

PEARL CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting for August 19, 2020

President Bremmer called the Regular Meeting to order @ 6:30PM.

After Roll Call the Board approved the August 19, 2020 agenda.

The Board recognized guests and public comments were allowed. The following questions were asked by Mrs. Lisa Allseits

I have reviewed the family & Student Remote Learning Handbook and as a member of the community, I am very interested in making certain all families/students have equal and consistent access to remote learning. In my read, the Handbook has several areas of contradiction, that I am hoping can be clarified before approval/distribution.

Questions follow:

1. Has this plan gone out to all of the parents in the district for review and comment? If not, why? Will it and if so, When?
2. In whatever form this is approved tonight, how will the school district ensure that all parents are advised of the plan and their options in particular those who need school district support for the consistent remote access that is integral to the remote learning portions of the plan particular when would only be about 24 hours of time to do so? (School starts on Friday, which is remote for all students).
3. The Handbook clearly states on page one that "There are three variations of Remote Learning for the Pearl City School District. Please see all three guidance documents below." I see the following: "Opt-In Remote Learning Plan", "Friday Remote Learning Plan" and the "All School Remote learning Plan". It is not clear on what the third variation of the Remote Learning is (Hybrid?) with Friday Remote Learning Plan being All District students? Could you clarify so that the reader understands and has information on all options?
4. What is the school district's plan for every student in the District to receive the laptop/chromebook device and/or remote/internet access if needed before Friday morning when the first day of school begins remotely?
5. How will you be proactively troubleshooting this plan e.g., web streaming, broadcasts, internet access by all, etc.?
6. How many hotspots have been obtained and loaned out? Where are the hotspots being "rented" from and at what cost? When did this request go in? When was this purchase discussed (the cost and where to obtain the hotspots) and approved by the school board? How was this information available about hot spots given to the public? What is the plan to ensure that those students who need it, receive it?
7. Page 4; "Early Elementary students do not take their chromebook home." "...Teachers will also provide digital instruction for parents that have an electronic device at home. The assignments will focus on Reading and Math." Research shows that between K-1 that these (K-1) years are The Most Important formative years for having reading and mathematical skills develop in students. If a family does not have an electronic device at home, how does this provide for Reading and Math instruction for ALL Early Elementary students within the district?
8. In the Elementary Students 2-6, and Junior High sections, the handbook states (page 4) "Teachers may also send assignments home with the students the previous evening, so students can do the work on the chromebook." If this is a Remote Learning Handbook, how is the teacher going to see the student to "send home" the assignments the previous evening?
9. From page 6, "The remote learning experience cannot be duplicated through paper packets" so why and how would a teacher, "send assignments home with the students the previous evening, so students can do the work on the chromebook"? AND, on page 7 of the Handbook, "PK-1 will use a mixture of technology and physical paperwork packets." How is the district going to "safely" get the paperwork packets to the families of the PK-1 students? How and when will each family be notified of this procedure or of when this will begin?
10. Page 7 of the Handbook, "Once the plan is determined and finalized, this area will be updated." When is it to be determined, when will the Handbook be updated and how and when will the family's each be notified of the Breakfast and Lunch Options?
11. Have staff salaries changed now that students are not in the building full time? If so, how? If not, why not? How will this change, if at all, if students are in 100% remote learning, e.g., paraprofessionals, maintenance and administrative staff?

The Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the July 15, 2020 Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session closed session minutes and bills and payroll from August 14 for \$505,884.04.

Communications:

Reviewed three FOIA requests from Ms. Deb Weiss

New Business:

1. Approved the 2020-2021 Remote Learning Plan
2. Approval of a Spring Trip to Camp Timberlee from April 14-18
3. Approved the donation of four trees by Bob and Darla Hasselman
4. Approved the 2020-2021 tentative budget
5. Approved to reschedule the Regular Scheduled Sept. Board Meeting (6:30pm) and Public Budget Hearing to Sept. 23rd 2020 (6:20pm) in the High School Cafeteria
6. Approved of the destruction of Closed Session Tapes Prior to January 2019
7. Heard the first reading of the Amended/New Board Policies. See below for the proposed policies to be changed:
 - 2:220-School Board Meeting Procedure; 2:220-E9- Requirements for no physical presence of quorum and participation by audio or video during disaster declaration; 4:180-Pandemic Preparedness; 7:40- Non-public students, including parochial and home-schooled students; 7:190- Student Behavior; 7:190-E2- Student Handbook Checklist; 7:340- Student records; 7:345- Use of Educational Technology, student data and privacy; 2:250-E2- Immediately Available district public reports and records; 2:260- Uniform Grievance Procedure; 2:265- Title IX Sexual Harassment Grievance procedure; 2:265-E- Title IX Sexual Harassment Glossary of Terms; 5:10- Equal Employment Opportunity and Minority recruitment; 5:20 Workplace Harassment Prohibited; 5:100- Staff Development Program; 5:200 Terms and Conditions of Employment and Dismissal; 5:220- Substitute Teachers; 5:330- Sick Days, Vacation, Holidays, and Leaves; 7:10 Equal Educational Opportunities; 7:20 Harassment of Students Prohibited; 7:180- Prevention of and Response to Bullying, Intimidation, and Harassment; 7:185- Teen Dating Violence Prohibited
8. Approved the Resignation of the following individuals:
 - Stephanie Rosenstiel- Asst. Cook
 - Elizabeth Torres, Shania Fischer, Jessica Christiansen, Gretchen Howe- Paraprofessional
 - Bob Ditzler- Bus Driver
9. Approved to hire Sue Koehn as District Administrative Asst.
10. Approved Jessica Christiansen as Daycare Lead Teacher
11. Approved to Hire Three Elementary Paraprofessionals
 - Lindsay Miller
 - Tessa Kempel
 - Anne Hoerer
12. Approved to keep the following closed session meeting minutes closed: 8-21-19; 9-25-19; 10-16-19; 11-20-19; 12-18-19; 1-15-20; 2-12-20; 2-19-20; 3-18-20
13. The school board moved that the Board would affirm the Complaint Manager's findings and recommendations regarding the June 16th 2020 Uniformed Grievance Complaint and not impose any further action to be taken, and further move that the Board issue a written determination letter to the complainant detailing the Board's decision.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm