

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE  
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF April 20, 2020

A regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on April 20, 2020, commencing at 6:30 p.m., conducted using videoconference pursuant to Title 25, Section 307.1 of the Oklahoma Statutes, as amended by Senate Bill 661. There was no physical site or location for this meeting. Each member of Board of Education appeared for the meeting remotely by using videoconference. Notice of the meeting was given by service of written notice of the meeting to the office of the County Clerk of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, as required by Title 25, O.S. (2001), § 311.(A)(5) and by posting the agenda and recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools in prominent public view at [tulaschools.org](https://www.tulsaschools.org) on April 17, 2020 at 5:54 p.m.

PRESENT: Ruth Ann Fate  
Brian Hosmer  
Shawna Keller  
Jennettie Marshall  
Suzanne Schreiber  
Jania Wester  
Stacey Woolley

ABSENT: None

## OPENING EXERCISES

Ms. Shawna Keller, president of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order, roll called, and declared that a quorum of the board was present; therefore, the meeting was qualified to consider the agenda items. The flag salute was led by Superintendent Deborah Gist.

## ADOPTION OF AGENDA

**Ms. Suzanne Schreiber made a motion to adopt the agenda. The motion was seconded by Ms. Jania Wester and passed by the following vote:** AYE: Jania Wester, Jennettie Marshall, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Stacey Woolley, Suzanne Schreiber, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None.

## SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS/RESOLUTIONS

There were no special presentations.

## APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**Ms. Suzanne Schreiber made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2020 regular meeting of the board. The motion was seconded by Dr. Brian Hosmer and passed by the following vote:** AYE: Stacey Woolley, Suzanne Schreiber, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Jennettie Marshall, Jania Wester, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None.

## CONSENT AGENDA

**A motion was made by Ms. Ruth Ann Fate to approve the consent agenda, and the motion was seconded Ms. Jania Wester.** Dr. Gist and staff responded to questions from the board. **President Keller called for the vote and the motion passed by the following vote:** AYE: Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Suzanne Schreiber, Stacey Woolley, Jania Wester, Jennettie Marshall, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None

## INFORMATION AGENDA

Superintendent Gist introduced the information agenda items and introduced district staff for the presentation of the 2020-2021 Indian Education Program proposal.

President Keller called upon the speakers for item G.1.

Mr. John Huffines spoke in support of items G.1 and G.2. Theresa Hinman also spoke in support of item G.1.

Dr. Gist and staff responded to questions from members of the board.

Dr. Gist introduced Jana Burk who spoke to item G.2. President Keller introduced Melissa Remington who spoke in opposition to item G.2.

## STAFF REPORT

Superintendent Gist and district team presented the COVID-19 Response report and addressed questions from the Board.

## BOARD MEMBER REPORTS

Board Member Schreiber asked for a recap of the district's efforts to ensure Internet access for students and families.

Dr. Brian Hosmer spoke to public education and commended the district for their responsiveness to the needs of the public and noted the funds and resources from taxpayers that are utilized for the benefit of the public. He stressed the need for the district to receive every dollar allocated from the government to reimburse from exponential expenditures. Dr. Gist affirmed his statement and added that the state of Oklahoma is receiving \$40million in emergency aid from the Federal Emergency Block Grant that is earmarked for education. It was noted and affirmed by both that the expectation of the public should be that the funds earmarked for education should be used for education. Dr. Hosmer also asked for clarification on the evaluation of student work and the process used for that evaluation.

Ms. Jania Wester asked for a recap of how we are supporting and advising our seniors to ensure they are on path to graduate. She also thanked the district for their support of the Class of 2020.

Ms. Woolley commented on the work of the district to prepare teachers to be ready to meet students where they are in the fall in light of this educational disturbance. She also spoke to supporting students that may be stressed more than usual due to this change in their educational setting. She also mentioned it is time to apply for an absentee ballot for the June 30 and November elections to be prepared with the unknown of this pandemic.

Ms. Schreiber echoed those sentiments and reminded the public that in Oklahoma you are not required to have a reason to request an absentee ballot.

Ms. Fate commended the district team for their tireless work during this unprecedented time.

## CITIZENS COMMENTS

There were no speakers signed up to speak under Citizens' Comments.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS/PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Gist praised the extraordinary work of thousands of Tulsa Public School employees, including those who are on the ground, custodial staff, bus drivers, child nutrition, printshop, information technology staff, communications, our teachers, and so forth.

She spoke about an improved process for building utilization and gave an update on bell time changes. In addition, Dr. Gist gave shouts out to the six teachers that were accepted into the Yale Initiative as fellows and to Rogers High School who swept the city championships in debate. They took 1<sup>st</sup> in Varsity Policy debate and Novice Policy debate due to their hard work and support from Tulsa Urban Debate League.

OTHER NONROUTINE ITEMS REQUIRING BOARD ACTION

There were no non-routine items.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Keller announced that the next regularly scheduled videoconference meeting of the Board of Education would be held on Monday, May 4, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned **at 9:26 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Jania Wester and seconded by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber. The motion passed by the following vote:** AYE: Jennettie Marshall, Brian Hosmer, Ruth Ann Fate, Suzanne Schreiber, Stacey Woolley, Jania Wester, and Shawna Keller; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None.

Let the record show the meeting was digitally recorded. The recording is on file as a matter of record.

These minutes are approved by the board but are unsigned due to quarantine related to COVID-19. We will update with signed minutes when reasonably possible. Thank you for your patience.

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Attorney for the School District

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President, Board of Education

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Superintendent of Schools

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Clerk, Board of Education