

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT

BOARD MINUTES

September 13, 2021 via Zoom

6:30 p.m.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.
 - 1.1 Board members in attendance, participating via Zoom: Mary DeWald, Dennis Reinholtsen, Becky Reece, and Beth Johnston. Board member absent, Andy Sundquist.

- 2.0 CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 2.1 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Andy Dennis Reinholtsen to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 4-0.

- 3.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – Alissa Morey commented as a parent and employee of the district that she hopes the district follows all the Department of Public Health’s COVID-19 safety measures for schools, and that the district supports vaccination efforts and on-site testing.

- 4.0 REPORTS**
 - 4.1 Cutten Ridgewood PTA Report – Elaine Mu reported that the annual Carnival is not happening this fall. The PTA is hopeful that the Carnival might happen in the Spring. The Raffle Committee is working on raffle ticket sales, with one of the prizes being a trip to Disneyland. Spirit wear is available starting today at spirithero.com, the best prices are available during the flash sale now until October 4th. Spirit wear will still be available after that, but at a higher price. PTA is still looking for a Greeter chair and Staff Appreciation chair. The PTA would like to thank the teachers for their support.
 - 4.2 HBTA Report – Amy Chastain reported that everyone is incredibly happy to be back in person. Even though things are not back to normal it is great to have kids back on campus for full days in the classroom. Masking this year is going really well. As expected there is a big social-emotional need this year, and the amazing social work team and administration are doing a great job to meet those needs. There have been a lot of schedule changes this year, but everyone is doing their best to make it work, and it is working.
 - 4.3 Enrollment Update – The current enrollment for the district is 556 with 27 of those student enrolled in Independent Study. Transitional Kindergarten and Kindergarten numbers are a little low this year, which might be due to some parents keeping their kids home due to the current conditions. Class sizes were also kept low this year to allow for more spacing in the classrooms. There are waiting lists in 2nd and 5th grades.

- 5.0 CORRESPONDENCE** – Letter from HCOE – Approval of 2021-22 LCAP and Adopted Budget.

- 6.0 PUBLIC HEARING**
 - 6.1 Becky Reece opened the public hearing regarding the sufficiency of instructional materials. There were no public comments or questions, the public hearing was closed.

7.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 7.1 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Beth Johnston, to approve Resolution 1022-4 Regarding the Sufficiency of Instructional Materials. Motion carried 4-0.
- 7.2 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Beth Johnston, to approve the updated Cutten School District COVID-19 Safety Plan. Motion carried 4-0.
- 7.3 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Beth Johnston, to approve the employment of a part-time employee with the qualifications to deal with COVID-19 related issues. Motion carried 4-0.
- 7.4 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Dennis Reinholtsen, to require any district volunteers to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 and show proof of vaccination upon request. Motion carried 4-0.
- 7.5 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Mary DeWald, to approve the increase to substitute teacher daily pay to \$150 per day. Motion carried 4-0.
- 7.6 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Mary DeWald, to approve the purchase of a Food Warmer. Motion carried 4-0.

8.0 SUPERINTENDENT AND PRINCIPAL REPORT

Becky MacQuarrie reported that outdoor tents and tables are up at both Cutten and Ridgewood, so that students can eat lunch outside with proper social distancing. Rain and wind have not been an issue so far, and students will eat lunch outside as long as possible. The ventilation systems at Cutten are not installed yet, BESC is waiting for parts that are scheduled to arrive in October. The heating systems at Cutten are waiting for approval from PG&E to move forward, but the old heating systems will be able to be used once the ventilation is complete. The roofing project at Cutten School is complete. The Office of Public School Construction has received the district's application for modernization, another positive step in the process. The district will be reviewing the leases of some of the printers and copiers with Ray Morgan, as the leases have come up. Parent interviews and back to school night both went really well this year. The district may look at the timing of these events in future years. Kudos to the teachers for making short term independent study work. Student who have to quarantine due to COVID-19 go into short term independent study, and that term may get extended due to quarantine protocols, and teachers are doing a great job of making it work. Kudos to the Maintenance/Custodial team for setting up and cleaning the outdoor tents and tables, that is not an easy job. August Deshais stated that all staff is doing a great job with all the new challenges of the school year.

9.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Beth Johnston is glad that the district is doing field trips again. Becky Reece stated her whole family are members of the Cutten Ridgewood PTA.

10.0 ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Becky MacQuarrie".

Becky MacQuarrie
Secretary to the Board