

**Tumwater School District  
Special School Board Meeting Minutes**

Zoom Meeting originating at  
District Office  
621 Linwood Avenue SW  
Tumwater, WA 98512  
March 19, 2020

Board Members Present: Melissa Beard, Darby Kaikkonen, Scott Killough, Casey Taylor, Sean Dotson (Secretary)

President Melissa Beard called the meeting to order at 5:30pm and acknowledged that the Tumwater School District sits on the ancestral land of the Nisqually, Squaxin Island and Chehalis people.

**Public Comment Reminder:**

- President Melissa Beard outlined how the Public Comment portion of the meeting will work.

**Superintendent's Report**

- Superintendent Sean Dotson began with a quick BY THE NUMBERS: 167 is the number of hours since our last board meeting, even though so much has happened!

He gave a current COVID-19 update. Buildings are closed with staff working from home. The District Office locked its doors today but several staff are still here working and available to let those in that need to conduct business. He gave a review of the timeline of events that have occurred around the State, County and the District to include childcare options and lunch/breakfast distribution sites as well as educational resources and learning opportunities for families and students to access. More information will be coming out soon, as District and State leaders continue to meet and work through challenges.

Sean discussed the question of why is Tumwater not converting entirely to on-line learning? He reviewed the guidance from OSPI that dictates how a district can offer online distance learning, which makes it almost impossible for all districts in the state, even the largest in the state who have many more resources available to them. He shared the following list of OSPI requirements for providing on-line learning:

- Ensuring *all* students in the school or district will have equal access to the learning and required materials, including technology.
- Ensuring the online learning system can effectively support the district's different learning and technology needs, including the ability to provide differentiated instruction as well as one-on-one support for students who need it.
- Regardless of where the learning is happening, supports identified on a student's IEP must be provided if the district is operating.
- Ensuring the requirements of full-day Kindergarten are met.
- Providing training to staff, students, and parents and guidance on how the system works and what expectations the district has.
- The ability to track the attendance of both students and staff.
- Ensuring the systems in use are secure and will not allow for the release of protected student or staff information.
- The ability to provide school meals.

Another question is whether or not there will be testing and he confirmed that all state assessments have been cancelled.

How will closures impact graduation is another big question and we are awaiting guidance from the State Board of Education. The Governor emphasized the need for support of our seniors to ensure they can meet graduation requirements.

The current plan for the last day of school is June 19, 2020. That date was given by OSPI prior to the occurrences of recent days so it may change. If a change does need to occur there are several things to consider, including staff working outside of contracts.

BY THE NUMBERS: 94-chromebooks reserved by TMS families for pick-up today. 1099-number of meals served on Wednesday at our four pick-up sites.

### **Public Comment**

- Agenda and Non-Agenda Items: Tami Collins stated that she received 1 email on the following topic: The need for distance learning. Tami read the emailed public comment.

### **Action Items**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Reading, Resolution 09-19-20, Emergency-Suspension of Policy: Superintendent Sean Dotson presented this item. **Casey Taylor/Darby Kaikkonen, M.S., to approve Resolution 09-19-20, Emergency-Suspension of Policy as presented. The motion passed unanimously.**

With no further business coming before the Board, the regular meeting adjourned at 6:14pm

Recorded by:  
Tami L. Collins

Signed this 26<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2020.

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Board Member

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Board Secretary