

MEETING MINUTES
SCHOOL BOARD OF SANTA ROSA COUNTY
July 30, 2020-6:30 PM

A. Call to Order and Roll Call

The School Board of Santa Rosa County met in regular session at 6:30 P.M. with the following members present: Mr. Buddy Hinote, Chairman; Mrs. Wei Ueberschaer, Vice-Chairperson; Mrs. Carol Boston, and Mrs. Jennifer Granse. Mrs. Linda Sanborn attended virtually. Also present were Timothy S. Wyrosdick, Superintendent of Schools; and Paul R. Green, Board Attorney, who attended virtually.

B. Pledge of Allegiance

The Chairman called the meeting to order and Superintendent Wyrosdick led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and in a moment of silence.

C. Approval of Minutes

There were no minutes submitted for approval at this meeting.

D. Oral Written Communications

None

E. Recognitions/Resolutions/Proclamations

None

F. Public Hearing

**1. Conduct First Public Hearing on the
Proposed/Tentative 2020-2021 Budget**

The Chairman opened the floor for the public hearing on the 2020-21 proposed/tentative budget. Mr. Hinote asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding this item and no one came forward.

*Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
The Board approved the recommendation of Required Local Effort Millage at 3.8020 Mills.*

*Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Jenny Granse. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.
The Board approved the recommendation of Basic Discretionary*

Operating Millage at 0.7480 Mills.

Motion to Approve was moved by Wei Ueberschaer, Seconded by Jenny Granse. Motion Passed by a Vote of 3 – 2; with Mr. Hinote and Mrs. Sanborn opposing.

The Board approved the recommendation of Basic Discretionary Capital Millage at 1.5000 Mills (for a total millage of 6.050 Mills).

There was discussion among the Board members regarding a promise made to voters twenty-two years ago that if the half-cent sales tax was passed we would not increase capital millage; it would remain at 1.4000 mills.

Mrs. Sanborn stated that she feels a promise was made to the voters; she is concerned that we may lose the half-cent sales tax (over \$9 million) if we break that promise.

Mr. Hinote stated that if he is to be a man of his word he cannot support increasing the millage by .1000 mills.

Mrs. Ueberschaer stated that she has faith in our community that they will understand this is needed in order to maintain the educational standards that we are used to in Santa Rosa County. She provided an example showing that a home valued the same as last year will actually show a tax decrease since the overall millage is going down (from 6.091 to 6.050 mills).

Superintendent Wyrosdick shared that if the 1.5000 mills are not approved, we will be starting over with our budget which will put us significantly behind; however, it is doable.

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 3 – 2; with Mr. Hinote and Mrs. Sanborn opposing.

The Board approved the recommendation for a total Operating Budget of \$261,194,014.75 and a total budget of all budget parts of \$407,763,040.08 and to hold a final public hearing on the Millage and Budget on September 10, 2020, at 6:30 P.M.

2. Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 Code of Student Conduct

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Chairman opened the floor for the public hearing on the 2020-21 Code of Student Conduct. Mr. Hinote asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding this item and no one came forward.

Superintendent Wyrosdick explained that this may be confusing as he is requesting approval of the publicly advertised Code of Student Conduct but will be bringing a recommendation to amend the Code of Student

Conduct later in this meeting in regard to face coverings (masks). This amendment will be recommended under emergency order.

3. Public Hearing for the 2020-2021 Student Progression Plan

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Jenny Granse. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Chairman opened the floor for the public hearing on the 2020-21 Student Progression Plan. Mr. Hinote asked if anyone would like to address the Board regarding this item; no one came forward.

G. Public Forum- (Request to address the School Board regarding an item not on the agenda)

The Chairman opened the floor for the Public Forum and asked if anyone would like to address the Board. No one came forward and the Public Forum was closed.

Administrative Agenda

H. Approval of Agenda- Items may be pulled from the Administrative Agenda and placed under the respective Action Agenda category by request of the Board member/Superintendent

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved all Administrative Agenda items H. 1 and 2 as submitted.

1. Human Resource items

a. Administrative Agenda

2. Curriculum/Instruction Items

a. Student Reassignment Requests

b. School Volunteers - Level 1

Action Agenda

I. Administrative/Operational Recommendations- Joey Harrell, Assistant Superintendent for Administrative Services

1. Exceed the Limit 073020

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

2. RFP 152602 Interpreting Services Renewal 073020

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Linda

Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

3. Enhanced Cleaning Agreement with ABM 073020

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

Mrs. Ueberschaer requested that the enhanced cleaning agreement be placed on the district web page.

4. 2020-21 Starting and Dismissal Revised 073020

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

5. Conduct Public Meeting and Approve Purchase of 10 Acre Parcel from Martin Dewayne Griswold for Future Educational Facilities (Addition to Campus of Chumuckla Elementary School)

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the public meeting and purchase of a 10-acre parcel from Martin Dewayne Griswold for future educational facilities (addition to campus of Chumuckla Elementary School).

J. Human Resource Recommendation- Conni Carnley, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources

1. Action Agenda

Motion to Approve was moved by Jenny Granse, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the following job descriptions as presented.

- *Elementary Certified School Counselor, TSA for Student Services (revised, one position divided into two) requested by Student Services, grant funded*
- *Secondary Certified School Counselor, TSA for Student Services (revised, one position divided into two) requested by Student Services, grant funded*

K. Curricular and Instructions Recommendation – Bill Emerson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction

1. NWF Articulation Agreement - Revised

Motion to Approve was moved by Wei Ueberschaer, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

2. WeatherSTEM Inc. General Service Agreement

Motion to Approve was moved by Carol Boston, Seconded by Wei Ueberschaer. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0. Mrs. Ueberschaer asked Mr Weeks to talk about Weather Stem; an app that gives teachers info regarding lightning strikes, upcoming weather. Mr. Weeks shared that we need an update - this will complete all of our high schools having the Weather Stem app.

L. Financial Recommendations – Susan McCole, Assistant Superintendent for Finance

None

M. Information Technology Services Recommendations – David Hicks, Assistant Superintendent for Information Technology Services

None

N. Items from Board Members

Mrs. Sanborn stated that she appreciates being able to attend the Board meeting virtually.

Mrs. Boston expressed appreciation to Brian Noack at Navarre High for her new mask. She also extended sympathy to the Austin family at the recent passing of Coach Joe Austin.

Mr. Hinote shared that he appreciates all the hard work that staff has put in over the last several weeks. He's impressed with the remote learning option; this is going to be a great thing for our students. He also attended a Spark event today; it was fantastic to see so many teachers in our system mentoring new teachers.

O. Items from Board Attorney

Mr. Green had no items.

P. Items from Superintendent

Superintendent Wyrosdick requested to take his items after the Public Hearing items since they are related.

He explained that under emergency rule order, if the Board approves the item, the rule/order immediately becomes effective and we begin to advertise.

1. Revised 2020-2021 School Calendar - Emergency Rule Order

Motion to Approve was moved by Wei Ueberschaer, Seconded by Jenny Granse. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0.

The Board approved the revised 2020-2021 School Calendar Emergency Rule Order as submitted.

2. Mandatory Face Coverings - Emergency Rule Order

Superintendent Wyrosdick read aloud the Mandatory Face Coverings - Emergency Rule Order. He also presented a letter signed by four area hospital CEOs supporting the use of face masks.

Mrs. Granse stated that the way this is worded should be helpful to parents; to know that if their student can't wear the mask for a medical reason they will not have to.

The Superintendent asked the Board Chairman to allow anyone who is at the meeting with concerns about this item to come forward to address the Board prior to the Board voting on it. Mr. Hinote asked Craig Morin II to come forward to the podium.

Mr. Morin approached the podium and provided background information; he attended school in Santa Rosa County and has two students in our district. Mr. Morin expressed his strong concerns regarding students being required to wear masks. He stated that he has observed people in the meeting touching their masks. Mr. Morin stated that he has a medical condition which keeps him from wearing a mask and he feels that as an American citizen he should not be forced to wear one. He continued that there is a group forming that will fight back on this (the Patriots) since they feel that they should not be told how to live their life. He also wants to know what kind of educational services will be offered to his student that will allow socialization.

Mr. Hinote responded that he respects Mr. Morin's opinion. He asked Mr. Morin if his children are healthy; Mr. Morin stated they are. Mr. Hinote asked if he realizes that other children in the classroom may not be healthy. Mr. Morin responded that people die every 37 seconds from heart-related disease in this country.

Superintendent Wyrosdick asked Mr. Morin to speak with Mrs. April Martin regarding educational options for his students.

The next speaker was Robbie Harvey who stated that he lives in Pensacola but his child attends Gulf Breeze Elementary where his wife is a third-grade teacher. Mr. Harvey is not in favor of students wearing masks. He recited statistics showing that a majority of Covid 19 deaths have occurred in either inmate or long-term care facility populations. Mr. Harvey continued with statistics on teen depression and suicide. He is requesting that the school system "let his kid be a kid."

Motion to Approve was moved by Wei Ueberschaer, Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0. The Board approved the Mandatory Face Coverings Emergency Rule Order as submitted.

3. Request to Advertise for Public Hearing - Face Masks/School Calendar

Motion to Approve was moved by Wei Ueberschaer, Seconded by Linda Sanborn. Motion Passed by a Vote of 5 - 0. The Board approved the request to advertise for public hearing for proposed adoption, amendment, and/or repeal of the Code of Student Conduct and the starting date for school, school year 2020-2021.

4. School Year 2020-2021 Athletics

Superintendent Wyrosdick provided a status report. The school start date has been postponed and school athletics have been postponed as well.

He expressed appreciation to staff for all they have done. He also spoke of unsung heroes in the ITS office who are managing things behind the scenes.

The Superintendent announced the deadline for students to select their learning option has been moved from August 3 to August 7 to allow parents more time to communicate with their school. As of this afternoon approximately 6,000 students have registered.

Q. Adjournment

*Motion to Approve was moved by Wei Ueberschaer,
Seconded by Carol Boston. Motion Other by a Vote of 5 - 0.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.*

*DONE AND ORDERED IN LEGAL SESSION by the School
Board of Santa Rosa County this 30th day of July, 2020.*

SCHOOL BOARD OF
SANTA ROSA COUNTY

Chairman

ATTEST:

Superintendent and Secretary