

SHARON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 14, 2020 - 5:30 PM
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VIA GOOGLE HANGOUT
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order
Don Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:38 pm.
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
Executive Session was added to the agenda.
Sam Potter made a motion to enter executive session to discuss a student issue at 5:38 pm. Executive Session was exited at 6:03 pm. No Actions were taken.
3. Assign times/timekeeper
Don Shaw will keep track of time.
4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.1. Approve the Minutes of Tuesday, February 11, 2020 (Regular)
 - 4.2. Approve the Minutes of Tuesday, February 25, 2020 (Special)
 - 4.3. Approve the Minutes of Wednesday, March 4, 2020 (Special)
 - 4.4. Approve the Minutes of Thursday, March 19, 2020 (Special)

Chantelle Brackett made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 11, 2020, to approve the minutes of Tuesday, February 25, 2020, to approve the minutes of Wednesday, March 4, 2020, to approve the minutes of Thursday, March 19, 2020. Sam Potter seconded. Motion carried.
5. Board Communications
None
6. Public Comments
None
7. Action Items
None
8. Reports to the Board
 - 8.1. Superintendent's Report
 - Bruce Labs had a meeting with the Union to try to restart negotiations and talked about issues that have arisen. He explained that the contact logs have been an issue that was discussed. He explained to the board that he has asked teachers to have 5 hours of daily contact with students, which is less than what they usually have, but he had considered the fact that they have their children at home too. He thought it was a reasonable amount of hours, but there were disagreements. He explained that it is an arbitrary number, but he thought it would still allow the teachers to do their work and take care of their family.
Haley asked a precision on that: is it 5 hours of daily contact with the students or 5 hours of work?
Labs said probably 5 hours of work. He was hoping that if the teachers could

attend to that much, they would be successful in accomplishing what they are trying to achieve and still have the teachers have a family life. Labs also talked with the Union about how negotiations will take place.

- Labs has been in touch with Butler's for reimbursement for unused bus services.
- Labs reported that the USDA has been relaxing their rules so the schools can send several meals at a time, but they have to be packaged individually. The meals will keep being offered during the April break. The board agreed that the meals should continue during the break.
- Childcare for essential workers: the program is still open right now, even though the State has said they are not required anymore. Labs doesn't know how he will keep it open for the long-term as background checks are not doing fingerprinting for employees.

8.2. Business Manager's Report

- Weatherell shared with the board that they have received the draft of the final audit and that she rejected it, and sent it back with a page and a half of corrections. She is waiting for the revised draft.
- She went over the process for the RFP for paving parking. For the open bid process, she explained that it can be done at a regular meeting or a special meeting. Shaw asked to do this as quickly as we can.
She hopes for a 2-week turnaround request from the banks. She talked with John Harrington, and added 10% to the quote and that is reflected on the RFP request she is sending to the banks.

8.3. Principal's Report

- Haley shared that the staff has been great, and have been connecting with students. They have now had contact with all families. All the classes are creating google classrooms. It's brand new for everyone so it's been difficult, there is a learning curve for students, parents, and teachers and staff. But they are doing an amazing job.
- The literacy person at the SU and curriculum coordinator have been meeting with all the 3rd and 4th-grade teachers to discuss what we want children to achieve at the end of this year in terms of proficiency.
- We still have some students with technical difficulties getting online. There are hotspots from the SU that have been shared with some students.
- SES started taking daily attendance. We follow Strafford's model, with an email every morning.
- Haley shared an overview of a survey he has sent to parents: it's been overall positive, parents are feeling positive about the communication they had with their teachers. A few felt overwhelmed. About 80% felt positive about the amount of work the students have received. A few said not enough, a few said too much. But overall, people were ok with the amount of work shared. How are the kids feeling about distance-learning: a lot of overwhelmed response. Haley feels like the school is on the right track, and agrees that there are areas that need work, but this is brand new territory for all. He reiterated the great work the teachers have been doing.
- There will be an April Break, no attendance or work will be sent home. Meals will continue being delivered.
- Dave is cleaning the building which includes now a lot of disinfecting. Dave has been

instrumental in getting Chromebooks to the kids, and keeping track of where they are.

- Incident Command meeting for Sharon: Haley has been attending the weekly meetings, checking in on where things are in Sharon. He thinks they have been a great help.

9. Discussion Items

9.1 Update on the parking lot

See Business Manager's report

9.2 Student status on school work

See Principal's Report.

9.3 Teacher stress levels

Teachers' stress level is through the roof. There are getting more clarity now. Things were changing by the hour from administrators at the beginning, and the teachers were overwhelmed. It is getting better now.

9.4 Lunch offering status

The lunch offering has significantly increased, from 11 at the beginning to 70 now. A paraeducator has signed up to deliver meals 3 times a week (M - W - F). He calls the people ahead, he leaves the food in the driveway and leaves with no contact. He also has delivered Chromebooks to students in need.

9.5 Bus status

Labs has been in touch with Butler's for reimbursement for unused bus services.

10. Confirm Next Meeting Dates

- 10.1. Tuesday, May 12, 2020 - 5:30 PM @ VIA GOOGLE HANGOUT (Regular)

11. Future Agenda Items

12. Adjourn

Brackett made a motion to adjourn at 6:54 pm. Shaw seconded. Motion carried.