students to be involved and active. The board agreed to allow the leadership students to be on campus as long as they follow social distancing and PPE guidelines.

Athletic Director Update from Kevin Hatton:

- During summer practices, student athletes were screened daily and participation was tracked. Athletes were required to wear face masks and follow social distancing guidelines. The teams were divided into groups of 10 including the coach. The district is only allowing paid coaches (not volunteers) to participate in practices with athletes.
- WIAA has granted permission for schools to continue “out of season coaching” until August 16th. For Ocosta that includes the cross country team, football, boys’ basketball, and girls’ volleyball.
- The league agreed to delay the start of the fall sports season until late January or early February. JV/Varsity winter sports will start in late December. Jr High sports could start earlier.
- At this time, WIAA is allowing teams to participate in “out of season coaching” September 28th to November 30th.
- Kevin Hatton stated that wrestling and football are considered high risk sports and part of the 4th phase of re-entry.
- As long as coaches are following the health and safety guidelines, the board agreed to allow the “out of season coaching” to continue for cross country, basketball, football, and volleyball until August 16th.

- Questions or Comments:** 4.0 Hillary Bearden requested that virtual learning being made available to students who choose not to return to school when the school phases back to in-person learning.
- Executive Session:** 5.0 None
- Adjournment:** 6.0 There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:52pm.

The Board went into closed session at the conclusion of the board meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Miller, Board President

Heather Sweet, Board Secretary

Kristin Griffith, Board Clerk