

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
Maxine Radtke, Board Clerk
Sue Corbin, Board Member
Samuel Richard, Board Member
Dr. Michael Robert, Superintendent

Members moved into Executive Session to discuss the superintendent contract for Dr. Robert.

The meeting reconvened at 4:40 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

President Aguilar led the pledge.

District Celebrations and Announcements

Dr. Robert shared that Clarendon, Longview and OMS are moving into the next phase of 21st Century grants that would provide learning enrichment for students. If successful, each of the named schools would receive a total of \$510,000 over the next 5 years.

Mrs. Radtke called a Point of Order noting the Public Hearing.

The Regular Meeting resumed at 4:47 pm.

Continuing with announcements and celebrations, Dr. Robert announced a collaboration between Osborn, the Arizona Department of Public Health and Valle del Sol; thanking President Aguilar for fostering a relationship with the center. Senator Navarette has worked with several school districts to bring testing to the area and Osborn has been approved as a COVID 19 testing site. Tests will be free and will take place in the Longview gym July 21 and 23. The hope is to conduct 550-600 tests per day.

President Aguilar thanked both Senator Navarette and Valle del Sol for bringing this opportunity to the community.

Consent Agenda

- A. Ratification of Payroll Vouchers
- B. Board Minutes
 - 1. Regular Meeting of June 16, 2020
- C. Approval of Personnel Items
 - 1. New Employees
 - 2. Extra Duty Contracts
 - 3. Employment Changes/Additions
 - 4. Resignations
 - 5. Terminations
 - 6. Retirements
 - 7. Leaves of Absence
- D. Donations
- E. Expenditure and Revenue Report

- F. Student Activities Report
- G. Disposal
- H. Approval of MOU with Read Better Be Better
- I. Approval of Lease Agreement with Read Better Be Better for Office Space at Montecito Community School
- J. Sole Source Listing

Dr. Robert requested to pull items V- H and I from consent for further explanation.

Mr. Richard moved excepting items V-H and I. Mrs. Radtke seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mrs. Radtke aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye

Mrs. Toscano explained that the lease and MOU were changed to update fees. The changes reflect in kind cost of services in the amount of \$15,000 and offsets the cost of the lease of four rooms.

Mr. Richard moved for approval of items V-H and I. Ms. Corbin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mrs. Radtke aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye

Call to the Public

The following comments were read in their entirety by Ms. Nye.

Encanto teacher Alexis Aguirre expressed concerns about students returning in person citing the safety for staff and students as well as uninsured families who may not have the resources for medical care.

Parent Ben Scheel expressed his concerns about communication with parents related to reopening and his disappointment that dual language will not be offered as part of the online curriculum.

Encanto teacher Mark Deyette thanked members for supporting the delay of in-person learning asking members to base their future decisions related to reopening on scientific recommendations and a suppression of the virus transmission in the community.

Osborn Education Association commended district administration and Governing Board members in delaying in person learning and thanked those who shared their concerns and questions with the Board and district administration. Association members then presented a list of recommendations based on information shared with them. Recommendations included using scientific data to make decisions about school reopening, providing health insurance for all employees, additional sick days and an at home accommodation during the pandemic.

Clarendon teacher Ruth Ruiz requested that class sizes are kept below 15 students and shared concerns about maintaining a safe environment with larger class sizes.

Longview teacher Tara La O Garcia expressed concerns with schools reopening for in school learning and asked that decisions to reopen are made following CDC guidelines.

President Aguilar read a second message from Tara La O Garcia asking for a virtual option to attend meetings allowing for more public participation.

After public comments were read, Mr. Richard stated that he appreciated the report from the Association at the state level adding that the proposed solutions were positive.

Action/Approval

Adoption of the 2020/21 Budget and Approval to Spend Insurance Proceeds

Mrs. Toscano stated that this item is for approval of the budget information shared during the public hearing and June 16 regular meeting.

Mrs. Radtke moved to approve. Ms. Corbin seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mrs. Radtke aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye

Approval of Resolution Affirming the Designation of COO, Colleen Toscano, as Applicant Agent for FEMA/DEMA Funds

Dr. Robert shared that this item is follow up to the appointment of Mrs. Toscano as the applicant for this funding and affirms the designation in a resolution.

Mrs. Radtke moved for approval. Mr. Richard seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mrs. Radtke aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye

Approval of Osborn Community iSchool

Mrs. Potter-Davis commended Mrs. Crossley for her work crediting Mrs. Crossley in large part for the creation of the iSchool. Mrs. Potter-Davis explained that the iSchool is an option for families who prefer an online learning option and are willing to commit to the program for a full trimester. Discussion took place about needing to know the number of families interested in attending iSchool and in-person options in order to make hiring decisions and plan for compliance of CDC guidelines when students return to campus. Although all students will begin in a virtual setting the iSchool and distance learning options will differ. Students participating in distance learning will receive instruction from teachers they will have once students return to in person classes allowing students and teachers to build relationships.

President Aguilar expressed concern for parents being held to decisions made on information that may not be the same when school starts and communication to parents.

Discussion continued and confirmation received that distance learning will no longer be an option when students return to school and the efforts being made to provide as many options as possible in both virtual learning platforms for students.

Mr. Richard asked for patience from the community as the district works through the process and ensured that all decisions related to the pandemic have been and will continue to be based on science.

Mrs. Radtke moved for approval. Ms. Corbin seconded. Motion carries 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mrs. Radtke aye
Ms. Corbin aye
Mr. Richard aye

Mrs. Radtke noted that the pandemic situation is going to continue evolving and that means answers will also change. Dr. Robert stated that the letter posted on the website will continue to be updated as the situation changes.

Board Development

- A. ASBA Virtual Law Conference September 9-11, 2020
- B. NSBA School Safety Virtual Summit September 16-17 (early bird registration ends July 31)
- C. Board/Admin Retreat

Dr. Robert asked that members contact Ms. Nye if they would like to attend or would like assistance with registering for any of the upcoming conferences.

Reflections/Feedback on Meeting

Mr. Richard stated he was grateful for the increased number of participants in the meeting reminding that these are standing meetings.

Mrs. Corbin expressed appreciation for the comprehensibility of the website. Dr. Robert welcomed Michael Nilsson who has been working on the website.

Mrs. Radtke enjoyed having an in person meeting and learning specifics.

Echoing Mr. Richard's comments, Dr. Robert noted there were 30 participants on Google Meets and 35 participants on Facebook. Sharing his appreciation of teachers, he then stated that Osborn teachers never cease to amaze him adding that it will take everyone to make this happen and he anticipates seeing that same strength with students.

President Aguilar expressed her gratefulness for being on the board and a part of the community. She was also grateful to Senator Navarette for including Osborn in his proposal to bring COVID19 testing to the community.

Dr. Robert expressed his appreciation to the technology department for making a virtual meeting possible.

Ms. Corbin stated that the primary concern is for the families, children and community.

Future Agenda Items

Mrs. Radtke

- Wants to be kept updated and the basics explained so members are able to answer questions from the community

President Aguilar

- Consider using other platforms for virtual meetings that have Spanish and other language translations
- Ensure that the community has access to virtual meetings
- Additional behavioral health supports for families, students and staff

Adjournment

Meeting declared adjourned by President Aguilar at 6:01 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Nye, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Maxine Radtke, Board Clerk