

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER ONE
OF TULSA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF NOVEMBER 19, 2020

A special meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District Number One of Tulsa County, Oklahoma, was held on November 19, 2020, commencing at 7:01 p.m., in the Cheryl Selman Room, ground floor, at the Charles C. Mason Education, 3027 S. New Haven Avenue, Tulsa, Oklahoma. 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., § 311(A)(5) and (A)(8), and by posting the agenda and recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools in prominent public view in the enclosed glass display case at the main door of the Charles C. Mason Education Service Center and at tulaschools.org on November 18, 2020 at 6:04 p.m., pursuant to the provisions of Title 25, O.S., § 311(A)(12).

PRESENT: John Croisant
Jerry Griffin
Shawna Keller
Suzanne Schreiber
Jania Wester
Stacey Woolley

ABSENT: Jennettie Marshall

A. OPENING EXERCISES

Ms. Stacey Woolley, 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. Superintendent Gist led the flag salute.

B. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board President Woolley began the meeting by honoring the Native American nations and acknowledging the history, commitment to our community, and the land on which they settled. She also welcomed and thanked the Board, Dr. Gist, and members of her team for this board meeting.

C. ACTION AGENDA

C-1. Motion, second, discussion, and possible action regarding the method, pace, and related conditions under which students may attend school in person, including discussion of relevant COVID data.

Superintendent Gist gave opening remarks acknowledging the importance of the discussion at hand and the extraordinarily critical responsibility the board and the district team have as leaders of this district. She mentioned that a primary goal of all is keeping families, teachers, and staff safe from COVID while at the same time supporting the mental health of staff and families as well as maximizing student learning during this pandemic. She also reflected on the devastating loss some on Team Tulsa have already suffered due to COVID-19.

Dr. Gist made the recommendation for the board to stay the course on their decision for the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students in elementary schools to return to in-person learning on November 30, 2020. Superintendent and district staff reported on COVID-19 Health Data Updates. Dr. Bruce Dart, Ms. Ashley Thompson, and Ms. Monica Rogers of the Tulsa Health Department joined Dr. Gist and district staff in responding to questions from the board.

President Woolley took a recess to resolve technical issues from 8:28-8:33pm.

Dr. Griffin made a motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and to extend the authority of the superintendent to stop in-person learning at a moment's notice should conditions change. Ms. Suzanne Schreiber seconded the motion and the motion failed with the following vote:

President Woolley read the following statement on behalf of Board Member Marshall:

"Unfortunately, health reasons prevent my attendance at tonight's meeting but I wanted to take this opportunity to express my thoughts concerning this agenda item.

I have from the onset expressed my reservations concerning the district's ability to effectively and safely return, students, educators and support staff to school during this COVID crisis. We reside in a State where there's been a refusal by our Governor to issue Statewide mandates concerning masks and social distancing but instead call upon individuals to act out of personal

responsibility and accountability. As a Board we must realize the fact numbers continue to climb, people continue to denounce a belief in the COVID Virus and individuals and groups continue to meet in large groups, without mask and other CDC recognized precautions.

We must come to the mutual conclusion that our children may not receive all that this Board and our team of educators would want them to receive during this academic year but in keeping them safe and our staff safe and encouraged we will have a strong team to assist our children academically as this district recovers from living and educating through times of crisis.

Let's give our community, educators and students some consistency in a very inconsistent time by making specific plans concerning all students in all grades within this district. To continue our present trajectory is emotionally disrupted and draining and for some with compromised immune systems, that's enough stress to extend an open invitation to COVID.

If I were there with you tonight and asked to vote, my response would be: NO to opening schools for any students or YES to closing all schools for the rest of the school calendar year."

AYE: Suzanne Schreiber, Jerry Griffin; NAY: Shawna Keller, John Croisant, Jania Wester, Stacey Woolley; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jennettie Marshall.

Board Member Keller made a motion that students in grades 4th – 6th grade in elementary schools return to in-person learning on January 4, 2021 and **Board President Woolley seconded the motion.**

Board Member Schreiber moved to table Board Member Keller's motion to consider discussion that students in grades 4th – 6th in elementary schools return to in-person learning on December 3, 2020. **Board Member Croisant seconded the motion to table** Ms. Keller's motion. **The motion to table passed by the following vote:**

AYE: John Croisant, Shawna Keller, Suzanne Schreiber, Stacey Woolley; NAY: Jania Wester and Jerry Griffin; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jennettie Marshall.

Board Member Croisant made a motion to return 4th - 6th graders in elementary schools to in-person learning on December 3, 2020 and it was **seconded by Ms. Schreiber. The motion did not pass by the following vote:**

AYE: Suzanne Schreiber; NAY: Jerry Griffin, Shawna Keller, John Croisant, Jania Wester, and Stacey Woolley; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jennettie Marshall.

President Woolley brought Board Member Keller's motion back for discussion. The motion was for grades 4 – 6th in elementary schools to return to in-person learning on January 4, 2021.

The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Suzanne Schreiber, Shawna Keller, John Croisant, Stacey Woolley; NAY: Jania Wester and Jerry Griffin; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jennettie Marshall.

GENERAL COUNSEL

C-2. Approve the engagement letter and scope of work with the law firm Baker Hostetler and cybersecurity firm SecureWork to represent and assist the district in connection with any technology/information security incidents arising in fiscal year 2020-2021.

A motion was made by Dr. Jerry Griffin to approve item C-2 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Shawna Keller. The motion passed by the following vote:

AYE: Jania Wester, John Croisant, Shawna Keller, Jerry Griffin, Suzanne Schreiber, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jennettie Marshall.

D. ANNOUNCEMENTS

President Woolley announced that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Monday, December 7, 2020, at 6:30 p.m. in the Cheryl Selman Room, at the Education Service Center, 3027 South New Haven Ave, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

E. MOTION AND VOTE TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the board, **the meeting was adjourned at 10:02 p.m. on a motion made by Board Member Keller and seconded by Ms. Suzanne Schreiber. The motion passed with the following vote:**

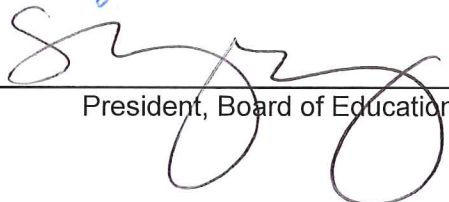
AYE: Suzanne Schreiber, Jerry Griffin, Shawna Keller, John Croisant, Jania Wester and Stacey Woolley; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jennettie Marshall.

There being no further business to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned **at 10:40 p.m. on a motion made by Ms. Shawna Keller and seconded by Ms. Jania Wester. The motion passed by the following vote:** AYE: Jania Wester, John Croisant, Shawna Keller, Jerry Griffin, Suzanne Schreiber, and Stacey Woolley; NAY: None; ABSTAIN: None; ABSENT: Jennettie Marshall.

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



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Clerk, Board of Education


Superintendent of Schools

