



Board Meeting Minutes
Desert Sky Montessori
Virtual Meeting
May 13, 2020

Sam Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:15pm.

Present: Sam Pierce, Cara Nowak, John Eskew, Kim Bangerter, Jolene Dodge

Also Present: Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Pascaline Ocana, Heather Phillips, Ute-Anja McDonald, Heather Amaral, Jessica Loukonen (6:34pm arrival)

BUSINESS

- A. Consent Agenda
 - a. Approve April 2020 Minutes and April 2020 Special Session Minutes

2020.5.13.01 Sam Pierce moves to approve the April 2020 Minutes and April 2020 Special Session Minutes. Jolene Dodge seconds. The April 2020 Minutes and April 2020 Special Session Minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

- B. Treasurer's Report
 - a. John Eskew: financials are in reasonable shape at this point; have cut all expenses we are able to cut; PPP loan has been received in time to cover first payroll; today we are fine, so we should be looking towards the rest of the year and attempting to be ready for the future
 - b. Julia Sutter: the PPP loan looks to be able to cover all but maybe \$200 for the next months; we are keeping a close eye on everything and paying all of our bills, but it is tight; with the plan that we have in place, we should be able to keep enough in reserve per Bend/Lapine School District (3%), but we will have to follow the plan to make up the difference in PERS next year

- C. Expansion Committee Report
 - a. Kim Bangerter: with so much up in the air related to our present situation [COVID-19], the committee took a step back; we will continue to meet monthly, but are essentially in a holding pattern and have decided that we need firmer footing before making any decisions; we are planning to still move forward with a purpose-built school and with a middle school program and are still looking at options; Unity is not in the position to move on the property in Tumalo

- D. Head of School Presentation
 - a. Jodie Borgia: in contact with Oregon Department of Education (ODE) and Bend/Lapine district board regarding current coronavirus situation
 - i. Oregon governor Kate Brown is currently gathering information, then can take legislative options to allocate state reserves to education; uncertain if there will be funds coming from the federal government also; there should be information about bailout for schools by the end of July

- ii. Bend/Lapine schools make up 3% of the state's allocated school budget, so they are encouraging local action, including saving as much as possible from the remainder of this year to be rolled over into next year's budget
 - iii. ODE has requested we create budgets for next year that correlate with 5%,10%, and 17% cuts so that we may be reasonably prepared for what might come in the future
 - iv. Jodie Borgia is working out a plan for how to reopen the school, but will not hear any directives from ODE until the end of June at the soonest; directives from Kate Brown on social distancing, group sizes, and cleaning protocols will be the main driving forces
 - 1. Guidance for childcare has just come through—hope to have an answer concerning summer school for our families by next Wednesday
 - 2. Believes the district will put together a hybrid learning system consisting of 5 phases resembling the following:
 - a. Phase 1: distance learning for all children
 - b. Phase 2: children of essential workers physically at school, distance learning for all other children
 - c. Phase 3: part-time face-to-face for all children, but no before or aftercare programs; this may look like 2 half-days per week
 - d. Phase 4: perhaps 25 children per classroom allowed
 - e. Phase 5: all children back in school, but with planning around deep cleaning, not everyone being in one place at one time, use of face coverings, etc.
 - 3. Schools will not look/run the way they were in February 2020 again until there is a vaccine that can be easily distributed to everyone in the United States (probably 12-18 months)
 - b. Desert Sky Montessori's charter was approved unanimously for an additional 3 years by the Bend/Lapine board
 - c. John Eskew thanks the teachers for all of the time and effort they are putting in with our students; thanks Jodie Borgia and Julia Sutter for all of their work
- E. Sam Pierce: we should all be aware of potential funding sources, grants, etc.
- a. Pascaline Ocana: we could do a run-a-thon with the children at some point while still practicing social distancing
 - b. Jodie Borgia: we should make a point to share with our community what % our budget is cut by once we know

ACTION ITEMS

2020.05.13.02 Kim Bangerter motions to move board meetings to the third Wednesday of every month, effective in June 2020. John Eskew seconds. Moving the meetings to the third Wednesday of every month is approved by unanimous vote.

2020.05.13.03 Jolene Dodge moves that we add 6th grade to the roster next year. Kim Bangerter seconds. 6th grade is added to next year's roster by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:28pm.

Recorded by: Cara Nowak

Minutes approved at 6/17/2020 Board Meeting