

Board Special Meeting
Work Session: 2020-21 Reopening Update
September 10, 2020, 3:00-4:30 p.m.
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

Call to Order

Director DeWolf called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Directors DeWolf, Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Rankin, and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director Mack joined the meeting at 3:04 p.m.

Work Session: 2020-21 Reopening Update

This work session was staffed by Superintendent Juneau; Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee; Chief Academic Officer Dr. Diane DeBacker, Executive Director of College & Career Readiness Dr. Caleb Perkins; Executive Director of Curriculum, Assessment and Instruction Cashel Toner; Chief Human Resources Officer Dr. Clover Codd; Chief Operations Officer Fred Podesta; Chief Public Affairs Officer Carri Campbell; and Chief Financial Officer JoLynn Berge.

- Schedules

Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee presented on daily schedules for the 2020-21 school year, an illustrative model of a week in the life of a student for different grade levels, and synchronous and asynchronous opportunities for students to engage. Directors and staff discussed teacher engagement in schedule development, high school and Wednesday schedules, communication to families, lunch times, advocacy related to instructional hours, and consistency.

Director Hersey raised the issue of students having insufficient lunch time to access meal sites and return to remote instruction, and Director Harris asked whether letters could be sent to the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction and State Board of Education requesting that the issue be addressed. Mr. Jessee spoke about communication with OSPI and said a letter could be sent.

Directors and staff continued to discuss instructional hours requirements, the relationship to allowing sufficient lunch time, and advocacy related to instructional hours requirements.

Director Hampson requested that the district advocate on the issue of instructional hours requirements.

Directors and staff discussed communication to families about remote schedules, providing clear examples to families, the role of schools and central office with respect to schedules, and improving consistency.

- Attendance

Chief of Schools and Continuous Improvement Wyeth Jessee presented on attendance requirements, excused vs. unexcused absences, and the supports in place to respond to absences. Directors and staff discussed monitoring absences and doing outreach, identifying and addressing the reasons for absences, family communications, enrollment, recording lessons, and use of PowerSchool and student pronouns.

Director Mack requested that information related to the fourth day count in September and enrollment be shared with the Board, and Ms. Berge confirmed the information would be shared and that enrollment would be discussed during the September budget work session.

Director Rivera-Smith requested that the FAQ page be updated to include COVID-related attendance information.

Adjourn

Director DeWolf adjourned the meeting at 4:41 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely per the Governor's proclamation prohibiting public agencies from conducting meetings subject to the Open Public Meetings Act in-person to curtail the spread of COVID-19. Public access was provided remotely through Microsoft Teams and teleconference.

Minutes submitted by:

School Board Office staff