

BOIS BLANC PINES SCHOOL DISTRICT
Regular School Board Meeting
December 8, 2020 4:00 p.m.

Call to Order: The school board president, Cindy Riker, via conference calling, called the meeting to order at 4 p.m. Board members on the call were Christine Hasbrouck and Suzette Cooley-Sanborn. Jim Gilligan and Dan Reynolds were absent. Also on the call was our teacher, Sherry Corbett and our EUPISD Superintendent, Angie McArthur. Dean Paul was unavailable today. Public on the call was our upcoming school board member, Linda Gekle.

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

Recognition/Presentation: None.

Approval of Consent Agenda: Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to approve the minutes of regular meeting 11/10/2020, approval of bills as presented and approval to transfer \$15,000 from saving to checking. Hasbrouck seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried.

Correspondence: Christmas card from Island Contractors, Inc. to all the School Board Members.

Reports by:

Superintendent: MDHHS extended the no meetings in person ruling. A SWIVEL has been mailed to Sherry. It's an iPad and camera system, which will give Dean and/or Angie the ability to observe the classroom from afar. Or it can be used if Sherry has a lesson she would like to have viewed. She wears a lanyard and the camera follows as she moves around. Angie will show Sherry and Dean how to use it. Angie has asked Dean to review the data Sherry has from the students for presentation at our next Strategic Planning meeting.

Administrator: None

Teacher: We are down three students, as they have moved back off the island. Two students are working from home. Sherry Corbett has sent out the virtual learning schedule she will use upon return from winter break. She was asked if she had any interaction with the students working from home. She has had very little. Their mom is working with them. Sherry had sent home their work and she has kept in contact with the parents. They have done a Zoom, if necessary. Didn't think they would be out this long. So did not setup any virtual lessons. Not sure when they are coming back. Order stuff is out for the sweatshirts. May not get back by Christmas. Jay helped with cleaning the shed. Over winter break the second room will be painted and the printer room will be cleaned out. Then all will be done. Working on doing something for Christmas. Discussion about how to mark the student's attendance when working from home. They are doing the curriculum that would be done at school and doing the online work. In order to mark them in attendance, there must also be Zoom, email, telephone calls, etc. Discussion on when to dis-enroll the three students. Parent had talked with Sherry about possibly doing virtual. They would need to do virtual based on their residence. If we don't get a request to transfer their records, we have to count them absent. This could lead to truancy issues. If we don't get anything soon, Cindy will write a letter to the parent dis-enrolling the students.

Committee: None

Old Business:

Architect Services: Message left a message at IDI for Sean. No response. Will follow with him.

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 was asked if they had any questions or concerns. No reply. Before approving this month's report, Cindy mentioned to the board that they had been a report of a covid case on the island. None of the students were exposed. Angie explained the health department's definition of an exposure. It has to be a direct contact with an individual that has tested positive. Direct contact is an accumulative 15 minutes of contact within 6 feet. That person would be quarantined for 10 days. If a student has a parent who is a direct contact they might not be excluded from the school. So no quarantine for a contact of a direct contact. Cooley-Sanborn made a motion to approve the reconfirmation as presented. Supported by Riker. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried.

Strategic Planning/Communication Workshop: The workshop was rescheduled to December 15th at 4pm via Zoom. Please make sure to view the communication document. We need to come to closure on it.

Old Laptops: The technology group told Sherry they have to put an appointment on the books. All the laptops would need to be on so they could access. Sherry will contact them again. Cindy told her to let her know if she needed help and she would help. Angie mentioned that she just got an email about ordering hotspots for the school. They are asking how many we want. We don't need them. Cindy said she needs to send the one hotspot back that isn't being used.

NEOLA Update: Cindy updated the board on the fact that the contract did not call for us to get administrative guidelines. Both Cindy and Angie reread the contract. We should be okay. We could do them at a later time as they follow after the policy and bylaws are approved. When we looked at the pricing, we chose NEOLA due to the best price. But now looking at what Thrun offered we weren't looking at apples to apples. Although NEOLA was not including the administrative guidelines and Thrun was, Thrun was not offered a vehicle to publish the policies and bylaws. We would have had to go elsewhere to get that done. So in the end we still made the right choice.

New Business:

Ice Skating Rink: Russ will bring in his equipment to level out a spot. He will work with Jay to get a timeframe set up. Russ won't have time until after Christmas.

Cost Information for Ice skates, snow shoes & related equipment: Chris was in charge for this project. She said we have enough snow shoes. Skates will cost between \$30 and \$40 each. Helmets may be around \$40. She did not check out the walkers or helmets. Depending on the weather we don't know how soon we will need this equipment. We decided to table until next meeting. Chris will price elbow and knee pads and walkers.

Board Stipend Payment for 2020: Cindy sent the stipend worksheet to the Board. Final payment will depend on attendance at today's meeting and our workshop on the 15th. Riker made a motion to approve the stipend payments not to exceed \$2,500. Supported by Hasbrouck. Roll call vote. Roll call vote: Ayes: Cooley-Sanborn, Hasbrouck and Riker. Nays: None. Absent: Gilligan and Reynolds. Motion carried.

Enrollment Package: Angie had sent us a recommended package. It was sent to the board. A couple of updates need to be made. There are a couple of additional sheets that need to be included. After we have an enrollment package completed it should get scanned to Marianna for her to add the student to the attendance records.

Board Comments: Cindy mentioned that next meeting is our organizational meeting. There will a few additional items that will be added that we should have had before.

Public Comment: Mandy Beugly said the kids really want to get back to school.

Other Business:

Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Riker, President/Secretary
Bois Blanc Pines School Board

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