

CUTTEN SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD MINUTES
May 10, 2021 via Zoom
6:30 p.m.

- 1.0 CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m.
 - 1.1 Board members in attendance, participating via Zoom: Andy Sundquist, Mary DeWald, Dennis Reinholtsen, Becky Reece, and Beth Johnston
- 2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT ON CLOSED SESSION ITEM** – None Offered
- 3.0 CLOSED SESSION** – Convened at 6:34 p.m.
 - 3.1 Employee Appointment/Employment
- 4.0 RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION** – Open session was reconvened at 7:20 p.m.
 - 4.1 No Action Taken
- 5.0 CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 5.1 Motion by Mary DeWald, second by Dennis Reinholtsen to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried 5-0.
- 6.0 VISITOR COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS** – None
- 7.0 REPORTS**
 - 7.1 Cutten Ridgewood PTA Report – Elaine Mu reported that documents were approved and officials were elected at the PTA meeting last week. There will be a virtual PTA convention this week. The PTA discussed giving student folders to the schools and possibly providing a snack for play day. Nominations are being taken for PTA service awards. The PTA provided snacks and goodies to both schools for staff appreciation week. The PTA is looking for a Staff Appreciation Chair for next year. The PTA has received nine applications for their scholarship, and the applications are being reviewed. The last meeting of the year will be June 1st at 6 p.m.
 - 7.2 School Site Council Report – August Deshais reported that the School Wellness Policy was reviewed and adopted at the last meeting. The council found a couple of board policies that needed to be adopted during the process. The council reviewed the results of the LCAP survey. There are three parent seats open for the 21-22 school year.
 - 7.3 HBTA Report – Amy Chastain reported that Jen Code’s 4th grade students participated in the YES program at HSU and were able to meet their pen pals via Zoom. The HBTA would like to thank the PTA for the snacks provided during staff appreciation week and were grateful for the healthy options. Participation in PTA theme week and chalk art on the playgrounds was impressive.
 - 7.4 2021-22 New Student Registration and IDT Update – Sue Ivey went over the most recent student registration numbers. There are 69 TK/Kindergarten students registered for 21-22 so far. The district expects more registrations to trickle in until school starts.
- 8.0 CORRESPONDENCE** – None
- 9.0 PUBLIC HEARING**

- 9.1 2021-2022 EPA Spending Plan – The 2021-2022 district EPA spending plan was presented. The district is projected to receive \$589,423 in funding for the 2021-2022 school year. Funds will be used to pay teacher salaries and benefits. There were no public comments on the 2021-2022 EPA spending plan.

10.0 INFORMATION / POSSIBLE ACTION ITEMS

- 10.1 LCAP Survey Results were presented by August Deshais. The district had a brainstorming event in January to come up with the survey questions for the year. There were 170 responses this year, mostly from parents and families, but also from staff and one community member. There was around 30% involvement for each grade level with higher involvement in kindergarten and fourth grade. Programs were ranked on a 1-5 scale with anything above a 3 being considered important. These three academic programs were considered important: Instructional Aides, Intervention/Learning Loss and Engagement & Attendance. In the Family Involvement category there were two categories that average a rating above 3: New Family Orientation and School-Home Communication. All three programs in the Enrichment-Extra Curricular category averaged a rating above 3: Music/Library, Sports/Gymnasium and Academic Clubs, with Music/Library being rated closer to 4.
- 10.2 There was a discussion regarding returning board meetings to on-site rather than virtual, but the district decided to stay virtual for the rest of the school year.
- 10.3 The new Superintendent Becky MacQuarrie has decided to work at the Cutten site, which means August Deshais will be moving to the Ridgewood site in the 2021-2022 school year.
- 10.4 Motion by Dennis Reinholtsen, second by Andy Sundquist, to approve Resolution 1021-06, 2021-22 EPA Spending Plan. Motion carried 5-0.
- 10.5 The Board evaluated the BP 5030 Wellness Policy. The board had questions about whether the posting requirements for the cafeteria program were being met, and staff confirmed they were being met at both sites.
- 10.6 First Reading of Board Policies and Administrative Guides 3550, *Food Service – Child Nutrition Program* and 6142.7, *Physical Education and Activity*.
- 10.7 Tentative Teaching Assignments for the 2021-22 school year were presented. There is a degree of uncertainty with these assignments as they were based on class sizes of 24 students with 3 feet of social distancing.
- 10.8 Motion by Andy Sundquist, second by Dennis Reinholtsen, to approve a .6 FTE Certificated Temporary Teaching Position in the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

10.9 No action was taken on Resolution 1021-07 Regarding Elimination of Classified Employee Services: .65 FTE Counselor.

10.10 Motion by Andy Sundquist, second by Mary DeWald, to approve a 1.0 FTE Certificated Pupil Personnel Services Position for the 2021-22 school year. Motion carried 5-0.

11.0 SUPERINTENDENT / PRINCIPAL REPORT

11.1 Sue Ivey reported that the district is holding weekly site meetings at each school with teachers. There was a shout out to Kim Goodman. The district is happy to have a Speech teacher on site. Virtual Open House videos/presentations will be posted to our website on Friday. Summer school is almost fully staffed, with the district still needing to fill one aide position. Some summer school classes are starting to be opened up to the general population. Messages will be sent out to parents. August Deshais reported that the district is looking at plans for a modified Play Day to be held on the last week of school, with the cafeteria and PTA working on snacks for the day. Sixth Grade Promotion will be an outdoor ceremony, following all safety guidelines, with details to come. Renaissance Learning Star Reading and Math replaces the CAASPP standardized assessments this year. Sue Ivey reported that the alarm system is the latest hurdle in the pending DSA approvals. Advanced Security is assessing our current system tomorrow, as we are getting closer to getting the past projects approved.

12.0 BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS / COMMUNICATION – Becky Reece wanted to remind board members to stop by and sign the EPA resolution and to thank the district for paying for the Masters In Governance classes, of which there are 3 left.

13.0 ADJOURNMENT – The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Ivey
Secretary to the Board