

**School Board Coalition  
Meeting Minutes June 20, 2020  
Via Zoom Software**

## I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by President Serena Joaquin at 9:07 a.m.

## II. Invocation

Invocation was provided by Donovan Kyyitan

## III. Roll Call

Secretary Marcella Ortega conducted roll call; the results are as follows:

BLACKWATER COMMUNITY SCHOOL- PRESENT  
CASA BLANCA COMMUNITY SCHOOL- PRESENT  
GILA CROSSING COMMUNITY SCHOOL- ABSENT  
SACATON SCHOOL DISTRICT- PRESENT  
ST. PETER INDIAN MISSION SCHOOL- ABSENT  
MARICOPA CHRISTIAN VILLAGE SCHOOL- ABSENT

## IV. Approval of Agenda

**Motion:** Sacaton Public School motioned to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Casa Blanca Community School, motion carried. (3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS; 3-ABSENT)

## V. Approval of Minutes

- ❖ a. January 18, 2020- Sacaton School District motioned to approve minutes as presented, was seconded by Casa Blanca Community School, motion carried. (3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS; 3-ABSENT)
- b. February 15, 2020- Sacaton School District motioned to approve minutes as presented, was seconded by Casa Blanca Community School, motion carried. (3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS; 3-ABSENT)

## VI. Reports

- a. Education Code- Update Jeff Thornburg- TED  
Discussion by Sacaton School District- in reference to the Education Code it is still in litigation with our legal review. Because we have to abide with Arizona statutes, some items do not align with the Tribal Education Code. At this point, Sacaton School District has not made progress to approve or agree to the Education Code.  
Casa Blanca Community school, along with the sister schools, are looking to submit a joint submission.  
Blackwater Community School- our legal team has been in contact with Michael Carter, but there is no report as of now.  
St. Peter Indian Mission School- focus at meetings has been on the COVID-19 pandemic and have no progress to report  
Jeff Thornburg, TED- there is no hard deadline, we understand this is a process. The priority is COVID-19.  
Sacaton School District- our legal was ready to present our issues but it could be a lengthy process. Is there a process so that each school may air their discrepancies?  
President Joaquin- suggested that the Education Code be drafted to fit each school individually.

Mr. Thornburg- suggested that each school provide a summary of items that are in conflict to expedite the process. Suggested to make a request from the Coalition that the Code allow the flexibility to cover all school needs.

President Joaquin- suggest a work session with the Education Standing Committee (ESC), the schools, and their respective legal teams.

**MOTION-** Sacaton School District motioned for the School Board Coalition request a work session with the Education Standing Committee to discuss the proposed Tribal Education Code and the effects to the Tribal allocation process and the COVID-19 responses, was seconded by Blackwater Community School, motion carried. (3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS; 3-ABSENT)

b. GRIC Allocation Reporting TED

President Joaquin- what is the future of reporting with the schools being closed currently?

Mr. Thornburg- there hasn't been any decisions made to change the reporting requirements. Maybe this item can be addressed during the work session with ESC.

c. COVID-19 Responses TED/ School Board Coalition

TED requested t have this item on placed on the agenda. Schools discussed their tentative plans for school openings.

Blackwater Community School- put their plan on hold for the ESC Special meeting and the meeting has since been cancelled.

Casa Blanca Community School- would like a blended, on campus/ off campus option, back up plan is fully virtual.

Sacaton School District- first day of school is August 10, 2020.

Mr. Thornburg- stated the schools did not need approval from ESC.

Blackwater Community School- was under the "mis" understanding that ESC was going to approve and offer suggestions for re-opening plans.

Mr. Thornburg- would bring this concern to ESC at next meeting for clarification.

d. Letter to Governor- Education Summit SBC President

The SBC motioned for a letter to be submitted to Governor Lewis regarding the Summit that was held. The letter has been drafted and sent out on Monday.

e. Master Calendar 2020/21 SY TED

Has TED completed the calendar?

Mr. Thornburg- stated that a draft calendar is available but is not yet approved due to COVID-19. Have the schools drafted their individual calendars?

SSD-YES, APPROVED AND SUBMITTED

BWCS- YES

GCCS- YES

CBCS-APPROVED TENTATIVE

SPIM- APPROVED TENTATIVE

## VII. Unfinished Business

❖ a. GRHC MOU School Board Coalition

President Joaquin to TED- is there a deadline for comments?

Mr. Thornburg- no deadline, TED is just facilitating, need clarification on what information is required by GRHC. TED will help follow up or expedite.

- ❖ b. SBC Meeting Attendance/ Excused Absences TED  
 Question posed to TED if any schools are currently in violation of the attendance policy, Mr. Thornburg did advise that, to his knowledge, no schools are in violation. He also stated that SBC can request that meetings be cancelled or postponed if circumstances arise; SBC can contribute to scheduling.

VIII. New Business- none

IX. Announcements

- Next Regular SBC Meetings-
  - o July 18, 2020 @ 9:00 am- this meeting will be held via Zoom Software.

-School Opening Schedules;  
 BWCS- open July 20<sup>th</sup> (tentative)  
 CBCS- pre-open virtually August 3, 2020  
 GCCS- first day August 10, 2020  
 SPIM- first day August 10, 2020 with hybrid model (tentative)

X. Adjournment

Sacaton School District motioned to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m., was seconded by Casa Blanca Community School, motion carried. (3-FOR; 0-AGAINST; 0-ABSTENTIONS; 3-ABSENT)

- ❖ Denotes item tabled at February 15, 2020 meeting.

Minutes prepared by: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Serena Joaquin, School Board Coalition President

Submitted on: \_\_\_\_\_.

Approved on: \_\_\_\_\_.

Corrections made on: \_\_\_\_\_.