

UNOFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AGAR-BLUNT-ONIDA SCHOOL DISTRICT 58-3
Agar, Blunt and Onida, South Dakota
September 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 (arrived at 6:33 p.m.), approximately 35 patrons and Sheila Ring of the Onida Watchman.

President Graff opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Farries and seconded by Wittler to approve the agenda. All members voted aye.

President Graff stated that the purpose of the meeting was to receive parent input on the current back to school plan.

Superintendent Pickner gave a brief update on the current plan and potential changes because of additional guidance and recommendations.

The Board had discussion and heard comments on different 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, classroom social distancing measures, giving students the best experience possible, and getting information to parents.

The Board discussed the Critical Infrastructure Workers Resolution and its potential adoption.

School Board Resolution 2020-21-01

To ensure continuity of operations of essential functions, the Agar-Blunt-Onida School District Board of Education designates all District employees as **Critical Infrastructure Workers** for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic and while the District is utilizing face-to-face instruction. The A-B-O School District does not have available the necessary substitute teachers in sufficient numbers, not the necessary personnel to fill in for absent staff members, to keep the school system in operation. The CDC advises that critical infrastructure workers may be permitted to continue working following a potential exposure to COVID-19, provided they remain asymptomatic and additional precautions are implemented to protect them and the school community.

A potential exposure means being a household contact or having close contact within 6 feet of an individual with confirmed or suspected COVID-19. The timeframe for having contact with an individual includes the period of time of 48 hours before the individual became symptomatic.

Critical infrastructure workers who have had an exposure but remain asymptomatic will adhere to the following practices prior to and during their work shift:

- **Pre-Screen:** School secretaries will measure the employee's temperature and assess symptom prior to the employee starting work in the morning and after lunch.
- **Regular Monitoring:** As long as the employee does not have a fever or other symptoms associated with COVID-19, the employee should self-monitor under the supervision of their employer's health program.
- **Wear a Mask:** The employee will wear a face mask at all times while in the workplace for 14 day after last exposed.
- **Social Distancing:** The employee should maintain a social distance of 6 feet and practice social distancing as work duties permit in the workplace.
- **Disinfect and Clean Work Spaces:** All work areas such as offices, bathrooms, common areas and shared equipment will be cleaned routinely.

If the employee becomes ill with COVID-19-like symptomology during the school day, the employee will be sent home immediately. Surfaces in their workspace will be cleaned and disinfected. Appropriate notification to the

SD Department of Health will be made following established protocols. Others at the school facility with close contact within six feet of the employee during this time would be considered exposed.

Motion by Wittler and seconded by Paiz to adopt the Critical Infrastructure Workers Resolution. All member voted aye.

Motion by Yackley and seconded by Jaeger to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. All members voted aye.

Chairman of the Board

Business Manager

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