

Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 10/20/2021
Approved 11/17/21

Nigel Whittington
Mike Allaire
Christi Thompson
Brian McCauley
Randy Flood
Sandi Viau
Pat Owen
Anthony Miller
Bette Reed
Kristen Funk
Kurt Folke
3 Public

- I. Opening: 5:30
- II. Additions, Corrections, Modifications, Substitutions
 - A. Move New Business ‘A’ to top of agenda.
- III. Public Comment
 - A. Tamara Baker comments on masking, NSBA letter.
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of 9/15/21 BOD Meeting Minutes
 1. Motion to approve by SV. 2nd by RF. All in favor.
 - B. Approval of 9/17/21 BOD Meeting Minutes
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 - C. Annual building review/report
 1. Need to replace some exit signs and remove a shelf in the utility room that blocks fire sprinkler coverage.
 2. Christi to forward the report for BOD review.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Financial Update
 1. Bette provides an update.
 - a) \$11k in checking
 - b) \$569k in state treasury.
 - c) Drop in enrollment will make things difficult for the remainder of the year.
 - d) Bette’s succession plan was discussed at the finance committee meeting.
 - e) Finance committee recommends approval of the audit.
 - B. Teacher Update - Pat Owen
 - a) Proud of Harvest Festival and marketing videos.
 - b) BOD attention needed for outside eating policy with cold weather coming.
 - c) Farm and Garden support is needed.
 - (1) Sprink work/clean-up
 - (2) Summer maintenance.
 - C. Strategic Plan update.

1. Board requested updates on progress of plan - directions set at last meeting and status of fundraising efforts.
2. Brian responded that he had been put on hold -. No fundraising efforts after Nate Twitchell resigned.
3. Carter Cox has been moving forward with marketing efforts, teachers implemented a new Math curriculum.
4. Director succession plan recruiting has not started yet.
5. Brian will deliver updated Strategic Plan document

D. Covid Update - Nigel

1. We've seen more Covid in the last 4 weeks than all of summer.
2. No evidence of community spread at school.
3. Lunch rules were discussed at Wednesday's faculty meeting.
 - a) Motion to allow eating inside tents and well ventilated rooms with assigned tables by MA. 2nd by SV. All in favor.

E. Swear in Anthony Miller - Action Item

1. Randy reads the call and response oath with Anthony.
2. Anthony is officially a member of BOD.

VI. New Business

A. Audit Presentation: 2020/2021. Action Item - Accept audit as presented.

1. Finance committee recommends approval of the audit.
2. Motion to accept by SV. 2nd by MA. All in favor.

B. Board Policies review: 7000

1. Bette has carefully reviewed and edited 7000 series.

C. Raising substitute pay to match Blaine County school substitute salary of \$160 per day from \$124.

1. Motion to raise substitute pay to \$160 per day by AM. 2nd by SV. All in favor.

D. Parent volunteer work day - November 6th.

1. Teachers decided they will tackle the work day alone.
2. Assistance is still needed with the Farm and Garden program.

E. Potential extra data day.

1. Teachers could use an additional day mostly due to the increase in prep needed to set up virtual classrooms for Covid related absences.
2. 11/29 (Monday after Thanksgiving) proposed.
 - a) Motion to accept by SV. 2nd by AM. All in favor.

VII. Executive Session as Authorized by Idaho Code 67-2345b for personnel issues or other identified legitimate reasons as identified by Open Meeting Law if needed.

- A. Roll-call at 7:14 RF, MA, SV, AM. Invite Christie, Nigel, and Pat
- B. Roll-call out at 8:01.

VIII. Modification/addition to agenda: New business F: Advertising

- A. Google for nonprofit ad grant.
 1. Anthony offers his company's services to help set it up for SMS..

IX. Adjourn: 8:10