



BOARD OF DIRECTORS
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MINUTES

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING – Work (Informational) Session

March 18, 2020

4 p.m.

Support Services Center, 2575 Commercial Street SE, Salem, OR 97302

Electronic, Live-stream

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

a. Board Attendance

All board members were present, with Chair Heyen, Vice Chair Lippold, and Directors Kylo, Bethell, and Chandragiri present in person and Directors Blasi and Goss present via conference call.

The board meeting was held electronically due to social-distancing recommendations in light of COVID-19.

The link to view the meeting:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=usjj2MWSal8&list=PLSUQ1gg6M78ULFnXJ8vjVWYnIsKZADJV5>

The meeting was broadcast on CCTV, channel 21.

Chair Heyen noted that due to social-distancing recommendations and a limit of 25 people in room, the public comment format would be adjusted.

b. Agenda Modifications

There was one agenda modification: executive session was canceled.

2. **EXECUTIVE SESSION (*Canceled*)**

The executive session under the following Oregon Revised Statute was canceled per an agenda modification:

- a. ORS 192.660(2)(d) to conduct deliberations with persons designated to carry on labor negotiations.

3. **UPDATE ON CLOSURE STATUS**

Superintendent Perry provided an update on closure status due to COVID-19, which included review of Governor Brown's executive order, outcomes from meetings with the Oregon Department of Education (ODE), and what actions the district is taking.

Superintendent Perry reviewed the executive order from Governor Brown, closing schools from March 16 through April 28, unless that period is extended or terminated earlier by the governor. She noted the district would continue to receive funding based on ADMw as long as certain conditions are met, which include delivering supplemental education and learning supports; providing meals; providing supplemental services and emergency management services; developing plans for operation of essentials, and continuing to pay all employees.

Superintendent Perry reported she is participating in ongoing meetings with the ODE and is mobilizing the district. The top priority is high school graduation, and ODE will get some guidance out. The district is not waiting for guidance but is figuring out what it believes is a good plan for seniors as this issue can't wait until next week. ODE is working on every state rule and waiver and is getting guidance out to districts as fast as it can.

Superintendent Perry noted that the executive order was very clear that, "Nothing in this Executive order should be construed to require public school employees in at-risk categories, or public school employees who have an at-risk member of their household, to take action inconsistent with public health recommendations or the advice of the employee's physician."

Superintendent Perry has assigned district executive team members certain components of the governor's executive order, and she called on district executive team members for brief updates as follow:

- a. Assistant Superintendent Kraig Sproles – childcare/daycare
- b. Chief Operations Officer Mike Wolfe – feeding of families
- c. Community Relations and Communications Director Lillian Govus – community partnerships
- d. Career and Technical Education Director Jim Orth – mental health supports and special education
- e. Executive Director of Human Resources John Beight – classified employee pay situation
- f. Technology & Information Services Director Bob Silva – technology issues
- g. Assistant Superintendent Linda Myers – supplemental learning

Superintendent Perry also noted that the district is working hard on a work-from-home policy. We have not had a work-from-home policy before, which is essential now, and the classified association is working with TIS and HR on what it means to work from home.

The board asked clarifying questions, which Superintendent Perry and members of the district executive team addressed.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comment will be accepted in person at location in compliance with social-distancing guidelines, or by emailing the board secretary: struckmeier_alice@salkeiz.k12.or.us. Emailed public comment is recommended.

There were no community members present to provide public comment in person. The following people provided public comment via email, for which a summary was provided by Community Relations and Communications Director Lillian Govus.

- a. Alec Palm – pass/no-pass grading
- b. Kristen Sahlstrom – online school
- c. Marsha Morin – school closure decisions and solutions
- d. Gary Horowitz (through Twitter) – downtown learning and GED

Lillian Govus mentioned a couple additional emails from unidentified people regarding classified pay.

5. ADDITIONAL ITEM

In response to a request from Director Chandragiri, the board discussed drafting a letter to government agencies around broader online access for student learning. Director Bethell will do some research into possibilities and report back to the board.

6. ADJOURNMENT: 5:48 p.m.