

BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
April 13, 2021 4:00 p.m.

PER THE OPEN MEETING ACT, EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 2021, ALL FUTURE MEETINGS MUST BE HELD FACE TO FACE. Board Members calling in can only be counted present under specific circumstances. Otherwise, they are treated as public.

Call to Order: The School Board Vice President, Chris Hasbrouck called the meeting to order at 4p.m. Other board members present were Linda Gekle, Jim Gilligan and Cindy Riker. Suzette Cooley-Sanborn attended via conference call and will be treated as public. Our teacher, Sherry Corbett, was present. Our EUPISD Superintendent, Angie McArthur, and our administrator, Dean Paul were on via teleconference. Public on the call was Beth Beson, Earne Smith and Michelle Satchell.

Approval of Agenda: Gilligan made a motion to approve the agenda, as presented. The motion was seconded by Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Not treated as in attendance: Cooley-Sanborn. Motion carried.

Recognition/Presentation: Blake Schlund, 6th grade student, made a presentation to the board requesting a replacement/renovation of the existing locker area. He provided justification, multiple configuration examples with prices and a cost for our maintenance person to custom build them. The Board will put this on next month's agenda to consider for future school year budget. Great job, Blake.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Hasbrouck made a motion to approve the consent agenda which included minutes of last month's regular meeting, approval of bills as presented and approval to transfer \$15,000 from saving to checking. Gilligan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Not treated as in attendance: Cooley-Sanborn. Motion carried.

Correspondence: None.

**Reports by:
Superintendent:**

- US Dept. of Education did not approve the state's request to waive M-Step. So it must take place.
- There is some funding available for summer school. She has applied for that grant. Not certain we will get or not.
- An additional grant, called SAN, was requested. She thought it could go toward the heaters. It's for \$559.
- Although the Governor has recommended schools go back to remote teaching, there are very few in our region that are doing so. Status quo for us.

Administrator:

- Continuing to work on Sherry's evaluation. Will attempt to get over in next couple of weeks.
- Continued work on MICIP. Upcoming meeting with Lindsay, Suzette and Sherry next Tuesday. If anyone wants to join, contact him for zoom link.

Teacher:

- Starting a recycle project in conjunction with Earth Day and have some small containers the students will use. Additionally each student will be doing a presentation related to some part of recycling.
- Looking at the paper factory and/or recycle center for potential field trips. Waiting for return calls. If not available may take them to the BBI transfer station.
- Would like the board to consider putting in an outdoor spigot and an outside electrical plug.

Have started a garden and it would be much easier to water them. The electrical plug could be put on the opposite side from the plug in the entry way.

- Have gotten some positive reinforcement items for a basket, which will be given out as appropriate to students.
- Have gotten several calls from public on whether t-shirts or hats will be available for purchase. Will work with the students to put something together. If done as a fundraiser, the items would need to be purchased in advance, if the board would want to consider that option. Could also just get orders. Students also have discussed a fund raiser for the pavilion, even though it appears there is enough money to cover the cost for renovation. , They have talked about a car wash, but not sure where to hold it since we don't have an outdoor spigot. Students want to do something they can get involved in. Just thinking about having some fun as a group.
- Still talking about bowling field trip. Would only be the students and the teacher.
- Would like to do something special for the last day of school. It's also someone's birthday. Might walk to the Island Diner for ice cream.
- Cindy had information on two items brought forward last month. The request for a door is not possible, as it would not meet code. The opening is not big enough. Sherry said they would probably put up a curtain. The other option would be a French door. A question was raised on whether an accordion door might be an option. It might be. Cindy will check. The next item was the burn barrel. We just need to make certain it would be in an appropriate place not to be a hazard to the children. And we need to check with SETSEG on the insurance implications. Cindy will follow with them.

Committee: None

Old Business:

Architect Services: An email has been received from Sean LaRock at IDI. He has several questions that need to be answered. Cindy will work with Suzette and Jay to send a response. Hasbrouck approved for Cindy to send out request for proposal letters to the island contractors once all paperwork was available with state requirements. Gilligan supported. No roll call was necessary. All in favor. No nays. Motion carried.

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 Gilligan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Not treated as in attendance: Cooley-Sanborn. Motion carried.

NEOLA Update: We will need to start our first readings. Everyone has been cleared for NEOLA docs. If they need help, let her know. We will have three meetings and they would be face to face. Targeted the 21st, 26th and 28th. Will work with board to make certain everyone is available.

MICIP: See Dean Paul's comments.

Summer School: Currently there is only one family interested in summer school. The cost does not justify. Therefore, we will not hold summer school this year. The teacher will work with that family to suggest some learning tools for the summer.

New Business:

Custodial Contract: The contract was reworded in several areas, as some items were not needed any longer. In reviewing the cleaning requirements, winter cleaning was added. Sherry talked about snow removal. She would like the Board to consider purchasing a snow blower. Cindy reviewed the analysis she did on custodial wages. Sherry mentioned that she feels the custodian needs to clean the school five days a week, after the covid requirements are removed. Discussion on the water and the stains it leaves. Find out if a water softener might help. Jim Gilligan made a motion to approve the contract as presented at an annual cost of \$3,900, excluding the covid payment. Supported by Gekle. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Not treated as in attendance: Cooley-Sanborn. Motion carried.

Maintenance Contract: The maintenance person is actually employed by EduStaff. There is no need for a contract between him and the school.

Teachers Contract: Cindy reviewed the contract changes she has made. It is recommended the teacher continue with COBRA, which covers her for 18 months. Expiration would be in February. We will look for insurance equal to or greater than what is currently provided. Cindy will continue updating the contract with the insurance and salary recommendations next month.

Board Comments: None

Public Comment: Beth Beson asked about the requirements for a quorum.

Other Business: Cindy informed the board that in their folders she gave them some additional information, since this was the first time we have met face to face. She wanted to know if we needed to order an additional books for board members from MASB. She will send in an order.

Discussion on supplies needed for the school garden. Cindy Riker made a motion to purchase the fencing and posts not to exceed \$150. Supported by Gilligan. Roll call vote: Ayes: Gekle, Gilligan, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Not treated as in attendance: Cooley-Sanborn. Motion carried.

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riker, President/Secretary
Bois Blanc Pines School Board