

BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
March 9, 2021 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The School Board President, Suzette Cooley-Sanborn, via Zoom and conference calling, called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. Board members on Zoom were Linda Gekle, Jim Gilligan, Christine Hasbrouck, Cindy Riker and Suzette Cooley-Sanborn. Also on Zoom was our teacher, Sherry Corbett, our Administrator, Dean Paul (joined at approx. 4:15) and the EUPISD Superintendent, Angie McArthur. Bill Pistulka from NEOLA joined us. Public on the call was Beth Beson, Earne Smith and Mandy Beugly.

Approval of Agenda: Gilligan made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Hasbrouck. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Recognition/Presentation: Bill Pistulka from NEOLA introduced himself and gave us some of his background. He then gave us an overview of the process we've been going through with the Bylaws/Policy Drafts. Cindy then reviewed the "next steps", which are: closure on open items, review by school board members, special meetings for first readings by sections and final reading and resolution to approve. After that is done the draft will become Active policy, which is done by NEOLA. Then it's ready for public viewing.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of regular meeting 2/9/2021, approval of bills as presented and approval to transfer \$15,000 from saving to checking. Riker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

Reports by:
Superintendent:

- Homelessness plan has been finalized and will be posted on the island.
- She has had on-going conversations with the architect. We do not need any permits to replace the heaters. She is asking them their recommendation. Then we can purchase and have a licensed contractor or electrician install them. We would really like to get our "request for proposal" out as soon as possible.
- She has been involved in reviewing the Spring NEOLA policy updates and will make sure they are incorporated into our policies.
- The MDE has been working with the US Dept. of Ed to get the M-Step requirements for this year waived. We still do NWEA in the fall and spring. Will let us know.
- We talked about the Exposure Plan and someone needs to review a 93 page document to update the open items.

Administrator:

- Working with Sherry on her evaluation and using the "SWIVL".
- Dean & Suzette have been working on the MICIP. Great strides with Lindsay Brindley guiding us.

Teacher:

- Would like to get a door by the bathrooms. It would help for a drill area and privacy using the facilities. Cindy said she thought at some time we were asked to do that before. She will check to see if we can.
- Would like to get a burn barrel for the school. Cindy will check with the fire chief on if it's ok and where we should place it. Angie mentioned using a shredder and recycling.

- She has questions on who and how to administer M-Step. She and the students have started working the on-line tutorial to use it.
- Sherry would like to post the reports the students prepared on Black History Month on our Schoolwires website. She will send them to me and I will see if they can be posted.

Committee: None

Old Business:

Architect Services: See update in Superintendent Report.

Covid-19 Learning Plan/Monthly Reconfirmation: Each month we will be required to reconfirm our Learning Plan, as well as give attendance results for the 4 week period. The public and Board was asked if they had any questions or concerns. No reply. Riker made a motion to approve the reconfirmation as presented. Supported by Hasbrouck. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Communication Plan: The communication plan and the selection tool have been finalized. It was sent to the board for review and approval. Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the Communication Plan and Selection Tool, as presented. Gilligan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Motion carried. We will have some education on this in one of the future meetings. It will be posted to Schoolwires.

Old Laptops: Suzette has her used laptop and has worked with the ISD Tech people to get it set up. Once they are picked up, Cindy needs to know the serial numbers.

NEOLA Update: See update under Presentations.

Ice Skating Rink: The rink is melting. We have all the equipment. Some of the items may not fit the students next year. We need to get the skates sharpened. The sign with the rules is up. Rink needs to be taken down and stored until next year.

MICIP: Per Suzette, continuing process as mentioned by Dean. Will keep us updated.

New Business:

Summer School: Sherry had asked Angie about providing Summer School to keep the students learning and avoid the "summer slip". It would provide two days a week from 9-2. It would be limited to the current students. Focus will be reading and math. Hasbrouck made the motion to approve the cost for summer school. Seconded by Riker. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Custodial Contract: There are some items that need to be deleted from the list of responsibilities that was required by the prior teacher. Cindy has not had an opportunity to review with Michelle Satchell. Sherry and Michelle have been working together to make sure all areas are covered. Cindy would like to wait until next month to approve. This would give time to review the files that aren't available at this time to recalculate the Annual cost. We should consider hours for summer school too.

Maintenance Contract: Cindy needs to have someone looks at the contract she has created. She asked the Board to review the contract as is and a final will be presented for approval next month.

Teachers Contract: The teacher's contract will be review next month and finalized in May.

Board Comments:

- Cindy thanked Chris and Sherry for their help during her absence from the island.
- Chris wanted to know how to handle situations with parents taking students off island during spring break or any other time. Some families quarantine and some don't. Sherry cannot let the families know when students are or aren't in school. Per Angie there is currently no requirements for domestic travel quarantine. There are recommendations. As a District we offered remote learning after Christmas break. Parents have the prerogative to keep their children home because of other people traveling. We have a good process for teaching them remotely, if necessary. It is not our business to manage what families are doing. We should not say this person is going here and this one is going there. And it's not Sherry's job to manage. We can only ask for the individuals to do the hand washing, sanitizing and wearing of masks. Rulings now are that is an individual has had their full dose of vaccines, they do not need to mask in gatherings. We cannot govern what families do. We could consider doing the "swabbing" that is available. There are questions about privacy being invaded.

Public Comment: None.

Other Business: The Open Meeting Act will require face to face meetings effective April 1st. More to come.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riker, President/Secretary
Bois Blanc Pines School Board