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## **MEETING MINUTES**

<b><u>BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:</u></b>	<b><u>EXECUTIVE STAFF PRESENT:</u></b>
Tom Oliver, Chair Mike Martin, Vice Chair Richard Borden Tammy Schilling Todd Gestrin	Bo Yates, Superintendent Jennifer Meckley, Assistant Superintendent William Lewis, Business Director Kim Grousbeck, Human Resources Director Tami Volz, Director of School Improvement Rachel Cannon, Director of Alternative Education Jan Sansom, Director of Special Education

The meeting minutes were recorded by Executive Secretary Ruth Hopkins.

**1. WELCOME AND CALL TO ORDER**

Board Chair Tom Oliver called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. AUDIENCE COMMENTS**

Chair Oliver read the public comment from Annie Latimer into the record.

**3. OPERATIONAL STATUS UPDATE**

Superintendent Yates provided the information for the operational status. He shared that we are continuing with distance learning and trying to get better with that. He discussed the state metrics and said that we have to have three weeks under 30 and we have only had one week of that. He then reviewed the metrics numbers that are included in the board packet and available online, as well as reviewing our current enrollment numbers.

Vice Chair Mike Martin asked about the attendance numbers at the high school and Seven Oak, as the enrollment numbers are down at both of those schools. Superintendent Yates acknowledged that they are not where we want them to be and assured the Board that the issue is not being ignored and that the administration team is working on that.

Vice Chair Martin then asked what the issue is regarding the 25% that were not participating. Superintendent Yates said that we have not been able to get ahold of those students and that there was a group that was dedicated to reaching out to them to try to connect.

**4. SMALL GROUP INSTRUCTION**

Tami Volz reviewed the information she provided to the Board and is available online. She shared that for small group instruction we are targeting students that have internet barriers. Each small group has a specific schedule and detailed protocols they will be following while they are in the building.

Chair Oliver asked about transportation and if that was being provided to those students, and Tami Volz indicated that we are transporting them.

Superintendent Yates added that the small group instruction has allowed up to bring in students who do not have internet connection or that we are not able to meet their needs. We are able to bring in groups of 10 for up to two hours a day. He mentioned that we have been transporting about 60 students a day and that the district will continue to move forward and refine the process for how we can slowly increase the amount of students we can bring in. He added that it also helps us to refine our protocols.

Tami Volz concluded that she will be providing the fall STAR screener data at the next board meeting. She mentioned that Evan Brammer is now working with the implementation of Seesaw as well as Canvas, and that they have created a call-in help desk that will be operated all day so that families can call in and get support right away with any platform issues.

## **5. ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION UPDATE**

Rachel Cannon provided the alternative education update and reviewed the information that was provided to the board and is available online. For the SEL students, there are seven who are working at distance learning in the morning and then coming in during the afternoon to work with classified staff.

There are 62 students who are a part of the Ralston Academy. There are currently 28 who are accessing in-person learning. There are five cohorts, one in the morning and then cohorts in the afternoons, Tuesday through Friday.

For the Teen Center, there are eight students attending the Teen Center program through distance learning.

She concluded that they are seeing more students engaging this fall over what was participating last spring.

## **6. SPECIAL EDUCATION UPDATE**

Jan Sansom, Special Education Director, shared the annual Restraint and Seclusion Report that is submitted to the ODE. She indicated that the numbers are down from the prior year, some of which has to do with not seeing students after March, but some of it is because of the additional training that has been provided to staff. She reviewed the report that was provided to the Board and is available online.

She added that the district is continuing to get new students enrolling and they are doing the best they can with just the paper IEP to work with.

Superintendent Yates added that Jan Sansom and the whole Special Education Department has been doing a great job under the current circumstances.

## **7. DIVISION 22 REPORT**

Assistant Superintendent Jennifer Meckley provided the Division 22 compliance report. She shared two things regarding what we have been previously out of compliance on, which are the drugs and alcohol prevention education and human sexuality education. She explained that the district will be doing a red ribbon campaign, starting this year, and that there will also be a Safe Schools training each year on drugs and alcohol.

For human sexuality, there is an Erin's Law Toolkit that the district will be doing to address the requirements of sex abuse prevention.

Vice Chair Martin asked about the yearly reports for compliance. Asst. Superintendent Meckley responded that it was a part of the all of the standards that we have to report on every year. This information is available to the public and there is a link on the district website for it.

## **8. DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

### **A. Operations**

Superintendent Yates shared that food services has served over 30,000 meals. The transportation department has been transporting about 60 kids a day. Maintenance is finishing up on the freezer at the district office for food services. As soon as the freezer project is completed, they will work on a play structure at Cascades School. He added that the district has received a \$2.5 million grant for a roof at the high school. Custodial staff is doing a great job working on protocols as we are going through small group instruction. The technology team is an incredible team that has been supporting students and staff with all of the online distance learning programs. Evan has also been doing a great job with Canvas.

### **B. Human Resources**

Kim Grousbeck shared that they have been working with both associations regarding the small group reopeners, and they feel they have come up with some solutions that all parties are happy with.

### **C. Finance**

William Lewis reviewed the financial report and provided some background regarding the financial situation. He added that the district will be going out for an RFQ for audit services.

## **9. COMMUNICATION**

### **A. Board**

Vice Chair Martin shared that he had went by a school and saw students out in the field and felt it was very encouraging to see some normal school going on. Chair Oliver added that he has a 7<sup>th</sup>

grader and had an opportunity to look over her shoulder and observe the online instruction. He said he was really impressed with the teaching that he observed going on. He feels that while we are not doing what we want to do, he feels that our staff is doing a great job.

Vice Chair Martin mentioned that he has asked several students how they feel online schooling is going and the students have been giving positive feedback on that.

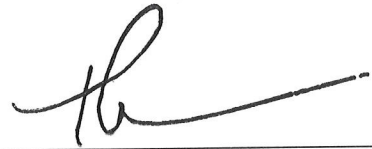
Member Todd Gestrin shared that he has observed the student learning of his granddaughters and he was really impressed with how it was going as well.

#### B. Superintendent

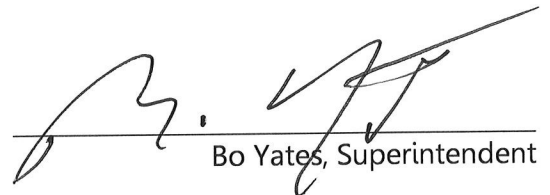
Superintendent Yates thanked the Board for their support and the kind words for our staff. He shared that it has been incredibly challenging for them because this is not what they went into education to do. He added that we just need to take the lessons we are learning right now and implement them down the road. He is proud of the work our staff has done and the growth they are making.

### 10. ADJOURNMENT

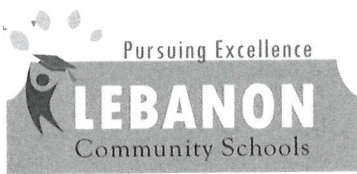
There being no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:02 PM.



Tom Oliver, Chair



Bo Yates, Superintendent



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DATE: October 8, 2020

TO: Board of Directors

FROM: Annie Latimer

RE: Public Comment to the Board

School Board Members:

My name is Annie Latimer and I am this year's ASB president at LHS. Thanks for letting me address you all this evening and thank you for all you are doing to keep us and the school community safe. I know it's been impossible work. My mom has been teaching in this school district for over twenty years and says this is the hardest thing she has had to do in her professional career. If you are like her, you have fretted a lot, lost sleep, and are anxious about what comes next. I know that she struggles with this and she is one of the most positive people I know. I'm speaking tonight on behalf of my classmates who, like me, want to encourage teachers and parents and students and school board members and cafeteria workers and everyone else to keep moving forward.

I am a senior this year, which is supposed to be the most memorable year of high school. This time is a chunk of our lives and we don't want to treat it like a pause or holding place until our lives go back to normal. Right now, this is the new normal, so we all need to make the most of it. Make this year unforgettable, but not because of Covid or politics or wildfires. As we move into one impossible task to the next like hybrid learning, please remember this: We should all be sending the message that this time is important and can actually be pretty awesome if we just change the narrative a little. Maybe, we can look back on this year and not just see it as a pause in our lives, but the time in our lives where we grew the most. Thanks for your time.

Annie Latimer