

Board Special Meeting
Reopening Resolution, Reopening Plan, and Remote Learning Model
December 17, 2020, 4:00-6:00 p.m.
Meeting held remotely



Minutes

Call to Order

Director Hampson called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m. Directors Hampson, Harris, Hersey, Mack, Rankin, and Rivera-Smith participated with Microsoft Teams or by phone. Director DeWolf joined the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

Action Item

Board Action Report: Approving Resolution No. 2020/21-4.1, Restating and Conditionally Amending the Reopening Resolution, Reopening Plan, and Remote Learning Model Previously Adopted for the 2020-21 School Year.

Director Hersey moved to approve this item. Director Rivera-Smith seconded.

Director Hampson and Chief of Staff Sherri Kokx spoke to updates to the Board Action Report since discussed during the December 16, 2020 Regular Board meeting and the relationship between the item and new state guidance. Directors and staff discussed the proposed resolution and Board Action Report and work to meet state guidelines, surveying families and staff, staffing, the timeline for reopening and future updates, students returning for in-person instruction under the resolution, serving students who are English Learners, bargaining with labor partners, vaccinations, impacts to childcare, feedback from families, monitoring data, and safety protocols.

Director Rankin moved an amendment to revise the second replacement resolved clause in the resolution to add the following language “beginning at the start of second semester as possible and no later than March 1, 2021” after the words “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board has reviewed and hereby adopts a phased reopening of in-person services in schools for PreK through First Grade up to five days per week, starting on March 1, 2021 as well for the following Special Education service pathways”. Director Hersey seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

Director Mack moved an amendment to replace the third replacement resolved clause in the resolution with the following “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board directs the Superintendent to continue strengthening remote services for PreK-12 for 2020-2021 school year, and has recommended that SPS continue this model until the risk of significant transmission of COVID-19 cases has decreased enough to resume in-person instruction. Students receiving special education services in alignment with Individualized Education Programs and 504 Plans, if it is determined on an individual basis that services can be provided safely in person and service cannot be accessed successfully through remote learning will be provided in person.” Director Harris seconded. Directors discussed the amendment. This motion passed unanimously.

Director Rivera-Smith moved an amendment to add the following clause to the resolution “BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED SPS will continue to monitor COVID-19 transmission rates with reference to

the Washington State Department of Health toolkit (“Tools to Prepare for Provision of In-Person Learning among K-12 Students at Public and Private Schools during the COVID-19 Pandemic”), the availability and efficacy of COVID-19 vaccine(s), and evolving health and safety guidelines from the federal, state and county governments. With all of those factors in mind, SPS will continue to plan for multi-phased reintroduction of in-person services for other students. SPS will consult with the Board and community regarding those plans, will engage in necessary bargaining with SPS’s labor partners, and will seek Board approval at the earliest appropriate opportunity.” Director Mack seconded. Directors discussed the amendment. This motion passed with a vote of 3-2-1 (Directors Harris, Mack, and Rivera-Smith voted yes; Directors Rankin and Hampson voted no; Director DeWolf abstained).

Director Hersey moved to approve the underlying item as amended. Director Rivera-Smith seconded. This motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn

This meeting adjourned at 5:51 p.m.

This meeting was held remotely per the Governor’s proclamations 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 online and by teleconference.

Minutes submitted by:

School Board Office Staff