

Jefferson School District
Official Minutes of the Special Board Meeting
Of the Board of Trustees
July 27, 2021

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

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

In attendance virtually: Dena Whittington, Chief Business Officer; Emily Stroup Director of Human Resources and Curriculum; Monica Emeldi, 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 6:34 PM

b. Roll Call to Establish Quorum – all Board members were present

c. Approval of Agenda-

d. Public Comment on Closed Session Items

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

II. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION – 7:06 PM

Welcome from Board President Mr. Wells

Pledge of Allegiance

In Closed Session-

The Board also discussed conference with legal counsel regarding existing litigation

III. PUBLIC COMMENT –

There was one public comment received. Dr. Bridges read the public comment via Google Forms regarding item 5 on the agenda:

Jennifer Turner/Parent:

My son attends Hawkins and will be entering 5th grade. I am, as are other parents I know, concerned about the emergence of COVID variants ahead of the upcoming school year. My child has attended this school since TK, but we are considering moving to a homeschool or distance learning option online or at a local charter. Our family believes in public school, and do everything we can to support ours, but even the current independent study option does not seem sufficient. We are considering the real health concerns we have for our child amidst the pandemic's ever changing landscape. Our child did very well with distance learning last year, and we make sure he is fully supported every school day. Although we wish we could allow him to attend in person, protocols and masking are both uncomfortable and perhaps insufficient given the transmissibility and increased virulence of variants like Delta. Also, we would like our son to be able to receive instruction, even though virtually, as he was able to do last year. There are online options where this available as an

option for our child. Naturally, we would like him to be able to continue to attend the school he is so identified with, but given the issues with vaccinating the general populations we this as a possible disruption to the beginning of this school year and perhaps beyond. We want a steady, effective option that will help engage our child and keep him connected and vested in his own education. We hope Jefferson School District will consider providing parents more options, not less. Thank you.

IV. BUSINESS AND FACILITIES

4.1 2021-22 45-Day Budget Revision

MSA (Wingo/Jackman) approve the 2021-22 45-Day Budget Revision as presented

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

4.2 2021-22 Salary Schedules, All Units

MSA (Carlson/Raya) approve 2021-22 Salary Schedules, All Units as presented

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – 5 Nays – 0 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Carlson, Jackman,
Raya, Wells, Wingo

V. BOARD DISCUSSION AND REPORTS

5.1 Revised BP/AR 6158 Independent Study, Consider for Adoption- Dr. Bridges provided a summary of the changes to Independent Study for the upcoming school year. Earlier this month, AB 130 was passed with new Independent Study language. The state of California has given school districts two options to provide instruction for the 2021/22 school year. The first option is in person instruction, and the second option is that every school district in the state of California is required to provide Independent Study. Dr. Bridges noted that the State has done away with distance learning. Dr. Bridges provided a summary of the major changes to Independent Study and indicated that this does not apply to 15-day vacationing students. The new rules for Independent study are effective immediately.

MSA (Wingo/ Raya) approve the Revised BP/AR, Independent Study as presented

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes – 3 Nays – 2 Absent – 0 Abstain – 0
Raya, Wells, Wingo Carlson, Jackman

ADJOURNMENT – MSA (Jackman/Raya) 7:32 PM

Respectfully submitted,

James W. Bridges
Secretary to the Board