

BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Meeting

Pines School

January 16, 2020

The meeting was called to order by President, Cindy Riker at 4:00 p.m. Other members present were Kathy Brown, Jessi LaPorte and Dan Reynolds. Suzette Cooley-Sanborn joined via conference call. Teacher, Wendy Spray, as present. Cindy read aloud the public present.

First, Cindy Riker informed the audience that the school is closing and Wendy is being laid off due to a lack of student enrollment. Should a student enroll, we will get advice from our lawyer on how to proceed for reopening.

Cindy read aloud the resolution to be considered for approval. The resolution gives Cindy Riker the authorization to deliver to the teacher, Wendy Spray, a layoff letter effective with close of business today, January 16, 2020. Dan Reynolds made a motion to approve the resolution. Suzette Cooley-Sanborn seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Reynolds, Cooley-Sanborn and Riker. Nays: Brown. Abstain: LaPorte. Motion carried. Said resolution and the letter to Wendy Spray is part of these minutes.

Public comment:

Joan Schrocka asked if we consider someone not enrolled when they are on vacation. Cindy replied the students have been unenrolled. Jessi LaPorte replied the students are gone with an unconfirmed return date.

Ken Hasbrouck wanted to know why Joyce Harmon resigned. The Board has read aloud her resignation letter in a prior meeting. Any further questions should be asked of her, personally, not in this meeting. Chris Hasbrouck spoke to the audience. She was glad to see everyone here, but wanted to know where they had been all this time. This has been going on for 2 years with no change. You need to ask the parents why they have unenrolled their children. Sarah Sims asked how anyone would know there was a meeting. Chris replied the meetings were the second Tuesday of every month. The audience wanted to know about the future position of the school. The Board responded that legal was checking that for us. There have been changes. The best we know right now is that there are three ways a school would close, consolidation, annexation and dissolution. Two of those are voluntary, which we wouldn't do. The third, annexation, is what we are waiting for guidance on. Once we know the ruling, we will pass that along to the public.

Cindy asked if there was any further business. Kathy Brown replied. Due to current events, I do not believe that some of these things are being handled correctly and I'm very, very heartbroken that it came to this. I disagree with many things. I cannot faithfully continue when I do not agree with what is happening. There were different ways to solve this and different ways to approach and they were not considered. So I resign as School Board Trustee. Dan Reynolds made a motion to accept the resignation of Kathy Brown, as School Board Trustee. The motion was seconded by Suzette Cooley-Sanborn. Roll call vote: Ayes: LaPorte, Reynolds, Cooley-Sanborn and Riker. Abstain: Brown. Motion carried.

A notification for an opening on the School Board will be posted. Cindy Riker will inform the Board, if a Special Meeting will be required to fill the vacancy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Reynolds, Secretary
Bois Blanc Pines School Board