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Educational Service Center
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Due to the continuing pandemic as well as the Governor's continuing Emergency Proclamations, restrictions will be in place for in-person attendance at Board meetings. Such restrictions are intended to substantially comply with current public health guidance. Members of the public who have symptoms of COVID-19 and/or family members with those symptoms should not attend. Those in attendance will be expected to comply with restrictions such as, but not limited to, physical distancing measures, and wearing a face mask/covering when such distancing is not possible.

The public may continue to have access to the Board's meetings remotely.

I. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance

President Saint called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call of Members

Present: Directors Alarcon-Flory (6:20 p.m.), Albert, Colling, Goodvin, Greenwell, Saint and Scarlett (6:02 p.m.)

III. Approval of Agenda

Director Colling moved and Director Albert seconded the motion to approve the agenda. Director Greenwell moved and Director Goodvin seconded the motion to amend the agenda and pull item **H-Device Life Cycle Purchases** to a regular item of discussion. Motion to amend the agenda carried 7-0.

Director Goodvin requested discussion to open Board meetings to full capacity be added to the next Board agenda.

Motion to approve the agenda as amended carried 7-0.

IV. Citizen Input.

Malynda Krastel, 117 S Rustin St., shared reasons why she believes her family is being harassed by the administration.

V. Consent Action Item(s)

Director Scarlett moved and Director Greenwell seconded the motion to approve the following Consent Action Items. Motion carried 7-0.

- A. Board Meeting Minutes from August 24, 2020 – Dr. Paul Gausman
- B. Human Resources Report – Dr. Rita Vannatta
- C. Finance Report(s) – Patty Blankenship
- D. Transition Alliance Program (TAP) – Kim Neal
- E. Contract for Transportation Services Between the SCCSD and D&Z Transportation LLC – Brian Fahrendholz
- F. Contract for Transportation Services Between the SCCSD and Care-A-Van Transportation LLC – Brian Fahrendholz
- G. FY21 Brainpop License Renewal – John Pritchard
- H. Consideration to Move from a Private Placement Bond Issue to Public Offering of Approximately \$36,000,000 School Infrastructure Sales, Services and Use Tax Revenue Refunding Bonds – Patty Blankenship

Director Greenwell questioned the number of resignations for Special Education Instructional Assistants. Ms. Neal replied this is normal this time of year and that Principals are working to fill about 10 positions.

- I. Device Life Cycle Purchases – John Pritchard

Director Greenwell moved and Director Colling seconded the motion to approve the Device Life Cycle Purchases. Motion carried 7-0.

VII. Board Member Reports / Future Meetings

Director Colling:

- He attended Student Achievement and Board Finance & Facilities Committee meetings.

Director Goodvin:

- He looks forward to the Return-to-Learn Plan update discussion later tonight.

Director Greenwell:

- He attended Student Achievement and Board Finance & Facilities meetings, and a Boundary Committee meeting.

Director Albert:

- She attended Board Policy and Educational Equity Committee meetings.

Director Scarlett:

- She attended Student Achievement Committee meeting.
- She looks forward to the *Return-to-Learn* discussion.
- She has heard from teachers, parents, and students about safety measures not being enforced, and reminded the District to enforce these procedures.
- She thanked Dr. Burnight for handling some concerns expeditiously. She thanked parents for their patience with the issues at hand and encouraged everyone to continue to bring their concerns and/or feedback to the administration or to the Board.
- Her number one priority is safety and staying healthy.

Director Alarcon-Flory:

- She apologized for being late, noting she stopped by to say goodbye to a staff member who recently passed.
- She thanked all staff, students and parents for all they do.

Future Meetings are as follows:

- Student Achievement Committee – Noon, September 21, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Finance & Facilities Committee – 3:00 p.m., September 21, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Board Policy Committee – 4:00 p.m., September 22, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Sales Tax Finance Oversight Committee – 8:00 a.m., September 28, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., September 28, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Regular School Board Meeting – 6:00 p.m., October 12, 2020, ESC Board Room.
- Educational Equity Committee – 11:30 a.m., October 16, 2020, ESC PD Room.

VIII. Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Gausman acknowledged how difficult this school year has been for staff and families and that it has been hard on everyone. He asked everyone to be patient, be good listeners, and that adjustments will be made to our practices and procedures for a positive impact on students. While not yet perfect, we are moving in the right direction.

IX. Items of Presentation, Discussion, and/or Action

A. *Return-to-Learn Plan* Update – Dr. Paul Gausman and Dr. Kim Buryanek

Dr. Gausman stated the District continues to utilize social distancing, masks / face coverings, and cleaning protocols to keep students and staff safe. He provided an update on cleaning supplies with foam pumps and sustaining a pool of substitutes. Dr. Buryanek stated the District began in the Hybrid Model with success. She provided an update on virus breakouts, virtual learning, and classroom learning.

Board members engaged in discussion with administration regarding their questions and concerns related to class sizes and teacher training for virtual learning.

Dr. Gausman will provide the level of detail requested regarding class sizes and will add the *Return-to-Learn Plan* to the next Board meeting agenda.

Brenda Zahner, 1119 4th St., Ste. 219, expressed concerns from teachers regarding virtual learning, class sizes and workload.

Kris Snavelly, 8910 Lakeshore Drive, McCook Lake, expressed concerns regarding class sizes, workload, virtual teaching / learning, instructional rounds, and asked the District to provide options to essential employees when being asked to return to work.

Amanda Gibson, 3609 Virginia Street, (via phone) expressed concerns regarding virtual learning for elementary classes.

President Saint stated the Board acknowledged the *Return-to-Learn Plan* update.

The Board took a 5-minute break.

B. Board Approval of Adjusted Secondary Boundary Timeline – Dr. Paul Gausman

President Saint shared a brief synopsis regarding the secondary boundary project. Director Greenwell presented information and charts he had put together.

President Saint stated the Board acknowledged the Adjusted Secondary Boundary Timeline.

C. Second and Final Reading of Board Policies – Dr. Paul Gausman

- 501.11 Student Absences – Excused
- 601.2 School Day / Instructional Hours **NEW**
- 604.11 Appropriate Use of Online Learning Platforms **NEW**
- 805 Gifts to the District
- 907 District Operation During Public Emergencies **NEW**
- AR907 District Operations During A Public Health Emergency Regulation **NEW**

Director Alarcon-Flory moved and Director Scarlett seconded the motion to approve the above Board policies for second and final reading and acknowledge the new Administrative Regulation (AR). President Saint noted that once BP907 passes on second reading, the Board's *Pandemic Resolution* will terminate.

Malynda Krastel, 117 S Rustin St., expressed concerns with virtual learning, the power of the Superintendent, and Board Policy 907.

Motion carried 7-0.

X. Adjourn

Director Scarlett moved and Director Alarcon-Flory seconded the motion to adjourn the regular meeting. Motion carried 7-0, and the regular meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Jeremy Saint, Board President
SCCSD Board of Directors

Cynthia A. Lloyd, Board Secretary
SCCSD Board of Directors