

Cuddeback School

Board of Trustees Special Meeting

July 29, 2020

300 Wilder Road, Carlotta, CA 95528

Special Session @ 6:30 PM

Meeting Location: Online via Zoom

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AGENDA

1.0 Call to Order

Mr. Dibble called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Board Members Present:

Harry Dibble
Leonard Ward
Erik Bess
Jake Morss

Teachers:

Cori Borges
Robert Orr
Lindsi Reback
Berna Church
Carla Basquez

Board Members Absent:

Todd Calvo

Parents:

Mick Mangrum
Robin Hayes
Becki Bean
Catherine Keating
Twyla Keisner
Michelle Fraga
Becky Skavdal
Cody Baker
Jesi Elmore
Kim Edge
Sasha Essig
Ashley Manjarrez

Staff Present:

Superintendent/Principal:

Blaine Sigler

District Secretary:

Chelsie Orr

EXCEL Director:

Ronda Jensen

Cafeteria Manager:

Terri Dillingham

Paraprofessional:

Tara Arreguin

2.0 Approval of Agenda Order

Mr. Bess made a motion to approve the agenda order. Mr. Ward seconded the motion.

Motion Carried

Ayes: Mr. Dibble, Mr. Morss, Mr. Ward, and Mr. Bess

Noes: None

Absent: Mr. Calvo

Abstain: None

3.0 Community Comment

Community asked the Board which options are being considering.

Community comment was postponed until after pertinent information is presented.

4.0 Information, Discussion, Possible Action Items

4.1 Information/Discussion Item: School Re-Opening Plan Information

Cuddeback sent out a survey consisting of 9 questions regarding the various options for reopening school in the fall. Mr. Sigler present the Board with the results of the survey.

The community, Mr. Sigler and the Board discussed various issues regarding school reopening and the restrictions associated with the reopening, such as masks and social distancing.

A distance learning option was also discussed.

Mr. Dibble asked what the requirements were for the type of mask. Mr. Sigler said that multi-layer masks are acceptable, as well as “doctor-style” masks. He recommends that children be part of the decision process when choosing the right mask for themselves; one that they will wear comfortably for long-periods of time. Mr. Dibble is concerned about the availability of masks.

Mrs. Church asked about effectively cleaning the area. Mr. Sigler explained that it would be part of school, with students assisting to ensure the classroom, laptops, etc. are cleaned and safe to use. The school is also looking into hiring a cleaning crew to help sanitize the classrooms on a monthly basis.

As of today, most schools in the Eel River Valley are undecided on whether they will be coming back to in-person schooling in the fall, due to rising COVID-19 cases in Humboldt County. As some of the districts start school before Cuddeback, we will see some of the obstacles they face and what challenges we will have to overcome for reopening.

Mr. Sigler shared with the Board the possibility of COVID-19 testing being made a priority to teachers and school staff. It is recommended that all school staff be tested every 2 months on a rotating cycle. This, however, is not for symptomatic persons, but for regular health screenings. Mr. Sigler also discussed what happens if Humboldt is placed on the watch list and whether is will affect the reopening of the school and possible future closures. He also

discussed what protocols exist for if a student or teacher is diagnosed with COVID-19 and what quarantined measures will be placed on classrooms or the entire school. If a student tests positive, the entire cohort or class will be quarantined to distance learning for 14 days. If Cuddeback has a confirmed case, the school will notify the school community.

As a precaution, any student with flu symptoms will be required to stay home until 36 hours after symptoms subside.

One possible schedule would be in-person learning, with a modified schedule of a minimum day every day. With the remaining 2-3 hours of school being taught by distance learning.

The board discussed how the cafeteria would operate, including breakfast and lunch. They also discussed our resource department and how the various cohorts will come together and what precautions will be implemented to help social distancing with the cohorts.

Mr. Sigler presented the board with the other possibility of the Hybrid/Blended model return. With smaller cohorts and varying times, with the possibility of one cohort attending in-person school 2 days a week and another cohort attending 2 days a week with one day a distance learning day for both cohorts.

The community and Mr. Sigler discussed in depth the various hardships when considering hybrid/blended or distance learning options, such as internet access, working parents, childcare, etc.

The Cuddeback staff and faculty expressed their concerns regarding the various reopening options and which option they preferred.

The board will reconvene in one week to further discuss the options and vote.

5.0 Adjourn

Mr. Dibble adjourned the meeting at 9:51 PM.

Upcoming Regular Meeting Dates:

August 5 (Special Meeting)
August 12
September 9

October 14

Respectfully Submitted,
Chelsie Orr
District Secretary

Approved by Board Clerk