



Clarkdale-Jerome School District #3

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REGULAR MEETING OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF CLARKDALE-JEROME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 12, 2021

Library – 1615 MAIN STREET

GIVEN THE CONDITIONS WITHIN YAVAPAI COUNTY WITH A HIGH RATE OF CONFIRMED COVID CASES AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY WE WILL HAVE LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY. THE MEETING WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN PERSON. PLEASE ATTEND VIA THE ZOOM LINK BELOW.

Topic: CJSD January Governing Board Meeting

Time: Jan 12, 2021 06:00 PM Arizona

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REGULAR MEETING

I. Call to order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Angie Smith, Clerk; Laurie Lozano, Member; Dale Williams, Member (Zoom); Janet Regner, Member; David Gordon, Member; Danny Brown, Superintendent; Steve Doerksen, Principal (Zoom); Kristy Aston, Business Manager; Andrea Clark, CJEA; Liz Scott, CJEA; Leslie Horton (Zoom); Beth Wylie (Zoom); Erika Bergamini (Zoom); Gigi Trujillo (Zoom); Trista MacVittie (Zoom).

II. Pledge of Allegiance

II. Agenda Review/Accept

A motion was made by Laurie Lozano and seconded by David Gordon to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried. 5-0. Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner and David Gordon voted in favor.

IV. Audience of Citizens ARS 38-431.02

The President of the Board will ask members of the audience if they would like to speak regarding any issue before the District. Board members are permitted to respond to criticism from the public, ask staff to review a matter or ask that a matter be put on a future agenda at the end of the discussion. Board members may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during the open call to the public unless those specific matters appear on the agenda for discussion and legal action.

None

V. Presentations:

A. None

VI. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes of December 8, 2020 regular meeting

B. Minutes of January 5, 2021 special meeting

C. CJEA Report

D. Personnel Recommendations

Resignation of Steve Doerksen, Principal

Hire of Veronica Baldrige, Paraprofessional

E. Payroll - #15 \$130,539.00; #16 \$1,318.19; #17 \$123,466.80

F. Bank Report – December Special School Fund, Auxiliary Account Fund, Teacher Account Fund

G. Accounts Payable - #1012 \$24,411.94; #1013 \$46,710.30; #1014 \$9,222.51

A motion was made by Janet Regner and seconded by David Gordon to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried. 4-1. Angie Smith, Dale Williams, Janet Regner, David Gordon voted in favor. Laurie Lozano voted against.

VII. Reports:

A. Superintendent Report

Superintendent Brown gave an update on current events.

- AIA reversed their decision to cancel Winter sports. Players will be required to wear a mask at all times. Each player will be allowed two people to attend.**
- COVID vaccinations are scheduled on January 19th for staff.**
- 27 students have been attending On-site Learning.**
- Maintenance/Custodial/Transportation crews have been keeping busy.**
- Mr. Brown is speaking with the Town of Clarkdale regarding use of their gym for student learning if we have an overflow of students attend On-site Learning.**

B. Administration Report

Mr. Doerksen stated we had double the students attend On-site learning this week compared to last week. He also stated that our teachers are working hard at their Online Instruction.

C. Business Manager Report

None

VIII. Old Business

A. None

IX. New Business

A. Board Organizational Meeting (pursuant to A.R.S. 15-321)

1. Election of Governing Board President

After nominations, a motion was made by Laurie Lozano and seconded by Janet Regner to elect Angie Smith as Governing Board President. Motion carried. 5-0. Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner, David Gordon voted in favor.

2. Election of Governing Board Clerk
After nominations, a motion was made by Janet Regner and seconded by David Gordon to elect Laurie Lozano as Governing Board Clerk. Motion carried. 5-0. Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner, David Gordon voted in favor.
3. Establish regular Board meeting dates, times and location
A motion was made by Laurie Lozano and seconded by David Gordon to continue with the same Board meeting dates, times and location. Board meetings will be the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. in the District Library. Motion carried. 5-0. Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner and David Gordon voted in favor.
4. Establish location(s) for Board posting of board notices/agendas
A motion was made by David Gordon and seconded by Laurie Lozano to establish Board notice/agenda posting locations. Notices and agendas will be posted at the District Office, on the school website, Town of Clarkdale building and the Yavapai-Apache Nation Elder Building. Motion carried. 5-0. Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner and David Gordon voted in favor.
5. Actions regarding choice of options for student discipline hearings
A motion was made by Janet Regner and seconded by Laurie Lozano to choose option B for student discipline hearings. This option utilizes an approved Student Discipline Hearing Officer to conduct discipline hearings. Motion carried. 5-0. Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner and David Gordon voted in favor.

B. COVID data/metric review to determine future instructional model

Leslie Horton, Director of Yavapai County Community Health Services, addressed the Board. Ms. Horton states that her priority is education and the health and safety of children. This pandemic has had very little health impact on children but is severe for vulnerable adults. She knows Virtual learning is hard on families and not the same as In-person learning and students risk falling behind. Students thrive when at school with their peers. Schools provide a protective environment for students and staff when following protective protocols. To date there have been no COVID outbreaks due to school exposure. Yavapai County is averaging 200 cases per day with two-thirds of them in the Prescott/Quad cities area and one-third in the Verde Valley. Many school districts can not open due to staff/substitute shortages due to exposure. Districts need to consider the impacts on staffing when they think of re-opening. As of yet there is no vaccine for children. Ms. Horton then answered questions from the audience. David Gordon asked if most schools were on regular or hybrid schedule. She stated that school districts are using all teaching models. He then asked for a breakdown of age groups for infection. She stated that the highest rate of infection is seen in the 25-44 age group. Trista MacVittie asked of known long term health effects from COVID. She did not know of any yet as they are still learning about it. Carson Phillips asked if it was safe for students to be wearing masks while playing sports. She is uncertain at this time. Janet Regner asked why we have not seen a decrease in numbers yet. She stated that the numbers have been consistent since Thanksgiving, in the substantial category, due to people getting together for the holidays. They are anticipating a decrease in the next few weeks since gatherings are lower and the release of the vaccine. She stated that it may be a while before numbers are in the moderate category though. She stated that children are less symptomatic than adults. Ms. Horton stated they she will support whatever decision the Governing Board makes in regards to which instructional model they choose. Rex Bergamini stated that the recommendation to return to In-person learning is based on speculations and there has not been enough research on children yet. Ms. Horton stated that her recommendations are based on what the Health Department has seen locally and the studies that have been completed. Schools are safe for students if mitigation protocols are followed.

Andrea Clark, CJEA, addressed the Board. CJEA is asking for two weeks of Distance Learning, so staff can get their first dose of the vaccine, and return in Hybrid Learning on February 1, 2021.

They would like to stay in Hybrid Learning until after the staff gets their second dose of the vaccine on February 17, 2021 and then re-evaluate and return to In-Person Learning.

Liz Scott read Superintendent Kathy Hoffman’s statement to the Board.

Beth Wylie addressed the Board. She feels we need to slow down and look at our community before making any decisions.

Erika Bergamini addressed the Board. She urges the Board to err on the side of caution and to consider remote learning until the staff has had a chance to get both doses of the vaccine.

Trista MacVittie addressed the Board. She asks that the Board keeps the best interests of the staff and students in mind when making a decision. She is in favor of Distance Learning until after the staff has had the opportunity to receive both vaccines.

Gigi Trujillo addressed the Board. She would like the Board to consider Distance Learning until staff has had a chance to get the vaccine and for it to be effective. Then she would like to see students return in Hybrid Learning until the data shows it is safe to return to In-Person Learning.

Superintendent Brown reviewed the COVID data and metrics with the Board. Future instructional models were discussed: In-person, Hybrid or Distance Learning. After discussion, a motion was made by David Gordon and seconded by Janet Regner to have students begin Hybrid Learning on January 25, 2021 until February 12, 2021 and then return to In-person Learning on February 15, 2021 if approved at February 9th Governing Board meeting. Motion carried. 4-1. Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner and David Gordon voted in favor. Angie Smith voted against.

C. Annual Review of Indian Education Policies

Mr. Doerksen reviewed the Indian Education Policies with the Board. After review, a motion was made by Janet Regner and seconded by Laurie Lozano to approve the Indian Education Policies with an amendment to the dates. Motion carried. 5-0. Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner and David Gordon voted in favor.

D. Deadline to extension for employees to utilize remaining leave balances under the Families First Coronavirus Recovery Act (FFCRA) through March 31, 2021

Kristy Aston addressed the Board. The FFCRA was in place with the CARES Act. It granted employees with 80 hours of paid leave if they become infected with COVID. This Act was not renewed in the new Stimulus Package. The District is asking for Board approval to extend the FFCRA until March 31, 2021. After discussion, a motion was made by David Gordon and seconded by Laurie Lozano to extend the FFCRA until March 31, 2021. Motion carried. Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams, Janet Regner and David Gordon voted in favor.

X. Future Agenda Items

Metrics, Future Instructional Model

XI. Announcements/Future Meeting Dates

Work Study Session February 9, 2021 at 5:30 p.m. then Regular Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

XII. Adjournment

President Smith stated if there were no objections, the meeting was adjourned.