

**DOUGLAS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT #15**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**August 9, 2021**

The Board of Directors of Douglas County School District #15 convened in regular session with an option to join virtually via Google Meet at 6:00 p.m. on August 9, 2021

The following individuals were present:

District Board Members: Rex Fuller, Clint Thompson, Rebekah Sawyer, Valerie Anderson, John Boling and Charlie Sawyer

Staff/Patrons: Rob McCallum

Superintendent: Steve Woods

Business Manager: Claire Cotton

Board Secretary: Lisa Hemphill

1) **Call to Order and Welcome:** R. Fuller called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

2) **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3) **Approval of the Agenda:**

**Motion:** V. Anderson moved to approve the agenda with the following additions: Line 8, item c) Breakfast for staff, week of August 16, 2021, item d) SIA Annual Report, Line 10, item a) Tuesday, August 10, 5:30p.m., OSBA, Safe learners Resiliency Framework Webinar.

**Second:** J. Boling

**Discussion:** S. Woods went over the additions to the agenda.

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4) **Charter Board Meeting Report:** Steve Woods gave the report from the August 4 Charter Board meeting.

5) **Public Input:** There was no public input.

6) **Consent Agenda Items**

a) Approval of minutes

i) Regular Board Meeting - July 12, 2021

b) Employment of licensed, classified, or coaching personnel

i) Melissa Geiger - Secondary Teacher, English Language Arts

ii) Sarah Suhrstedt - EA

iii) Brian Arp - Custodial-Maintenance

**Motion:** V. Anderson moved to approve the consent agenda items listed above.

**Second:** R. Sawyer

**Discussion:** There was some discussion regarding the new employees and the fact that all have teaching experience. Melissa Geiger will be teaching English, Sarah Suhrstedt will be a part-time SPED and science EA and will work with 9-12 graders for college and career readiness and Brian Arp will be joining the custodial/maintenance crew. There was also discussion regarding MEG, which is the live, on-line Spanish program the school will be utilizing for Spanish I and II.

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7) **Monthly Financial Summary Report, Capital Improvement Fund, Voucher Report:** Claire Cotton, Business Manager, went over the reports and reminded the board that they were generated from 2021 and it is still

unaudited. She stated the Ending Fund Balance has increased and will continue to increase due to unrecognized revenue. The following items were discussed regarding the voucher reports: Lawrence Company charges \$100/year to vet the districts unemployment claims, NOAH Basketball analytics is a program that was purchased mainly with the summer grant monies and will give instant feedback to improve shooting percentages and the small engine repair class Brian Agee attended and the benefits of having the new Ag teacher shop certified as well.

## 8) Information Items

- a) Enrollment Update: S. Woods reported that 208 students are enrolled as of today, with a possibility of 221. There was some discussion regarding capping attendance and S. Woods reported that the any caps will be because of facility size.
- b) COVID Update
  - i) ODE Guidance - Ready Schools, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework
  - ii) ODE Presentation, OSBA/Pace, Local Superintendent Thoughts
  - iii) District Plan TBD

S. Woods gave the COVID update and went over the timeline for the change to the ruling regarding face coverings. He stated that on Jul 22, 2021 districts were told that the mandates would be under local district control, but on July 29, 2021, that changed. S. Woods said he has been in meetings every single day since then and there are many districts very angry over this decision and that ODE came out with the last minute additions from the Governor on August 3, 2021. There was lengthy discussion regarding the face covering requirements, possible civil fines, suspension and/or revocation of licenses for non-compliance, how to enforce mask wearing, no punitive punishment for non-compliance and S. Woods requested the board's input and support for a letter he is sending out tomorrow. S. Woods stated that he is trying to remain respectful and follow the plan set out by the state to the best of his ability but to also get back to teaching and learning. There was also some discussion regarding the liability of setting policy around the face covering, the impossibility of enforcing and getting 100% compliance and information on how to receive vaccines.

- c) Breakfast for staff, week of Aug 16, 2021 : S. Woods asked the board if this was something they were interested in doing and the general consensus was yes. There was some discussion regarding the logistics of the meal and a time was set for 8:30 -9:30a.m. The district will purchase the supplies and the board members will cook and serve.
- d) SIA Annual Report: S. Woods went over the annual report and informed the board that this is a requirement and is posted online. He also reported that last year's primary focus was to split grades 3 and 4 and grades 5 and 6 into individual classrooms and to remodel the maintenance shop into 3 additional classrooms. There was also some discussion regarding the next year's biennium.

## 9) Action Items

- a) Approve District Calendar for 2022-23 SY
- b) Recommended District Plan - regarding COVID mandates

**Motion:** C. Thompson moved to approve both action items, the 2022-23 District Calendar and the District Plan regarding COVID mandates.

**Second:** V. Anderson

**Discussion:** There was some discussion on how early the start date and end date for the 2022-23 school year. S Woods stated that it was teacher preference, but offered to take it back to the staff for discussion. There was also discussion regarding the District Plan regarding COVID mandates. S. Woods reminded the board that it is a live document and is linked to the school website.

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## 10) Announcements

- a) Tuesday, August 10, 5:30 PM, OSBA, Safe Learners Resiliency Framework WEBINAR
- b) Monday, August 16 - Faculty report for service, Staff Breakfast 8 AM
- c) Thursday, August 19, 2-8 pm - Back to School - Meet and Greet - Open House
- d) Monday, August 23 - Students First Day of School
- e) Monday, September 6 - Labor Day

**11) Public Input:** There was no public input. There was some discussion regarding the following:

- District purchase of an 8 passenger van
- Unavailability of a 10 passenger van
- First Student driver shortage and possible inability to prove drivers for extra-curricular events
- The do not drink water notice that was posted due to the processed water tank going dry due to a miscommunication while the person in charge was on vacation.
- The possibility of allowing community members to purchase potable water in the summer months while school is not in session.
  - \$100 per 2000 gallons

**12) Adjournment:**

**Motion:** V. Anderson moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m.

**Second:** C. Thompson

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Dated this August 9, 2021

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lisa Hemphill, Board Secretary

**The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for September 13, 2021**