

**Gervais School District #1  
School Board Special & Working Session Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, August 5, 2021**

**SPECIAL SESSION**

Director Bustamante called the School Board of Gervais School District #1, Marion County, into a Special Session on Thursday, August 5, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM online. Board members present included: Henry Bustamante, Ana Contreras, Maria Contreras, and Angie Toran. (Director Caballero absent) Others present included Kristen Miles (OSBA Representative), Dandy Stevens, and Sandra Segura.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER:**

**1.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Bustamante called the School Board Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:30 p.m.

**1.2 Swearing of New Board Member (policy BBBB)**

Director Bustamante swore in Maria Contreras as a board member.

**2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**New Oregon Department of Education Guidance for Schools**

Ms. Stevens shared that she had a meeting with all superintendents, Colt Gill, and Oregon Health Authority to discuss the rule. She said that the message to all was clear to follow the mandate. Ms. Stevens proceeded to read a document that explained details of the "why" of the new mandate and said that this would be recorded for others to listen to later if they wish. Ms. Stevens said that she likes the voluntary screening but will wait until the sports meeting to see what the next steps regarding sports are. She informed the school board that she would be sending out a communication to parents and scheduled three parent meetings next week via ZOOM. There will be a meeting for the Russian community on Tuesday, but anyone can attend another meeting on Thursday. She said that she wants to listen to parents to make sure we are not missing anything.

There was further discussion on the types of masks that can be worn, following the mandate to prevent penalties and not putting teachers at risk of losing their licenses.

Ms. Stevens said that it's important that they know that we do not want them to take local control. The district had exposures and reacted quickly, and we were prepared to refine the process.

**Director Toran asked to provide an email on the information to voice that to the state.**

Director Bustamante adjourned the special session at 5:58 p.m. and called the working session.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

None,

**4.0 PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

**5.0 REPORTS:**

None.

**6.0 BOARD FOCUS/MEMBER TOPICS:**

None.

**7.0 CONSENT ITEMS:**

None.

**8.0 ACTION:**

None.

**9.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**9.1 Board Training with Oregon School Boards Association (OSBA)**

Ms. Miles introduced herself and gave a brief background.

Ms. Miles started the training by asking the board members, "What excites you and what are you here for?"

The board members and superintendent shared their reasons.

The board training with the board members focused on the following areas.

- ✓ Positive behaviors
- ✓ Collaboration
- ✓ Setting expectations
- ✓ Support and accountability
- ✓ Ongoing engagement
- ✓ Role of the board
- ✓ Role of the superintendent
- ✓ Limitation on texting, emailing, and social media
- ✓ Gathering at events as a board
- ✓ Complaints
- ✓ Reference policies to review by the board to know limitations
- ✓ Board self-evaluation process
- ✓ Superintendent's evaluation process
- ✓ Difference between open and executive session
- ✓ Other training opportunities for board members

**10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**


**11.0 ADJOURN**

**11.1 Adjourn Working Session**

Director Bustamante adjourned the Working Session at 8:21 p.m.

APPROVED

  
Board Chairperson

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Board Secretary