

Escalon Unified School District

Board of Education

April 20, 2021; 7:00 PM

Location: District Office

Minutes

Attendance Taken at 7:00 PM:

Present:

Nicholas Caton

John Largent

Kate Powell

Janai Stanton

Richard Thompson

Absent:

Ella MacKinnon

1. NOTICE - COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH ORDER: MEETING TO BE HELD VIRTUALLY

2. CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM

3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION

4. CLOSED SESSION

4.1. Call closed session to order

4.2. Discuss employment/discipline/release/acceptance of retirement/resignation/appointment or replacement of district employees

4.3. Conference with Superintendent and District Negotiator regarding negotiations

4.4. Adjourn closed session

5. CALL TO ORDER: 7:00 PM

Minutes:

7:00pm

6. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Minutes:
Recited

7. REPORT OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Minutes:
No Report

8. ADDITION TO THE AGENDA

Minutes:
None

9. REPORTS

9.1. Escalon High School Board Representative

Minutes:
No Report

9.2. Quarterly Report on Williams Uniform Complaints April 15, 2021

Minutes:
Superintendent Costa reported the district had no Williams Uniform Complaints for the quarter of ending April 15, 2021.

9.3. Period 8 Attendance

Minutes:
Superintendent Costa reported on period 8 attendance for the 2020-21 school year. The district ADA is 97.96% for the period, and a year to date total at 97.76%. Attendance this year is calculated differently because of Distance Learning.

10. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

Minutes:
None

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Minutes:
Superintendent Costa reported Promotions and Graduations are scheduled. Gateway Charter Academy and Vista High School will be held on June 2, 2021 in the Escalon High School Performing Arts Center. El Portal Promotion and Escalon

High School graduation will take place in the Stadium, and will be livestreamed. Attendees will depend on tier color changes.

Senior Awards Night has been rescheduled to Wednesday, June 2, 2021.

The district has scheduled a PLC at Work Institute via livestream July 20 -22, 2021. The institute will take place at Escalon High School. Attendees will receive compensation for attending the institute in its entirety.

Students who have struggled or are behind in credits will be able to attend a Jumpstart Program July 26, 2021 - August 6, 2021.

The first day of school for the 2021-2022 school year is August 12, 2021. The staff calendar looks different this year. Usually the first staff development day is weeks into the start of school, this year it is scheduled for August 10, 2021.

The district has been approved to use COVID ESSER II funds to modernize restrooms at Farmington, Collegeville and Van Allen Elementary. Tim Huff has been consulted to begin the architectural process. DSA approval could take up to a year to obtain.

11.1. Financial Report

Minutes:

Superintendent Costa reported the district has received \$19.9 million of its budgeted \$32.6 million in fund 1 revenue and has expended \$21.3 million of its \$33.2 million of its budgeted fund 1 expenditures. State and Federal COVID funds will increase the districts budgeted revenue, but such funds are restricted and can only be spent for approved COVID expenditures.

12. PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Minutes:

Anthony Varni, Principal of Dent Elementary reported his site created a cartoon based presentation for student to encourage them for CAASPP testing, and he and Assistant Principal Robert Fyke are visiting classrooms. Options on how students will take the CAASPP test are being worked on. Students have been doing great since the district returned to 5 day in-person learning. Dent Elementary currently has

an enrollment of 647 students, 572 of which are in-person learning, and 75 still distance learning.

Joel Johannsen, Principal of Gateway Charter Academy reported his site will test remotely next week. Gateway currently has 302 students enrolled, and it's still the open enrollment period. New curriculum has been ordered for almost every family.

Gustavo Arzac, Principal of Vista High School reported his site has three presentations scheduled in April. The first will be the Youth Center, Paul Mitchell Cosmetology School, and an Apprenticeship hands on workshop. Graduation preparations are underway.

13. FACILITIES REPORT

Minutes:

John Lial, Director of Maintenance, Operations and Transportation reported the Collegeville parking lot expansion project will begin as soon as the guaranteed maximum price is received from Brayton and approval from the board.

The repairs to the Dent Elementary roof are on hold until the asbestos abatement company can work around the school schedule. Dent Elementary was the victim of vandalism recently, with 10 broken windows.

He commended the transportation department on their hard work with the influx of students returning after spring break, and with working around sports.

The grounds crew has been working on sprinkler repairs to ensure proper watering with the temperatures raising, and custodial staff has been working on getting rooms cleaned to district standards.

14. PUBLIC COMMENTS

15. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion Passed: Passed with a motion by Richard Thompson and a second by Nicholas Caton.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Janai Stanton
Yes Richard Thompson

15.1. Approval of Minutes, April 6, 2021

15.2. Approval of Bills/Warrants

15.3. Retirements/Resignations

15.3.1. Erin Headley, English Teacher, EHS, effective 06/04/2021

15.3.2. Patricia Jefferson, Cafeteria Assistant, Collegeville Elementary, effective 04/16/2021

15.3.3. Miriam Gonzales, Dual Immersion Teacher, Collegeville Elementary, effective 06/04/2021

15.4. Request to Hire/Change Status

15.4.1. Charles Keller, Science Teacher, EHS, effective 08/09/2021

15.4.2. Arend Jones, Science Teacher, EHS, effective 08/09/2021

15.4.3. Sonia Melendez, Bilingual Instructional Assistant, Van Allen Elementary, effective 04/21/2021

15.4.4. Riley Shultz, Teacher, Dent Elementary, effective 08/09/2021

16. ACTION ITEMS

16.1. Consider Approval of Resolution 20-21-19 - Authorizing Transfer of Funds for February and March 2021

Motion Passed: The Administration recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees approve Resolution 20-21-19 for the February and March 2021 transfer of funds. Passed with a motion by Richard Thompson and a second by Janai Stanton .

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Janai Stanton
Yes Richard Thompson

16.2. Consider Approval of Classified Job Description "Bus Driver/Maintenance/Grounds", and Authorization for Implementation of the Position as Presented.

Motion Passed: The Administration recommends the Escalon Unified School District Board of Trustees approve the Classified Job Description "BusDriver/Maintenance/Grounds", and Authorized the Implementation of the Position as Presented. Passed with a motion by Nicholas Caton and a second by Kate Powell.

Yes Nicholas Caton
Yes John Largent
Yes Kate Powell
Yes Janai Stanton
Yes Richard Thompson

17. INFORMATION

17.1. Review of Revised Administrative Regulations

18. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

19. ANNOUNCEMENTS

19.1. April

19.2. May

20. ADJOURNMENT

Minutes:
7:28pm