



Board Meeting Minutes

Desert Sky Montessori

June 17, 2020

Virtual Meeting

Sam Pierce called the meeting to order at 6:16pm.

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

Also Present: Jodie Borgia, Julia Sutter, Jason Sexton, Heather Amaral, Jessica Loukonen, Heather Phillips, Pascaline Ocana, Ute-Anja McDonald

BUSINESS

A. Consent Agenda

a. Approve May 2020 Minutes

2020.06.17.01 Sam Pierce moves to approve the May 2020 Minutes. John Eskew seconds. The May 2020 Minutes are approved by unanimous vote.

B. Treasurer's Report

- a. John Eskew: the budget being presented is the "business as usual" budget, based on the same Average Daily Membership (ADM) funds and enrollment of 195 students, consistent with this year
- b. Jodie Borgia: the state is waiting on what federal funds are going to come down the line to see what shortfalls they will be facing in order to communicate what cuts will need to be made in schools; DSM will be hiring for the coming year based on the 8% cut budget, not based on this "best case scenario" budget; both the 8% cut budget and the "business as usual/best case scenario" budgets will have the teachers' salaries increasing as we were planning
- c. John Eskew: we are ahead of where we thought we may be at the emergency special session board meeting held April 22, 2020; looks as though we will be able to make PERS payments on time

C. Head of School Report

- a. Jodie Borgia: we need to be thinking about what full-time in-person learning and hybrid in-person/distance learning would look like for next year
- b. Sam Pierce: thinks that it is important for us to be able to offer as much face-to-face learning time as Bend/Lapine schools
- c. Kim Bangerter: wonders if we have calculated the square footage of the rooms and if any will fulfill the government's requirements
 - i. Jodie Borgia: we are looking at having 15 children in a classroom at a time; the only way we could possibly fit all the children would be if we had outdoor classrooms, but that would require structures that could be heated, as the plan presented needs to be for the entire school year
- d. Jessica Loukonen: wonders about the overall plan and if we could possibly go back to normal if things calm down over the summer

- i. Jodie Borgia: so far, the mandates are statewide and up to Oregon Department of Education's (ODE) discretion
- e. Heather Amaral: wonders if using the sanctuary at OWC would be an option to increase space for DSM
 - i. Jodie Borgia: we have been told to wait for Bend/Lapine School District's information to come out before we make any additional plans—if they say all of their schools are going to go full-time face-to-face we will need to scramble
- f. There will be constant new/additional information from ODE and the Oregon Health Authority (OHA) throughout the summer
- g. Jodie Borgia is planning to make herself available to hear what parents/guardians in our community have to say about the coming school year and will update the board with Bend/Lapine School District's recommendations as they come out

ACTION ITEMS

2020.06.17.02. John Eskew moves we approve the DSM budget for the 2020/2021 school year as presented. Kim Bangerter seconds. The DSM budget for the 2020/2021 school year is approved by unanimous vote.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51pm.

Recorded by: Cara Nowak

Minutes approved at 8/19/2020 Board Meeting