

PEARL CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting for October 21, 2020

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

After Roll Call the Board approved the October 21, 2020 agenda.

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

1. With the recent large sporting events being conducted within the Pearl City School District, opening of the school, Labor Day holiday, and the most recent rising number of cases reported from the Stephenson County Health Department, etc., with all of this in mind--

a. Including all students, administrators, staff, teachers, etc., what is the current number of positive Covid-19 cases that have been reported to the school, from the first day of school through and including today's (10/21/2020) date?

b. And how many students, staff, administrators, teachers, etc. have already been quarantined at home since this school year started?

2. Included in tonight's Board Packet of information is the following:

"On an e-learning day the teachers shall be scheduled to work from 8:30-1:30. Teachers shall be available for technology support or if a student has a question regarding an assignment."

Please explain how this occurs, i.e.,:

a. How are teachers scheduled to work? For instance, at the school, at home?

b. Where is the documentation that instructs teachers on how they are scheduled to work?

c. Please explain, if a teacher is going to be shopping (or on a vacation day) during this time, how does he/she convey to the class that he/she will be unavailable during this time?

d. Is there a substitute available for teachers not "available" during e-learning days/times?

e. How and when is the information regarding the teacher's absence and/or a substitute name, etc. given to the students?

f. Where is the guidance documented for the teachers for this?

The Board approved the Consent Agenda consisting of the minutes from the Sept. 21, 2020 Public Hearing, Regular Board Meeting and Closed Session closed session minutes and bills and payroll from October 16 for \$538,136.68.

Communications:

Reviewed FOIA Request by Ms. Weiss

Reviewed FOIA Request by Mrs. Allseits

School Board Elections

There are four (four-year term) seats available on the Pearl City School District School Board for anyone interested in running for a position as a school board member in the April 6<sup>th</sup> 2021 Election. Interested candidates may pick up a packet at the Stephenson County Clerk's office in Freeport. You may also go to the Stephenson County Clerk Office website to see a candidate guide, calendar and Independent Petition Packet for April 6, 2021.

It is important to note that the school is no longer the governing agent over the election process. This is now completely controlled by the Stephenson County Clerk. All required documents that need to be completed for a candidate to be placed on the ballot must be turned into the Stephenson County Clerk. Petitions can be circulated starting September 22, 2020.

New Business:

1. Dr. Schiffman shared information from his Finance Presentation that will be Oct. 28th
2. The School Board approved to move forward with the e-Learning process and set a Public Hearing Date for Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:20pm.
3. Approved the resignation of Tessa Kempel as Elementary Paraprofessional.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:06pm