MINUTES COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING July 15, 2020



I. President Michael Bolz called the Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. The meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic and the link to join was made available to the public.

CALL TO ORDER

II. Roll Call:

Present: Bolz, Oberman, Dust, Waller, Yochem, Revis, Stepp

Absent: None

PUBLIC COMMENT

III. Public Comment- The following individuals submitted comments regarding the fall 2020 reopening plan: Mike Anaclerio, Cindy Thornton, Aaron Altenburg, Eric Siemann, John Hanrahan, Mary Perrot, Laura Cook, Diane DeSoto, Christopher Jones, Gretchen Hogan, LaGuida Harris, Ann Pittman, Christopher Simich, Tim Sullivan, Christin Passarelli, Tanya Kirkpatrick, Lindsay Lori, Sabreena Ball, Julia Hadler, Kalra Mcdaniels, Kelly Mundy, Emily Biegel, Cindy McCraw, Sara Nichols, Samantha Mullaney, Roshunda Cook, Michelle Koppitz, Stephanie Kaufmann, Jennifer Donovan, Cameron Martin. Miacole Nelson submitted a letter on behalf of the concerned citizens of District 215 requesting that the board pass a resolution to include all cities to represent District 215 Board of Education. Raymond Smith submitted a comment regarding a request for the establishment of a Black student union.

CLOSED SESSION

- **IV. Closed Session- Member Dust moved,** seconded by Member Stepp, that the Board of Education move into closed session at 5:56 p.m. to discuss pending litigation, collective bargaining, and Personnel: Employment, Compensation, Discipline, Performance or Dismissal for Specific Employees. Motion carried unanimously. Ayes: Revis, Waller, Oberman, Dust, Yochem, Stepp, Revis, Bolz. Nays: None Abstained: None
- **V. Member Stepp moved,** seconded by Member Waller, that the Board of Education return to open session at 7:01 p.m. Ayes: Revis, Waller, Oberman, Dust, Yochem, Stepp, Revis, Bolz. Nays: None Abstained: None.
- VI. Curriculum: Mr. Fies shared a school calendar 2020-21 update and curriculum update and Ms. Szuba shared information on the curriculum rewrite. Mr. Dust led a discussion on the survey to be sent to TF South students regarding the Rebels nickname/team name.

CURRICULUM

VII. I.T.: Mr. Wakefield gave an update on Power School implementation and training and shared a proposal to purchase laptops for all certified staff. He also noted that the District will conduct and security awareness campaign for employees and will roll out to I.T. and administrators this summer.

FINANCE

I.T.

VIII. Finance: Ms. Bishop shared information regarding student transportation and Kickert's and First Student's implementation of IDPH COVID-19 guidelines. She also shared a year-to-date budget to actual summary.

BUILDINGS/
GROUNDS

IX. Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Stephan shared a facilities rental update and noted that the district will put a temporary freeze on external building use requests due to COVID-19. Mr. Yochem requested that building summer hours be expanded when COVID-19 restrictions allow.

SAFETY

X. Safety: Dr. Whitten shared that the student behavior code will be updated to require students to have face coverings in compliance with CDC and IDPH recommendations.

POLICY

XI. Policy: Ms. Oberman shared Activity Handbook 2020-21 revisions and recommended to the board adopt the ISBE resolution on the elimination of racial injustice at the July 28, 2020 regular meeting. Discussion on revisions to Policy 5118 were tabled and will be revisited after Dr. Jones speaks to IASB. A universal masking policy for staff, students, and guests was presented with recommendation for adoption at the July 28, 2020 meeting.

XII. Equity: Dr. Whitten shared an equity plan update and shared potential plans for an equity student leadership committee and future teachers of America clubs to be formed in 2020-21. She also shared information regarding document translation.

EQUITY

ADJOURN

Member Revis moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the meeting adjourn at 8:52 p.m. Ayes: Revis, Waller, Oberman, Dust, Yochem, Stepp, Revis, Bolz. Nays: None Abstained: None