

MELBA SCHOOL DISTRICT #136
Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of Trustees
Monday, August 3, 2020
Melba Elementary Gym

I. CALL TO ORDER at 5:00 by Chairman Ed Smith. Flag salute was held.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Trustees Ed Smith, Travis Christensen, Susan Jaca, Megan Volkers and Jason Knopp, Superintendent Sherry Ann Adams, Business Manager Dalelyn Allen, Board Clerk Beth Cole, Principals Eric Forsgren, Larry Lincoln and Ashley Nelson, ISBA representative David Brinkman, Mayor Cory Dickard, Staff members Kelsie Peterson and Bernie Dickard, Students Cody Dickard and Laci Cole, Patrons Jen Cole, J.J. Volkers, Lisa Scott, Jared Scott, Marilyn White, Faith Robson, John Peterson, Cameron Foster, Lindsey Wiersma, Kody Aldrich, Teri Aldrich, Rudi DeWinkle, Anne DeWinkle, and Sheila Hodges, and 15 people via Zoom.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No business.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Approval of Agenda
- B. Approval of Minutes of 7/14/2020
- C. Approval of previous month's bills and misc. hand checks
- D. Approval of Elementary, Jr/Sr High financial reports

Motion to approve by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Vote was unanimous.

IV. SPECIAL REPORTS

No Special Reports

V. OLD BUSINESS

No Old Business.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

- A. The Board discussed the MSD ReOpening Framework. Superintendent Adams reviewed the plan to start school using the Green/Yellow/Red program. In response to Trustee Volkers question Dr. Adams explained that it is difficult to put into concrete numbers the criteria for moving from green to yellow or red. It will be case of evaluating information – absenteeism, community spread, staff input, and recommendations from the District Health Department – and then making a decision.

The process of screening students and handling students who become ill at school was reviewed. Patron Kody Aldrich spoke on the importance of wearing masks and encouraged the board to require masks for everyone in the school buildings.

A motion to approve the ReOpening Framework as presented was passed.

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Roll Call Vote: Travis Christensen – Yes
Megan Volkers – Yes

Susan Jaca – Yes
Jason Knopp – Yes
Ed Smith - Yes

- B. Dr. Adams reviewed the plans for opening school** and after reviewing the Southwest District Health Department numbers for the Melba area, recommended opening in the Green category. Trustee Knopp suggested the board consider the yellow category considering the increase in cases in the area. Trustee Volkens asked if the staff was ready for the possibility of teaching in the hybrid model of yellow. The board discussed responses to the parent survey, liability issues, sports considerations, testing challenges and safety protocols. Superintendent Adams reported that, at this time, the State Board of Education is not reducing any requirements, including student hours and testing requirements.

The board stressed the importance of the district being prepared to move to the yellow category. A motion to postpone the opening of school to August 19, 2020 and to open in the green category was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Travis Christensen.
Roll Call Vote: Travis Christensen – Yes
Megan Volkens – Yes
Susan Jaca – Yes
Jason Knopp – Yes
Ed Smith - Yes

C. No Personnel Report.

- D. A motion to accept the Open Enrollment Report as presented was passed.**

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous.

A motion to grant the Superintendent temporary authority to admit students for open enrollment until September 8, 2020 was passed.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Susan Jaca.
Vote was unanimous.

- E. A motion to approve an application for Early Graduation was passed.**

Motion by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Seconded by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Vote was unanimous.

VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Pursuant to Idaho Code 74-206(1)(b), a motion was made to convene in executive session for the purpose of discussing matters pertaining to students at 5:45.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkens.
Roll Call Vote: Travis Christensen – Yes
Susan Jaca – Yes
Megan Volkens – Yes
Jason Knopp - Yes
Ed Smith - Yes

Motion carried.

The Board recessed from executive session at 6:00.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Vote was unanimous.

VIII. STANDING REPORTS

A. Standing reports were reviewed.

IX. MOTION TO ADJOURN AT 6:05 p.m.

Motion by Trustee Jason Knopp.
Seconded by Trustee Megan Volkers.
Motion carried.