

**Regular Meeting
Pines School
January 14, 2020**

The School Board President, Suzette Cooley-Sanborn, via conference call, called the meeting to order a 4:02p.m. Other board members present were Kathy Brown, Jessi LaPorte, Dan Reynolds and Cindy Riker. The teacher, Wendy Spray, was present. Our Administrator, Dean Paul and Connie Cullip, EUPISD Special Education Supervisor attended via conference call. A list of the public present is attached to the minutes.

Dan Reynolds made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion was seconded by Kathy Brown. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, LaPorte, Reynolds, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Dan Reynolds made a motion to approve the minutes from the regular meeting on December 10, 2019. The motion was seconded by Jessi LaPorte. Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, LaPorte, Reynolds, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Connie Cullip/IPER

- IPER is Indications of Programs Effectiveness Rubric. This is a EUPISD acronym in response to a requirement from the MDE, Office of Special Education. They have established a new monitor system to be used by each ISD to determine if each District is providing free and appropriate public education and following Federal government rules & regulations for disabled students. There are 14 Indicators. They are State Performance Indicators with targets. Each District look at the indicators and determine which they want to choose to work on. Connie did this for us last year. She and Dean have looked at it for this year. This was reviewed with the Director of Special Education and then she decided which Indicators BBI should work on and what we need to do to get compliant. Jill then went through four (4) indicators which we need to work on and have completed by June 30, 2020. The indicators are: Access, Suspension Protocol, Alternatives to Suspension and Child Find. We will work on these at a future meeting.

Officer Nominations:

- Cindy reviewed with the board members the policy on the organizational meeting.
- Cindy made a motion for Suzette Cooley-Sanborn to act as temporary chairperson. The motion was seconded by Dan Reynolds. . Roll call vote: Ayes: Brown, LaPorte, Reynolds, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Motion carried.
- Cindy informed the board that there were some individuals that would not be interested in being nominated again for their current position. If anyone had an undying interest, please come forward. Kathy Brown would like to be considered for President, as she has 30 classroom experience, familiar with requirements of education and keeps up-to-date with any changes. Cindy Riker mentioned she would like to be considered. But mentioned, as her term expires at the end of this year, she would probably not rerun. If she were to be considered, someone would need to take the Secretary/Treasurer roll. Dean mentioned the ISD has indicated they would take over the Financial Roll. We could also put the financial part out as a subcontracted position.
- Dan Reynolds made a motion to nominate Cindy Riker as President. Suzette Cooley-Sanborn seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaPorte, Reynolds, Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: Brown. Abstain: Riker. Motion carried. Jessi LaPorte made a motion to nominate Kathy Brown as President. Motion seconded by Kathy Brown. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaPorte. Nays: Reynolds, Riker, Cooley-Sanborn. Abstain: Kathy Brown. Motion defeated.

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- Jessi LaPorte made a motion to nominate Kathy Brown for Vice-President. The motion was seconded by Kathy Brown. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaPorte. Nays: Reynolds, Riker, Cooley-Sanborn. Abstain: Brown. Motion defeated. Dan Reynold made a motion to nominate Suzette Cooley-Sanborn as Vice-President. Cindy Riker seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaPorte, Reynolds, Cooley-Sanborn, Riker. Nays: Brown. Abstain: Cooley-Sanborn. Motion carried.
- Suzette Cooley-Sanborn nominate Kathy Brown as secretary. Dan seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaPorte, Reynold, Cooley-Sanborn, Riker. Abstain: Brown. Motion carried. Kathy Brown declined that position. Cindy Riker made a motion to nominate Dan Reynolds as secretary. Jessi LaPorte seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaPorte, Brown, Riker and Cooley-Sanborn. Nays: None. Abstain. Reynolds. Motion carried.

Closed Session:

- Cindy Riker made a motion to go into closed session at 4:36 p.m. for purposes of Attorney/Client confidentiality. Dan Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaPorte, Brown, Reynolds, Cooley-Sanborn, Riker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Open meeting resumed at 6:37 p.m.

Public Comment:

- Chris Hasbrouck asked why Joyce Harmon quit the Teacher's Aide position. Dean said that Joyce told him it was not the right fit. Cindy Riker read her resignation letter to the public. In November she asked for more communication from the school so they could be involved in what Alex was doing. They had not been informed about the presentation to Victor Babcock on Veterans Day. They would have liked to be present. Still no communication. No December or January communication. Got a note from the Substitute Teacher. Point out it still is not happening. Thursday morning while trying to get student ready for school they noticed he was having a full blown panic/anxiety attack. Started with headache, tummy ache, tired, tears and crying. Begged them to go to school with him. Upon arrival at the school he pushed himself to the back of the truck and refused to go in. He told Ken he wanted to go home to Nana. Ken told Wendy he was sick and took him back home. They have had a private evaluation of him to find his classifications as they laid out for special education, special needs. They are saying with their evaluation and the school social worker and school therapist/psychologist evaluation of teacher with student along with her own evaluation of the student that the child should not be left without a ParaPro. And he went so far as putting in capital letters, do not get rid of ParaPro. The phycologist also said she had red flags while reading the evaluation of the school social worker and the psychiatrist. The student's best success would be with a ParaPro with Miss Harmon's credentials. Here we are again in the same place we were a year ago. Ken and I were so excited to see progress during the short time he was with Ms. Harmon. Only to have him Thursday morning go into his panic/anxiety attack. We asked him why he was upset. He said Ms. Harmon told him she wouldn't be coming anymore to school and that the other students were going on a plane on vacation. Ken and I don't care if you believe any of this. It's not important to us anymore. What is important that you all know that tomorrow morning we will be emailing that recording to our attorney who specializes in special education and quality public school education and we are going to let him handle this. We have watched this board and the administrators try to work with our teacher for the last two years of our young grandson's life, with no luck in advancement or positives effects and we are done waiting. We are not willing to subject our grandson to the toxic, mentally abusive environment any longer. It's not productive and emotionally damaging. The therapist said that instead of words like engaging, gentle, positive in the school social worker and school psychiatrist evaluation she saw words like harsh, firm,

stern for a 6 year old kindergartener. A child can love, yet be afraid of someone at the same time. This doesn't mean that the relationship is healthy. And that's how we feel. Alex won't be back to school. Not unless there are some huge changes.

- Lani White asked if there was anything wrong that she had not been asked to sub. A little levity. No reasons the Board is aware of. She would like everyone to remember the reason we are all here. Our babies....our children. What we do, we do for them. We do for their enlightenment, upliftment, their love, their guidance. We are here for them. We aren't here to fight, to bicker, to whatever. We are here for our babies. And we always need to remember they are the bottom line.

Cindy Riker asked the public present, if there was anything else. Then asked the board if there was anything else.

Cindy Riker made a motion to recess the meeting until 4:00 p.m. the following day, 1/15/2020, given the time of night. Dan Reynolds seconded that motion. Roll call vote. Ayes: LaPorte, Brown, Reynolds, Cooley-Sanborn, Riker. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Meeting is adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Reynolds, Secretary
Bois Blanc Pines School Board