Jefferson School District

Official Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
April 13, 2021

(Due to COVID-19, this meeting was held virtually for the public through a Zoom webinar)

Present: Dan Wells, President; Phil Raya, Vice President; Brian Jackman, Clerk; Pete Carlson, Member; Debbie Wingo, Member; Jim Bridges, Superintendent

In attendance virtually: Dena Whittington, Chief Business Officer; Nancie Castro, Director of Human Resources and Curriculum; Angelica Thomas, Director of Special Education; Sarah Steen, Curriculum Coordinator; Christina Orsi, Ken Silman, Emily Stroup, Alyssa Wooten, Principals; Celli Coeville, Administrative Assistant

I. OPEN SESSION

a. Call to Order at 5:38 PM
b. Roll Call to Establish Quorum – All Board members were present
c. Approval of Agenda- Closed Session item was added to the agenda
d. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

MSA (Carlson/Jackman) – Approve the agenda as presented-
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

e. Closed Session Adjourn to Closed Session for the purpose of discussing matters expressly authorized by Government Codes 3549.1, 54956.7, 54956.8, 54956.9, 54956.95,54957, 54957.8, Education Codes 49079(c), 48912, 48918

f. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION (Paragraph (1) of subdivision (d) of Section 54956.9) Name of case: Student v. Jefferson Elementary School District, OAH Case No. 2021030647

II. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 6:30 PM

Welcome from Board President Mr. Wells
Pledge of Allegiance

In Closed Session-

MSA (Wingo/Jackman) - Approved personnel action for certificated employee #'s 12122; The Board also approved the personnel action for classified employee #'s 12123, 12124, 12125, 12126, 12127, 12128 and 12129.
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

The Board also discussed Case Number 2021030647

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Bridges reported that he is pleased to announce that as of Monday all schools are now open to in person instruction for all grade levels TK -8. The District has 49% of students in person and 51% in distance learning.

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Dr. Bridges shared COVID-19 information from the beginning of the school year through March 31. The current number of staff who have tested positive for COVID-19 by site are Traina -4, Jefferson-0, Monticello-0, and Hawkins -8. For each District school site, the current number of District staff who have been quarantined for ten or more days due to COVID-19 concerns are Traina-13, Jefferson-3, Monticello-7, and Hawkins-16. For each District school site, the current number of students who have tested positive for COVID-19 are Traina – 0, Jefferson – 0, Monticello -1, and Hawkins -1. For each District school site, the current number of District students who have been quarantined for ten or more days due to COVID-19 concerns are Traina- 71, Jefferson- 36, Monticello – 52, and Hawkins 69. For each District school site, the current number of classes that have been returned to distance learning due to COVID-19 concerns are Traina -0, Jefferson – 0, Monticello – 0, and Hawkins- 3. Finally, for each District school site, the current number of District pupils who have been sent home for exhibiting COVID-19-like symptoms while at school are Traina – 13, Jefferson – 4, Monticello – 15, and Hawkins -8.

Dr. Bridges was pleased to announce that JSD employee Nick Watson was selected as the San Joaquin County School Employee of the Year in the category of Technical Services. Nick will now be in the running at the state level for Employee of the Year for the state of California. San Joaquin County Office of Education is planning a virtual event for Teacher of the Year and Classified Employee of the Year on June 3, 2021.

Dr. Bridges took a moment to recognize his amazing wife, Julie Bridges. On March 12, 2021 she lost her courageous three-year battle with cancer. Dr. Bridges met his wife in 1996 while he was a teacher at Jefferson School and she encouraged him in 2002 to return to be the Principal at Jefferson School. Behind the scenes she had an important influence on Jefferson School and later the District. Dr. Bridges noted that his success in the District would not have been not possible without her editing, support, counseling, encouragement and love. Dr. Bridges thanked the Board, JSD Staff and community for the outpouring of prayers and support for his family.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – There was one public comment for an item not on the agenda. Dr. Bridges read the following Public Comment which was received via Google Forms prior to the meeting:

Lea Austin/Parent:

At the last meeting, I commented that I did not see the superintendent report on school opening. My apologies for missing this on the agenda. I saw afterwards it was there and heard Dr. Bridges' report. Please add the content of the update to the printed attachments so that we may review in advance of the meeting. And if you had not already done so, can you expand on that information so we have a sense of context. For example, at the last meeting it was stated seven teachers tested positive for COVID. Was this within the four-day window of school opening or some other period of measurement? If positive cases have and any classroom closures have happened over the last month, is this more, less, or the same compared by week? Had any of the small classes prior to broad reopening had to quarantine or has this only occurred since the broader opening? These details help to make meaning of this information. Thank you.

I would also like to register my disappointment with comments at the last board meeting by Mrs. Wingo that parents have been manipulated into supporting what was a slower school opening. The suggestion that I or other parents would only have a different perspective or disagree with Superintendent Bridges or the Board, or any others because we have been manipulated to do so infantilizes us and is insulting.

It's appropriate for the board to acknowledge Dr. Bridges if they feel that is warranted, but seems unnecessary to demean others of us in the process. This is not personal, it's a global health emergency and there has been no playbook for anyone. School leaders should be fostering a sense of cooperation and respect for school community members which includes parents and teachers,

acknowledging the stress and difficult decisions that all involved have had to make and grapple with, rather than disparaging people's real concerns.

IV. APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA

4.1 Minutes – Regular Board Meeting March 9, 2021
4.2 Warrants – March 2021
4.3 Financials – March 2021
4.4 Surplus-

MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approve the consent agenda as presented.
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

V. EDUCATIONAL SERVICES

5.1 TK-8 Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Curriculum Adoption

MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approve the TK-8 Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Curriculum Adoption as presented.
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

5.2 TK-8 Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Curriculum Purchase

MSA (Wingo/Carlson) approve the TK-8 Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS) Curriculum Purchase as presented.
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

5.3 Surplus Obsolete Science Curriculum

MSA (Carlson/Raya) approve the Surplus of Obsolete Science Curriculum as presented.
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

5.4 Student Enrollment- Dr. Bridges reported that the District is closing in on last year's enrollment.

VI. PERSONNEL SERVICES

6.1 2021-2022 Instructional Calendar

MSA (Jackman/Carlson) approve the 2021-2022 Instructional Calendar as presented
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

VII. BUSINESS AND FACILTIES

7.1 March 2021 Budget Adjustments -

MSA (Wingo/Carlson) approve the March 2021 Budget Adjustments as presented
Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

7.2 PJHM Architects, Franklyn Cole School Site Renderings – Ken Podany and Char Yarnall of PJHM Architects shared a presentation with renderings of the site plan and site components for the 15 ½ acre site of the Franklyn Cole Elementary School in the Ellis development.

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VIII. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

8.1 Items for the Next Board Meeting- Employees of the Year, General Contractor for Tracy Hills

ADJOURNMENT – MSA (Jackman/Carlson) 7:28 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges
Secretary to the Board

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