

OSBORN SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8
Governing Board Regular Meeting
September 21, 2021

The Regular Meeting of the Osborn School District Governing Board was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by Board President Aguilar.

Present:

Ylenia Aguilar, Board President
Sue Corbin, Board Clerk- absent
Juan Carlos Flamand, Board Member
Edward Hermes, Board Member
Luis Peralta, Board Member
Dr. Michael Robert, Superintendent

Pledge of Allegiance and School Presentation

President Aguilar led the Pledge. Principal Grose shared a short video showing activities and students participating in the THRIVE program offered through the 21st Century Program at Longview. She explained the program currently has 96 students and a waiting list.

District Celebrations and Announcements

Point of Pride Recipients from Longview

Principal Grose introduced Points of Pride recipients Shannon DiCindis, Dorinda Montoya, Rayanne Montoya and presented each with a certificate and pin.

Consent Agenda – Approval of Items Since August Meeting

- A. Ratification of Accounts Payable Vouchers
- B. Ratification of Payroll Vouchers
- C. Board Minutes
 - 1. August 17, 2021 Regular Meeting
- D. Approval of Personnel Items
 - 1. Employment Changes/Additions
 - 2. Addendum Contracts
 - 3. Resignations
 - 4. Terminations
 - 5. Retirements
 - 6. Leaves of Absence
 - 7. Discussion/Approval of Personnel Item
- E. Donations
- F. Expenditure and Revenue Report
- G. Student Activities Statement of Revenue and Expenditures
- H. Disposal
- I. MOUs/Agreements with Partner Organizations
 - 1. Renewal of IGA including Addendum A with the Arizona School for the Deaf and Blind
 - 2. Renewal of MOU with Hands On Greater Phoenix for the Your Experience Counts Program
 - 3. Renewal of IGNITE Fellowship Tutoring Program Agreement between Teach for America and OMS
- J. Approval of District Qualified Evaluators
- K. Approval of Potential Job Description from ESSER Funds
- L. Sole Source Listing
- M. Approval of Authorized Hearing Officers

Mr. Flamand moved for approval of the consent agenda. Mr. Peralta seconded. Motion carried 3-0

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Call to the Public

Parent Melissa Walton expressed concern that an opt out option for face masks is not available and although she wants to respect the rules, feels kids need fresh air adding that she wants her children's voice heard through hers

Mr. Hermes arrived at 5:12 pm.

Parent Isaac Cruz read a prepared statement expressing his frustration with the current mask mandate. He stated that although he is not against masks, that the mandate infringes on parental rights to say what is best for their children. Expressing his views on a COVID related Court ruling and vaccination mandate he questioned whether these were examples members wanted to model. Sharing personal experiences with COVID and information obtained from the state health services website he stated his belief that the Board would no longer have a mandate when the law goes into effect September 29th.

Members thanked both parents for their comments and President Aguilar called for a 3 minute break at 5:35 pm.

The meeting resumed at 5:39 pm.

Approval of MOU between Osborn School District and Community Family Services, LLC

Principal Norwood introduced Brittany James of Community Family Services and explained that after being contacted by Ms. James felt they would be a good fit for the district.

Ms. James introduced her business partner Shanna Demus and together they presented an overview of the in home and at school psycho social services they provide that includes peer support counseling and family support.

Mr. Hermes moved to approve. Mr. Peralta seconded. Motion carried 4-0

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Peralta aye
Mr. Hermes aye

Board Presentation

COVID-19 Mitigation Strategies School Re-Opening Update

Dr. Robert shared that staff has gotten very good at contact tracing. He said that many of the calls received from parents are a result of the pooled testing noting there are a number of students that have been asymptomatic who have been discovered because of the pooled testing.

He said a final decision is expected on the mask mandate by September 29 noting that the CDC continues to encourage wearing masks.

The vaccination rate of staff is above 90 percent and with Pfizer seeking emergency approval of their vaccine for children aged 5-11. He anticipates more activity in terms of launching those campaigns in the near future.

Members stated their support of the pooled testing and work around keeping students safe.

Mr. Flamand received confirmation from Dr. Robert that students may take mask breaks and that only those with a note from a physician stating a medical exemption are excepted from the mask mandate.

Administrative Reports

Mr. Flamand said he is looking forward to hearing from OEA and focusing on what the district can do rather than operating in crisis. In response to Mr. Flamand's interest in seeing trends related to discipline, Dr. Robert offered to share data that shows trends before and after the work with conscious discipline so members can see the effect of the work. Referring to the data on the discipline report Dr. Robert noted they will be looking at the Serious Acts of Misconduct Policy during their upcoming workshop.

Approval and Second Reading of ASBA Policy Revisions:

BDF	Advisory Committees
BEDD	Rules of Order
BEDH	Public Participation at Board Meetings
BIB	Board Member Development
BIB-R	Board member Development
DIE	Audits/Financial Monitoring
DJ	Purchasing (Purchasing Ethics Policy)
EEAEA	Bus Driver Requirements, Training and Responsibilities
GBGB-R	Staff Personal Security and Safety
GCB	Professional Staff Contracts and Compensation
GCF	Professional Staff Hiring
GCH	Professional/Support staff Orientation and Training
GDB	Support Staff Contracts and Compensation
GDF	Support Staff Hiring
IC	School Year
IHA	Basic Instructional Program
IHA-E	Basic Instructional Program
IHAMB	Family Life Education
IHAMB-R	Family Life Education
IHAMD	Instruction Resources and Materials
IJ	Instructional Resources and Materials
IJJ	Textbook/ Supplementary Materials Selection Adoption
IKE-RB	Promotion and Retention of Students
IMB	Teaching about Controversial/Sensitive Issues
JFAA	Admission of Resident Students
JFAA-EA	Admission of Resident Students.
JFAA-EB	Admission of Resident Students
JFAB	Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students
JFAB-EA	Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students
JFAB-EB	Tuition/Admission of Nonresident Students
JFB	Open Enrollment

JICA-RB	Student Dress (Cloth Face Coverings)
JK	Student Discipline
JKD	Students Suspension
JKE	Student Expulsion
JLCB	Immunization of Students
JLCB-R	Immunization of Students
JLCB-E	Immunization of Students
JLF	Reporting Child Abuse/Child Protection
KB	Parental Involvement in Education
KI-RB	Visitors to Schools (cloth face Coverings)

Dr. Robert stated that the policies approved in August are being presented for a second reading and approval.

Mr. Hermes move to approve. Mr. Peralta seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Approval of First Reading of ASBA Policy Revisions:

BIB	Board Member Development
BIB-R	Board member Development
GBGB-R	Staff Personal Security and Safety
GCH	Professional/Support staff Orientation and Training
IMB	Teaching about Controversial/Sensitive Issues
JICA-RB	Student Dress (Cloth Face Coverings)
JLCB	Immunization of Students
JLCB-R	Immunization of Students
JLCB-E	Immunization of Students
KI-RB	Visitors to Schools (cloth face Coverings)

Dr. Robert shared that given the policies relate to masks, immunizations, training and Critical Race Theory, he suggested members table the item.

Mr. Hermes motioned to table the item. Mr. Flamand seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Approval of appointment of the Board delegate to represent Osborn School District at the Arizona School Boards Association County Meeting on October 18, 2021 as discussed.

Mr. Flamand offered to serve as delegate.

Mr. Hermes moved to approve Mr. Flamand as delegate. Mr. Peralta seconded. Motion carried 4-0.

Ms. Aguilar aye
Mr. Flamand aye
Mr. Hermes aye
Mr. Peralta aye

Board Development

ASBA Virtual County Meeting October 18, 2021 5pm -7pm (Registration Required)

Members Hermes, Peralta and Flamand will be attending.

Reflection on ASBA Law Conference

Mr. Peralta attended as delegate and noted that there was very interesting conversation. He said he felt that most of the attendees had not taught in a classroom and was glad for the opportunity to take a stance for public education particularly when conversation turned to arts in education. He also appreciated hearing more about changes in the disciplinary process and the school to prison pipeline.

Mr. Hermes felt it was overall a nice conference. He was glad to hear about how other districts are looking at affordable housing for teachers noting that housing in this district is normally not affordable on a teacher's wages. He would also like to see more diversity at ASBA.

Mr. Flamand was disappointed in the presentation by John Ratzenberger and did not feel his values are in line with ASBA, otherwise he felt it was a good conference. He enjoyed being with and hearing perspectives of Board members serving in other districts.

President Aguilar shared that her son had a presentation at the NSBA conference at the time of the Law Conference and was happy to see to see him flourish and talk about his academic experiences.

Dr. Robert said the sessions he attended were aligned with the administrative side and was particularly interested in the public communications piece. He also attended sessions on service animals in schools and policies on due process in HR situations. He said he felt it was good to look at administratively how the district is doing and expressed his pride in the team he works with.

Reflections

Mr. Peralta felt members worked strong as a board.

Mr. Hermes agreed expressing appreciation for the staff who are keeping kids safe and to be a part of Osborn. He then offered a reminder to remember those the district has lost to COVID.

Mr. Flamand said he felt it was a good meeting, solid, and looks forward to having students and others in attendance again.

President Aguilar thanked administration for all their work adding that in addition to children and families everyone in the district is suffering. She reminded of the fears and anxiety of teachers as well as students in handling this situation and said she is grateful to serve on this board and working with and having the support of the superintendent and members of the Board.

Dr. Robert said he is glad to bring a new partner to the district to assist students and families in need. Sharing that the meetings will soon be available on YouTube, he hopes to have everything in place by the next meeting.

Future

Mr. Peralta

- Update from the Equity Committee possibly included as part of the monthly Admin Reports
- Date the Board will meet to vote for an additional seat for the HNAIC

Mr. Hermes

- Deeper dive with analysis re: enrollment
 - possibly examining where students who did not return to the next grade level are hearing individual stories
 - where we are and how to get where we want to be
- Update on Safe Walks to school

Mr. Flamand

- Report out/update on honoring community experiences with COVID
- MOU's
 - Procurement and what metrics or assessments are done to measure benefits indicating that the agreement should be renewed
 - What due diligence is done before recommending renewal or entering into a new MOU

President Aguilar

- Explore working with Care Solace
 - A resource that assists with finding a mental health provider

Adjournment

President Aguilar declared the meeting adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Nye, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Sue Corbin, Board Clerk