

SHARON BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020 - 5:30 PM
@
VIA GOOGLE HANGOUT
APPROVED MINUTES

Present via Google Hangout:

School Board: Don Shaw, Chantelle Brackett, Sam Potter

Staff: Bruce Labs (Superintendent), Ray Ballou (Technology Manager at WRVSU), Keenan Haley (Sharon Principal), Tara Weatherell (Business Manager at WRVSU), Nicole Antal (Sharon Board Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order
Shaw called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm
2. Adjustments to the Agenda
An executive session was added to the Agenda.
3. Assign times/timekeeper
None
4. Consent Agenda
 - 4.1. Approve the Minutes of Tuesday, April 14, 2020 (Regular)
 - 4.2. Approve the Minutes of Monday, April 20, 2020 (Special)
 - 4.3. Approve the Minutes of Thursday, April 30, 2020 (Special)
Potter made a motion to approve the minutes of Tuesday, April 14, 2020, the minutes of Monday, April 20, 2020, with two corrections (8.2, adding a space, 9.3 typos), and the minutes of Thursday, April 30, 2020, as written and submitted. Brackett 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
Labs reported he has an important meeting on Thursday with the state education agency,

where guidelines and updates will hopefully be given.

He will have another meeting with all the districts that haven't passed their budgets in March in the coming weeks, and how to move forward on having another vote, the logistics of the vote, etc. Shaw said it will be interesting to see what districts are doing, as even though we don't have a budget to vote on as ours has passed, the school board is hoping to have the parking lot project voted on in the coming months.

Shaw asked if there have been any reimbursements from the bus company, Butler.

Weatherell said there hasn't been any checks yet, but Labs said there will be for about \$55,000 total (still needs to be divided by districts).

8.2. Business Manager's Report

See Discussion

8.3. Principal's Report

- Continuing distance learning update: Teachers provided schedules to families. There have been a lot of administrator meetings about what school might look like in the fall. The administrators are waiting for guidance from the Agency Of Education. Our nurse ordered thermometers and gloves to prepare for the fall, but it is still in preparation for the fall is still in its infancy because things are changing every day. AOE hasn't been giving guidelines on end of year assessments, so the school has been trying to come up with assessment guidelines for students.
- Haley's focus is to continue to connect with students, focusing on relationships and meaningful connections. Shaw asked if any students are not able to participate. Haley said he offered wi-fi hotspots to parents who didn't have the internet at home. He also noted that some parents opted out of online learning, so they have received physical packages of work instead.
- Haley is starting to hear fatigue from parents, and some parents are going back to work: kids are unable to provide work when that is the case. He is questioning the ability to sustain distance learning in these conditions.
- Shaw asked about grades and assessments: Haley were hoping to hear from French last Friday, but nothing has come out of the agency as of May 12. They are measuring the student's engagement level instead. Are the students attending the meetings? Attending small group meetings? To measure proficiency levels is harder in these conditions, as some students are doing the work independently and others might have help from their parents. There is also the issue of students not being able to attend those meetings.

Labs shared that he hasn't heard also from the agency about end of year celebrations, calendar, transportation, food, summer camps, all kinds of questions

he and his colleagues have that haven't been answered, and shared his frustration.

- Whitaker continues to clean the building. Haley is going to start being in the building again after he had to quarantine. He reported that he can do most of the things at home, but it will be good to have a presence in the building once again.

9. Discussion Items

9.1 Update on parking lot

9.2 Paving RFP

Weatherell asked confirmation from the school board about her doing the RFP (Request for Proposal), as she was unsure after the last meeting about their preference. She has reached to another school district to inquire about who to send the RFP to, as she has never done one for a paving project. They have sent her the information for two journals to post RFP for construction bid, so if the school board wants her to proceed, she will send the RFP to those two.

She would need to update the PDF sent by Horizons Engineering, as the dates need updating. It is also a long document, so it would need to be changed for sending to local papers (The Herald and Valley News). Haley's concern is to continue paying for services from Horizons Engineering with money that was never budgeted for, which is why he thinks that even though Weatherell has never done this kind of project before, it would still be better in his opinion to move forward with Weatherell taking over the RFP process. Shaw wants to make sure that this RFP includes groundwork that needs to be done. Weatherell confirmed that the RFP includes groundwork, and all that was in Option #3 the school board voted on.

The school board agreed to have Weatherell take over the RFP process. She will reach out to the School Board once it's ready and they can move forward from there.

9.3 Update on distance learning

See the Principal's report

9B Executive Session

Brckett made a motion to enter executive session at 5:55 pm to discuss a student. Potter seconded; motion carried.

Executive session was exited at 6:08 pm. No actions were taken.

10. Confirm Next Meeting Dates

10.1. Tuesday, June 9, 2020 - 5:30 PM @ VIA GOOGLE HANGOUT (Regular)

Confirmed. Shaw said they will probably be another meeting before then to discuss the Paving RFP.

11. Future Agenda Items

None

12. Adjourn

Potter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:19 pm. Brackett seconded; motion carried.