

DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 13, 2021

The Board of Directors of Douglas County School District #15 convened in regular session with an option to join virtually via Google Meet at 6:00 p.m. on September 13, 2021

The following individuals were present:

District Board Members: Rex Fuller, Laura Stufflebeam, Clint Thompson, Valerie Anderson and John Boling

Staff/Patrons: Scott Marshall, Cheryl Silva, Terri Woods, Joanne Gordon and Charles Pritchard

Superintendent: Steve Woods

Business Manager.: Claire Cotton

Board Secretary: Lisa Hemphill

1) **Call to Order and Welcome:** R. Fuller called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) **Approval of the Agenda**

Motion: V. Anderson moved to approve the agenda with the addition of the link for anyone who may need to attend remotely.

Second: L. Stufflebeam

VOTING IN FAVOR: R. Fuller, L. Stufflebeam, C. Thompson, V. Anderson and J. Boling

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4) **Charter Board Meeting Report:** Diane Swingley, Charter Board President, gave the report from September 8, 2021.

5) **Public Input:**

Charles Pritchard requested the district's lower fields by the baseball field and adjacent to his property be maintained by mowing and clearing the blackberries. He is concerned about the fire danger.

Cheryl Silva gave a lengthy presentation on the negative side effects and inefficiency of COVID vaccines and Ivermectin as a prophylactic to prevent COVID.

6) **Consent Agenda Items**

a) Approval of minutes

i) Regular Board Meeting - August 09, 2021

Motion: C. Thompson moved to approve the minutes

Second: L. Stufflebeam

VOTING IN FAVOR: R. Fuller, L. Stufflebeam, C. Thompson, V. Anderson and J. Boling

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7) **Monthly Financial Summary Report, Expenditure Information Report, Voucher Report:** Claire Cotton, Business Manager, gave the report with the following highlights: reports are in a different format, payroll not included in encumbrances, grant money rollovers and purchases with grant money being sustainable. There was also discussion regarding the following purchases: maintenance tractor, vans purchased with grant money and the expense of the volleyball purchased for games.

8) **Information Items**

a) Enrollment Update: S. Woods reported enrollment of 220 students.

b) Long-Range and Facility planning - Scott Marshall from Straight Line: S. Woods gave the floor to Scott Marshall who is a licensed architect and an ODE certified assessor. S. Marshall gave an overview of the reports and stated that this service was paid by an ODE grant. He also talked about a matching fund

grant that the district will be able to apply for to help with the cost of making recommended improvements. The School Facilities Assessment Report assesses the condition of the main school building, gymnasium, shop & vo-ag classroom building, bus barn, middle school modular, external classrooms, water plant, boiler & shop and faculty house. The Long Range Facilities Report is a plan based on the district needs as a proactive approach to maintain teaching and learning environments for staff and students. He reported that the buildings are in good shape overall, but have some deferred maintenance.. The report gives the history of the school buildings, locations and additions to existing buildings and out-buildings. The following recommendations were made for areas of improvement: cafeteria and dining area - the idea of a cafetorium was discussed,, shop and vo-ag classroom dust collection system, bus barn office, water plant security system and the boiler/maintenance room. The long range plan also included information regarding the internal and overall growth rate of the district. There was also talk about steps for applying for the OSCIM grant and the process for floating a bond, public input meetings regarding a possible bond, the need for a tax base analysis report and the possibility of a community center.

c) First Student

- i) Rate Increase
- ii) Referral and Sign-on Bonuses

S. Woods went over the rate increase for bussing and the need that First Student has for bus drivers. He briefly mentioned the employee referral bonus and sign-on bonus currently being offered by First Student.

d) COVID Update

- i) ODE Guidance - Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework
- ii) District Coalition Meetings - local control focus
- iii) Impact on District, Athletics
- iv) October 18 mandate

S. Woods stated his goal is to keep the school open. The district is treating COVID as a virus, so if someone is sick they stay home and come back 24 hours after being symptom free. He also discussed the October 18 mandate for everyone who works or volunteers for the district. He stated he is requiring an exception form or a proof of vaccination be on file with the district. There was some discussion on the possibility of losing staff due to the mandate, a need for legal counsel if legal action is taken against the district and assigned seating on the bus for possible quarantine situations. S. Woods is hoping to have more information to report at the October meeting.

e) Water Treatment Project: S. Woods reported that there was a broken pipeline under the foundation of the water treatment plant. A plumber was hired and the old line was bypassed and a new inlet for the system was installed.

9) Action Items: There were no action items.

10) Announcements

- a) September 30 - Rubber Boot Day for elementary
- a) Theatrical Presentation Snow Queen Auditions start September 27, 2021.

11) Public Input: There was none.

12) Adjournment

Motion: V. Anderson moved to adjourn at 8:20pm

Second: L. Stufflebeam

VOTING IN FAVOR: R. Fuller, L. Stufflebeam, C. Thompson, V. Anderson & J. Boling

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Dated this September 16, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Hemphill, Board Secretary

The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for October 11, 2021