

OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
Governing Board Regular Meeting
September 15, 2020

The Regular Meeting of the Osborn School District Governing Board was called to order at 4:30 pm by Board President Aguilar.

Present:

Ylenia Aguilar, Board President
Sue Corbin, Board Member
Samuel Richard, Board Member
Juan Carlos Flamand, Member
Dr. Michael Robert, Superintendent

Mrs. Radtke was absent and Mr. Richard participated via Google Meets.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Aguilar led the pledge.

District Celebrations and Announcements

2019/2020 You Make the Difference Awards

Dr. Robert explained that although typically recognized at the end of year celebration, current circumstances did not allow for the reception so he wanted to take an opportunity to celebrate winners of the You Make the Difference Award now. Dr. Robert announced William Buie, Joan Bucklew, Kurt Collins, Erin Tikovitsch, and Colleen Toscano as recipients of the 2019/2020 You Make the Difference awards reading their nomination letters and thanking them for their work.

A 3 minute break was called at 5:04 pm.

The meeting resumed at 5:08

Consent Agenda

- A. Ratification of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- B. Ratification of Payroll Vouchers
- C. Board Minutes
 - 1. August 11, 2020 Work Study
 - 2. August 18, 2020 Regular Meeting
 - 3. August 31, 2020 Special Meeting
- D. Approval of Personnel Items
 - 1. Employment Changes/Additions
 - 2. Addendum Contracts
 - 3. Resignations
 - 4. Terminations
 - 5. Retirements
 - 6. Leaves of Absence
 - 7. Discussion/Approval of Personnel Item
- E. Donations
- F. Expenditure and Revenue Report
- G. Student Activities Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
- H. Disposal
- I. MOUs/Agreements with Partner Organizations
 - 1. Renewal of MOU with Valle del Sol
 - 2. Approval of Business Associate Agreement with Valle del Sol

3. Approval to renew IGA with Greater Phoenix Educational Management Council (GPEMC) (20/21)
 4. Approval renewal of MOU with Southwest Human Development Headstart Program for Preschool Special Education Services
 5. Space Agreement renewal with Southwest Human Development Headstart for 2020-2021-carryover from July- waiting to hear from them
 6. Renewal of IGA with the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind
- J. Sole Source Listing FY21
K. Sole Source Listing FY20
L. Approval of 2020/21 Student Fees
M. Approval of Emergency Procurements COVID-19 Procurements
N. Bond/Override Procurement
O. Approval of District Qualified Evaluators

Mr. Flamand requested that minutes be voted on separately as he was not present for the meetings.

Mr. Flamand motioned to approve the consent agenda excepting item C. Ms. Corbin seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Aguilar aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye
Mr. Flamand aye

Ms. Corbin motioned to approve item C from the Consent Agenda. Mr. Richard seconded. Motion carried with 3 in favor and 1 abstention.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye
Mr. Flamand abstained due to not being present at the meetings.

Call to the Public

Comments submitted from Allison Mullady, Alex Ybarra, Yetta Gibson, Elizabeth Archuleta, Brianna McCord, Tara La OGarcia, Osborn Education Association. Cheryl Hogan, Erica Switalla, Jennifer Staron, Emma Gully and Brendan Stacey were read by Dr. Robert and Ms. Nye. The comments expressed concern about school reopening.

Board Presentation- Strategic Planning

Dr. Robert explained that decisions continue to be made about school re opening based on data from Maricopa county. He stated that although data does not currently indicate that it is now safe to reopen, it does show improvement and this information is being monitored weekly. He explained that there is much planning and preparation to do in order to be ready for schools to reopen and this will take time. He shared that communication with families to obtain interest in the iSchool has happened as planned according to the timeline previously shared. Interest in iSchool and determining the number of students participating in iSchool helps with planning which includes staffing.

Dr. Robert presented a map from the Maricopa County website that provided data throughout the county on COVID 19. Dr. Robert shared that superintendents throughout the county are working together to discuss criteria that will be used to reopen adding that each district will base re opening on what is best for their community. In discussions with the Superintendent Public Health Advisory Committee it has been agreed that Osborn will wait until all 3 areas (the number of cases, percent positivity and COVID like illnesses) on the metrics are green (indicating minimal risk) for 2 weeks before reopening. Discussion continued about the need to consider the surrounding community including zip codes where staff live and mitigating risk.

In response to Mr. Flamand's concern about communicating criteria the district is using to determine when it is safe to reopen, Dr. Robert said he will continue to communicate the plan and metric being used to determine reopening. Dr. Robert acknowledged the fear surrounding reopening noting that once the metrics are met and the decision to move forward is made that there will still be fear about moving forward but we can't let the fear stop us.

Administrative Reports

No comments.

Action/Approval

Approval and Second Reading of Revisions to the Following ASBA Policies:

GBGB-R	Staff Personal Security and Safety
IHA	Basic Instructional Program
JICA-RB	Student Dress
KB	Parent Involvement in Education
KI-RB	Visitors to School

Dr. Robert stated this is a second review of these policies and the requested change to remove the word cloth, has been made. This small change will provide clarity and includes facial coverings such as face shields.

Mr. Flamand motioned to approve. Ms. Corbin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye
Mr. Flamand aye

MOU with Cox Internet Provider

Mrs. Toscano explained that this MOU is to facilitate a partnership with Cox to provide service to families that otherwise would not have access to the internet. Families have self-disclosed and the approximate cost to the district will be \$4,000 for 10 months. Mr. Flamand motioned for approval. Ms. Corbin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye
Mr. Flamand aye

Approval of Revisions to 2020/2021 School Calendar

Mrs. Potter-Davis explained that she is requesting a change to the calendar making the week of September 28 early release days for all students. This would allow staff time to prepare for an anticipated return date of October 12. OMS students were already scheduled for early release Wednesday thru Friday for conferences which will be moved to November to coincide with K-6 conferences. She explained that in the event schools do not reopen October 12 that classrooms will still be ready and staff training provided when it is determined schools can safely reopen.

Ms. Corbin moved for approval. Mr. Flamand seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Information/Discussion Items

Bond Update

Information was provided in the packet. There were no additional comments.

School Closure Update

No further discussion took place as Dr. Robert covered this in his presentation.

Board Development

Reflection on ASBA Law Conference

Dr. Robert enjoyed a session he attended that discussed legalities of virtual meetings and handling interactions on social media. It covered topics such as what staff members can do on social media and what is appropriate and inappropriate when bringing the district into a profile. He also attended a session on the difficulty of navigating custody records noting the importance of staying up to date with this information.

ASBA Virtual Delegate Assembly October 17, 2020

President Aguilar and Mr. Flamand will attend as the delegate and alternate.

President Aguilar stepped out of the meeting at 7:03 p.m.

President Aguilar returned to the meeting at 7:04 p.m.

Discussion of Arizona School Board Association Proposed 2021 Political Agenda and Voting Direction for Delegate and Alternate at the Delegate Assembly.

Mr. Richard provided an overview of the purpose of this document and how ASBA will use the information to promote items districts have expressed as priorities. It was agreed that members would prefer to have further discussion about this item at the October Work Study.

Discussion about the COVID-19 Appendix included with the agenda took place with Dr. Robert providing an overview of discussion related to the topic with members of Admin Team.

ASBA Virtual County Meeting October 29, 2020- There is no registration fee, but registration is required

Members will communicate their interest in attending at a later date.

Discussion of Readings from “Eight Keys to an Extraordinary Board-Superintendent Partnership”.

Members will discuss this item at a future meeting.

Reflections/Feedback on Meeting

Mr. Flamand stated his gratefulness to serve and recognized the thoughtful comments from community and staff. He said that although there is no right answer, all are striving to do their best and are aware of the weight of the situation.

Ms. Corbin expressed appreciation that the letters submitted were positive and honest.

Mr. Richard was sorry to not be present in person and felt it was a positive meeting. He expressed his appreciation for the positive feedback from the community noting that challenge and refinement from the broader community helps sharpen the Board’s resolve and direction. Thanking those participating in the meeting.

President Aguilar stated that she is grateful to the community and staff who are advocating for themselves and the community and for being a part of a board that is so positive.

Dr. Robert enjoyed celebrating 6 people who make a difference and valued members of our community and was glad to be able to honor them.

Future Agenda Items

President Aguilar

- Delay opening schools until January based on the benchmark numbers
- Update on families receiving food in our district
- Text messages and robo calls sent the Friday before Board meeting
- As part of the equity work with Superintendent goals would like to consider partnering with Project 1619 group ensuring K-12 districts are leaning about slavery
- When benchmarks are met the possibility of lower grades (K-2) starting with first

Ms. Corbin

- Schedule school visits twice a year seeing students and teachers if there are classes to visit

Mr. Flamand

- Would like to see feedback as to why the staff is confused about reopening
- Published criteria as to what the district will consider for reopening
- Improving current issues with the audience ability to hear the meeting and better incorporating members of the public

Adjournment

Meeting declared adjourned by President Aguilar at 7:27 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Nye, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Maxine Radtke, Board Clerk