

Syringa Mountain School
Board Meeting Minutes – 9/16/2020
Approved 10/21/2020

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- I. 5:30 Opening
- II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda
 1. Approve Crystal Olifant as Kindergarten teacher with emergency provisions.
- III. Public Comment
 1. None
- IV. Consent Agenda
 - A. Approval of the 8/19/2020 Board Meeting Minutes
 1. Motion by SV. 2nd by RF. All in favor.
 - B. Approval of the 9/16/2020 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
 1. Tabled.
- V. Old Business
 - A. Financial Update/Finance Committee
 1. Update by SV.
 - a) Resources needed to follow grants, loans, etc.
 - b) Discussed best practices on office procedures.
 2. \$105K grant for technology approved. (NW)
 3. Still uncertainty about what state funding will yield.
 - B. Parent Council Update
 1. Zoom meeting scheduled for 9/23
 2. Questions for board from PC.
 - a) What events will be held for fundraising?
 - b) What is fundraising goal?
 - (1) Need state funding projections to give a real goal.
 - (a) \$125k deficit projected for this school year; willing to spend \$50k from savings.
 - (2) Board wants PC to ask people to donate time for teacher appreciation efforts.
 - c) What are limitations and expectations for parent help in classrooms?
 - (1) Needs are generally for Friday hike days (outdoor).

3. PC working on ways to keep communication with families/community open.

4. Open positions at PC.

C. Teacher Update

1. Teachers happy to be back.

2. Working through logistics of holding various festivals.

VI. New Business

A. Action Item: Lauren Levig Board Application

1. BOD would welcome addition of Lauren.

2. Approval will be voted on next meeting.

B. Action Item: Approve AQI Guidelines for operating outside

1. NW summarizes policy. BOD is in agreement.

C. Action Item: COVID sick leave. Scenarios and how much leave do we pay for without teachers dipping into their personal sick bank? Minimum is 80 hours but what if you test positive for COVID on the last day of your quarantine?

1. Motion to approve policy 5400C with edit that sick leave will be paid for 24 days at full pay by RF. Second by MA. All in favor.

D. Action Item: Extended/Overnight trips beyond WRV? What precautions should be in place and what metrics do we use to greenlight these excursions?

1. Christi and Nigel to draw up list of precautions for BOD reaction.

E. Action Item: Under the CARES act funding provisions moving Daniel Edwards into Tech Support for the current school year.

1. RF motion to approve. SV second. All in favor.

F. Action Item: Approve Board and Committee Calendar Dates for this year

1. Keep 3rd Wednesday. No action needed.

G. Action Item: Approve/Discuss Nami contract

1. RF Motion to approve \$750 for Nami contract. MA second. All in favor.

H. Action Item: Approve Credit Card Change per Finance Meeting

1. SV Motion to approve. SV second.

I. Action Item: Approve hiring of Crystal Oliphant under Emergency Provisional Certificate hiring for Kindergarten teaching position.

1. Motion to approve by SV. Second by RF. 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. Not needed.

VIII. Adjourned 7:15 PM