

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AGAR-BLUNT-ONIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT 58-3  
Agar, Blunt and Onida, South Dakota  
August 3, 2020

The special meeting of the School Board was called to order at the Sully Buttes Gym, at 6:30 p.m. by President Bob Graff, with Board Members Melani Paiz, Kimberley Farries, Cheri Wittler, Megan Jaeger, Tory Smith and Tom Yackley present. Others present were Superintendent Kevin Pickner, JH/SH Principal Jeremy Chicoine, Elementary Principal Amber Mikkelsen, Business Manager Mary Sieck, PA Stephen Noble, Mary Stier, Katie Stier, LaJena Gruis, Ann Hepker, Dalaney Paxton, Sarah Severson, Cherie Hill, Desiray Nelson and Sheila Ring of the Onida Watchman.

President Graff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Smith and seconded by Farries to approve the agenda.

President Graff stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the plan to reopen schools.

Superintendent Pickner stated that this document is a very fluid and will change as needed. He thanked the principals for their hard work, time and effort in the development of this plan. He also thanked the reopen committee for their input on the plan.

The Board had discussion and heard comments on all phases of the plan. Public comments included, but not limited to, the Masks on the Move policy, guidance from federal and state organizations, keeping students in school, masks at indoor sporting events, masks on busses, no volleyball tournaments, concessions, 4 and 1 model where students would be in school 4 days and online at home 1 day, was removed, and moving to Phase 3 (online learning) because of staff limitations.

The School Board approved a final Reopening Plan, which can be located on the school district website.

Motion by Jaeger and seconded by Wittler to adjourn at 9:17 p.m. All members voted aye.

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Chairman of the Board

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Business Manager

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