

**Minutes of the
SALIDA UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT
September 8, 2020
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

I. INITIAL MATTERS

A. Call to Order

Dennis Thompson, President of the Board of Trustees, called the Meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. In attendance were Trustees: Linda Brughelli, Nanci E. Fox, Virginia Berry, Gary Dew and Superintendent, Twila Tosh.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

C. Approval of Agenda and Order of Agenda

The agenda and order of agenda were unanimously approved, on a motion by Nanci E. Fox, seconded by Linda Brughelli.

Roll Call:

Virginia Berry – Aye

Dennis Thompson – Aye

Gary Dew – Aye

Nanci E. Fox – Aye

Linda Brughelli – Aye

Ayes 5 Noes 0 Abstain 0 Absent 0

II. DISCUSSION/INFORMATION AGENDA

A. School Waiver Application Process for School Re-Opening.

1. Superintendent Tosh reviewed the criteria for applying for the Waiver Application for Elementary Schools. In anticipation of qualifying for the waiver, Salida Union School District's reopening plan, must address the following items:
 - Date of proposed reopening
 - Grades/Number of students proposed for phase-in operations of in person instruction
 - Consultations with all parent and labor organizations at each school site
 - Cleaning and disinfection procedures
 - Keeping students in small cohorts and how movement of students, staff and parents will be managed to avoid close contact and/or mixing of cohorts
 - Criteria for quarantining in the event of a classroom closes, or school
 - PPE Policies
 - Procedures for screening students and staff for symptoms of COVID-19 and how students or staff with symptoms will be separated from others
 - Healthy Hygiene Practices
 - Identification and Tracing of Contacts
 - Physical Distancing
 - Testing of Students and Staff
 - Triggers for Switching to Distance Learning
 - Communication Plans
 - Confirmation that elementary school reopening plans have been published on the school and Stanislaus County Office of Education websites

Staff Testing Requirements: Central Region School Insurance Group informed the District that we are not covered by our insurance policy if our school nurse administers testing to our employees. Employees must use a testing site. The county does require that all employees be tested to the extent it is possible or feasible to do so. It is difficult to get an appointment as our staff is in line with first responders. The cost per test for the District is between \$119 and \$179 per staff member.

Superintendent held Zoom meeting with staff giving them the waiver information and options to consider. There were concerns with bringing students back on campus, however, the majority of the staff chose to bring students back on a staggered AM/PM schedule.

The current attendance rates for Distance Learning are as follows:

- Dena Boer: 98% Attendance - only 1 student has not logged in
- Salida Elementary: 99% Attendance – only 2 students have not logged in
- Sisk Elementary: 99% Attendance
- Perkins/ICS: 96% Attendance

- Salida Middle: 98% Attendance

Administrators will be contacting parents to determine if they want their student to remain on distance learning or return to school for in-person learning. This information will allow us to determine class sizes and distance learning options.

After much discussion, the Board chose to gather all information required to complete the waiver. The waiver and decision to resume in-person learning for K through 5th grades will be placed on a future agenda for consideration by the Board.

III. PUBLIC HEARING/ACTION

- A. Public Hearing of the District Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Dennis Thompson opened the Public Hearing at 4:51 p.m. and invited the public to comment on District Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year.

There was no input from the public via telephone or email. Dennis Thompson closed the Public Hearing at 4:52 p.m. The District Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year will be brought back to the Board for Action at the September 15, 2020 Board Meeting.

- B. Public Hearing of the Independence Charter School Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year.

Dennis Thompson opened the Public Hearing at 4:53 p.m. and invited the public to comment on the Independence Charter School Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year.

There was no input from the public via telephone or email. Dennis Thompson closed the Public Hearing at 4:53 p.m. The Independence Charter School Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-2021 School Year will be brought back to the Board for Action at the September 15, 2020 Board Meeting.

IV. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned 5:16 p.m.

Attested by:

Twila Tosh
Superintendent
Secretary to the Board