



BANKS SCHOOL DISTRICT

12950 NW Main St. Banks OR 97106

Administration Building

Minutes July 29, 2020

SPECIAL SESSION

Meeting held via Zoom

In attendance:

Norie Dimeo-Ediger, Chair
Ron Frame, Vice-Chairman
Dan Streblov
Will Moore
Ron Frame

Jeff Leo, Superintendent
Joni Spencer, Business Manager
Administrators, Staff, Patrons

CALL TO ORDER/FLAG SALUTE

Norie Dimeo-Ediger called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. She said if anyone in the audience had any comments/questions to email Mr. Leo and he would respond later this week.

PUBLIC WELCOME/RECOGNITION

There was no public recognition.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

There was an addition to the agenda: Action Item 6.2: Authorize the Superintendent to determine the District CDL and subsequent decisions based on state and ODE guidance for the 2020-21 school year. Ron Frame moved to approve the addition to the agenda. Dan Streblov seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously. Raymond Mott moved to approve the agenda as amended. Ron Frame seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

BEA/BACE Presentation

Tony Richeson, BEA President, discussed his letter that was submitted to the board and included in the packet. He said things have changed since the survey went out. The results of the survey was 51% were not prepared to return in person, and 61% would not send their own children back to a school setting. Mr. Moore asked how the result of the survey aligns with the new guidelines. Mr. Leo said the union has demanded to bargain over working conditions. Mr. Streblov asked what has to be bargained. Mr. Leo said he has not received a list of topics. There is no language on distance learning. He said he assumes discussions will include working expectations, delivering on-line curriculum and safety. Mr. Moore said the teachers should be principal players in the distance learning and ultimately in the opening of school. Mr. Streblov asked if the number of work hours would be different. He said he did not think so. He said the administration and staff will work together to determine how the on-site setting will look when students are allowed to return to school. Judy Stone, BACE President, said 54% of classified staff are prepared to return to work and 56% would send their children to "in person" learning. She read the letter that was included in the board packet.

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

There were no audience comments.

CONSENT AGENDA

Board Minutes: June 22, 2020

Routine Personnel Matters

Hiring:

Effective 2020-21 School Year:

Chelsea Fryer 1.0FTE Special Education Teacher

Dominique Kuzmaak 1.0FTE Special Education Teacher

Ron Frame moved to approve the consent agenda as presented. Dan Streblow seconded. Discussion: There was no discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Re-opening Plan

Mr. Leo discussed the metric presented by the Governor on re-opening. He said districts will have to meet both the county and state metric. Banks does not meet the requirements for re-opening. He said the district will start the year using the CDL guidance for at least the first quarter of the school year. If the school opens and there is an outbreak in a classroom, Washington County Health Dept. will advise the district on how to proceed.

Comprehensive Distance Learning:

Currently teachers do not know what is expected. Teachers have now been given access to the platform. Mr. Leo plans to put a FAQ concerning the online school on the district website; Administration will reach out to parents. Screen time will not be a full day. Videos will be part of the curriculum. iPads will be given to students K-2; chrome books will be available to students in grades 3-12. The district will purchase hot spots for students in need. Mr. Leo said the change to the start of the school year gives an additional week for the district to get hot spots and computers to those who need them; thumb drives and packets will be made available to students that cannot receive internet service. These will be delivered by the transportation company. 28 million dollars has been earmarked for connectivity/hot spots, the district does not know at this time how much will be allotted to the district.

Max Sigander gave the board a brief introduction to the Acellus curriculum platform. Highlights included parental access will be available, students will have a short video per learning concept. Teachers can schedule meetings and can create special lessons beyond the Acellus assignment and will be placed in the library, there can be blogs where information may be shared with students. There is an attendance piece which shows when students log in and the time they spend on a lesson. Administrators will be able to see attendance for the entire student body. Acellus is online, videos use the most bandwidth, they are low resolution and use fairly minimal bandwidth. The curriculum is preloaded with teachers supplementing and guiding students. Special lessons can also be added. When students return to school the program can be utilized in the classroom. Dan Streblow asked if the curriculum covers the classes currently offered. Mr. Sigander said not all classes would be available. Mr. Streblow asked if a class could be built from scratch. Mr. Sigander said it would be possible. All courses are aligned to national standards, it may need to be tweaked for Oregon. Mr. Sigander said that teachers will be able to use the messaging system, phone, and a platform-like zoom to contact students. Mr. Leo said the extra week of professional development will be through the NWRESA. The district has a partnership for technology, support, and professional development for Acellus. The cost for the platform is per user. The cost for a Chromebook is about \$225.00.

Ben Buchanan discussed athletics. OSAA will come out with guidance next week. Sports will most likely be postponed until 2021, with a shortened 6 week season. He said it is hoped that there will be 3 or 4 seasons created so that students will not have to choose. There is hope that there will be play offs.

Mr. Leo said if the county gets close to numbers allowing re-opening the district can consider bringing back K-3 in controlled re-opening. He said that from everything he has heard the first quarter will be totally on-line. He said it would be difficult for the district to pivot to opening totally and then have to return to closure if the numbers of infection should go back up. He said the district will have to pivot quickly, and if there would have to be repeated board work sessions and special meetings this would not be possible. He said he likened this situation on re-opening to "snow days on steroids." He said that for equity learning it may be needed to bring small numbers of students on-site, and special education students. Mr. Moore asked if the superintendent needed the authority to make the decision on re-

opening without board approval. Mr. Mott said that if the district students are successful with distance learning would it be a good idea to change mid-course and bring students back and then have to close again if numbers increase. He said he thought it would be best to have one direction and stick with it. Mr. Moore said it was important for the board to stay aware of all changes and decisions and not to lose the interaction between the board and the superintendent. Mr. Leo said he had every intention of keeping the board aware of change upcoming changes. Mr. Leo said he is recommending to the board that staff work on site. He said he will be sending a letter to staff with that intent, but he asked for board consensus. Raymond Mott agreed and he felt professional contact should be made through the school. Will Moore agreed. Ron Frame said there are always distractions at home. Dan Streblov agreed. Mr. Leo said that districts are considering other ideas such as work from home or a hybrid of onsite and work from home.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of Revised District Calendar

Mr. Leo he is requesting moving the start of school to September 8. The first week will be for professional development training on the on-line platform. The additional week at the start of the year will be for contact with parents and students. Raymond Mott moved to approve the revised district calendar. Will Moore seconded. Discussion: Mr. Leo clarified there is no change to the end date for the school year. Mr. Leo said the district will have to provide meals. The waiver given this summer ends 8/31. He anticipates a federal package will go through to pay for meals.

Authorize the Superintendent to determine the District CDL and subsequent decisions based on state and ODE guidance for the 2020-21 school year

Ron Frame moved to approve item 6.2 as presented. Will Moore seconded. Discussion: Mr. Moore asked that the board be kept apprised of the situation. Vote: Ron Frame-aye; Will Moore-aye; Raymond Mott-aye; Norie Dimeo-Ediger-aye; Dan Streblov-nay. Motion passed.

BOARD COMMUNICATION

Superintendent Comments

Mr. Leo thanked parents for their patience with the ever-changing school opening guidance. He said it is anticipated that Measure 98 will be funded in full; SIA will be 33%; SSF will be 9 billion. Measure 98 is earmarked for the majority of the money to be spent at the high school with a portion going to the middle school. SIA will be spent on the social and emotional well-being of students. M98 can be used for hot spots and chrome books at the high school. Mrs. Spencer said the district will receive \$66,000 from the ESSER grant. Also, money has been saved through the spring furloughs, and more grant funding is anticipated from the federal government. These funds will be used to purchase PPE. Mr. Sigander said the district had enough iPads for K-2, and we are more than halfway there with chrome books. Hot spots are expensive.

Board Member Comments

Ron Frame said he appreciated all the work that has been done.

Raymond Mott said he wants kids back in school when it is safe to do so.

It was suggested the reader board ask that people wear masks and practice social distancing.

Will Moore thanked Jeff Leo for all his work, and the open line of communication to parents and the board.

Dan Streblov said in person education is important, but it will not happen until people cut down transmission. He said the county won't see 10 cases per 100,000 without a shutdown. He said masks and social distancing needs to be universally practiced.

Norie Dimeo-Ediger said she appreciated all the work from everyone.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.