

MINUTES
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2020



<p>I. President Michael Bolz called the Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. The meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic and the link to join was made available to the public.</p>	<p>CALL TO ORDER</p>
<p>II. Roll Call: Present: Bolz, Oberman, Dust, Waller, Yochem, Revis, Stepp Absent: None</p>	
<p>III. Public Comment- Sheryl Black submitted a comment regarding the district’s mission, vision, and equity statements.</p>	<p>PUBLIC COMMENT</p>
<p>IV. Equity: Mr. Robinzine shared with the Board that TF Center will rescind the uniform requirement for the freshman academy beginning with the 2020-21 school year. Dr. Whitten shared that the equity sub-committee will begin meeting again in September and will include members of the ad hoc committee for recruitment and retention of minority staff. Dr. Whitten also shared that the district received a \$5,000 grant from Partnership for Resilience which will be used to purchase PPE and gift cards for students enrolled under the Homeless Act.</p>	<p>EQUITY</p>
<p>VI. Curriculum: Mr. Fies shared an update on the District 215 remote learning plan and discussed the elimination of first semester final exams for 2020-21 school year. Mr. Fies also gave an update on the APEX platform and discussed the possibility of reducing textbook rental fees for 2020-21. Mr. Fies noted that the district is required by the state to offer the SAT in the fall to seniors and will update the board on the plan to do so safely under COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Fies shared with the board that due to the stay-at-home order in the spring of 2020, proficiency exams and placement tests for Algebra and Spanish I were not possible. Students who were recommended for Geometry/Honors Geometry and desire to be enrolled in the course will receive credit for Algebra I upon passing the Geometry/Honors Geometry course. Students who were recommended for Spanish 2 and desire to be enrolled in the course will receive credit for Spanish I upon passing the Spanish 2 course.</p>	<p>CURRICULUM</p>
<p>VII. I.T.: Mr. Wakefield gave an update on student device distribution and reported the Rebels name student survey results, noting that 70% of students who participated are in favor of changing the name. Mr. Wakefield also shared that the district is applying for the Digital Equity Grant through the state.</p>	<p>I.T.</p>
<p>VIII. Finance: Ms. Bishop presented on the tentative annual budget for 2020-21 and noted that the Board would vote in the special meeting to place the budget on display and schedule a budget hearing for Sept. 22, 2020.</p>	<p>FINANCE</p>
<p>IX. Ms. Revis motioned, seconded by Member Dust, that the Board of Education take a five minute recess at 6:35 p.m. Ayes: Dust, Oberman, Revis, Stepp, Waller, Yochem, Bolz Nays: None Abstain: None</p>	<p>RECESS</p>
<p>X. Ms. Waller motioned, seconded by Member Revis, that the Board of Education resume the Committee of the Whole meeting at 6:41 p.m. Ayes: Dust, Oberman, Revis, Stepp, Waller, Yochem, Bolz Nays: None Abstain: None</p>	<p>RESUME MEETING</p>
<p>XI. Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Stephan shared a facilities rental update and noted that the district has put a temporary freeze on external building use requests due to COVID-19. Mr. Stephan noted that the District qualified for a Com Ed efficiency program and will receive a donation of LED bulbs. Mr. Stephan also shared the modifications to the main entrances of TF South and TF Center for COVID-19 precaution.</p>	<p>BUILDINGS/ GROUND</p>

XII. Safety: Mr. Stephan shared an update on scheduling fire drills and on the implementation of an employee COVID-19 self-certification form.

SAFETY

XIII. Policy: Ms. Oberman shared a recommended change to Policy 5118 regarding residency and enrollment. Administration will provide input and bring to the Board for the September committee meeting. Policy 9358, Order of Business, was presented for update and will be placed on the Aug. 25th agenda for action, waiving the first read.

POLICY

XIV. Member Yochem moved, seconded by Member Waller, that the meeting adjourn at 7:14 p.m.
Ayes: Dust, Oberman, Revis, Stepp, Waller, Yochem, Bolz Nays: None Abstain: None

ADJOURN