

Syringa Mountain School  
Board Meeting Minutes – 4/15/2020  
Approved 7/27/2020

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Randy Flood  
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I.5:30 opening

II. Any Additions, Corrections, Modifications or Substitutions to the Current Agenda

III. No Public comment. No add ons.

IV. Consent Agenda

a. Approval of the 03/18/20 BOD Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to approve minutes by SV. 2nd by MA. No discussion, none opposed.**

b. Approval of the 04/13/20 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes.

**Motion to approve Finance Committee Meeting Minutes by . 2nd by . No discussion, none opposed.**

V. Old Business

a. Finance Committee Update

Having a No Down and not the actual Hoe Down could cause us not to raise as much money as we normally would.

There was talk about enrolment for the next school year and what that might look like.

Health insurance will increase by 9%.

Syringa received a loan of \$144k From DL Evans Bank. The loan is a part of the Covid-19 plan and might be forgiven.

b. Parent Council Update

Online Auction will close on April 25th. Raffles will be extended a few weeks.

c. Teacher Update

Teachers are happy they are still working. They feel the online is going well. Kids seem engaged. There have been some issues getting it all to flow and working with some of the platforms, over all things are working. Staff is continuing to give all it has.

d. Action Item: 2020-21 Calendar Approval

School will start after Labor Day and will end at the regular time in June.

**Motion to approve 2020-21 Calendar by SV. 2nd by MA. No discussion, none opposed.**

e. Action Item: Extended School Year Closure for rest of 2019-20 Calendar Year

It might be hard to start school again this year, unless circumstances change drastically.

**Motion to approve Soft Clouser by RA. 2nd by MA. No discussion, none opposed.**

f. Action: Accept Bette Reed's Retirement/Resignation

As of April 1st Bette Reed will be officially retired.

VI. New Business

a. Board positions and recruitment

Because of the lockdown there hasn't been any luck finding interested parents.

b. Action Item: Accept terms for a loan for the SBA/CARES funds.

This loan could be forgiven. First payment would be in two year. Interest rate is 1%.

**Motion to approve acceptance of \$144k loan from the SBA/CARES by SV. 2nd by RA. No discussion, none opposed.**

c. Action Item: Apply for waiver to change the length of the school day

Christi and Nigel will complear the waver just in case. As of now its unsure if we will need it.

d. Action Item: Apply for waiver for ADA (Average Daily Attendance)

Some families had opted not to do Zoom. Staff is trying their best to get kids packets of work or logged on.

e. Discuss 1% holdback for this year.

About \$8,000 will be held back from the state this year. We should see this decrease in the May payment.

f. Budget for possible 5-8% holdback next year. Impact on contracts and step scale. Currently this is still in limbo. Syringa could see a decrease of \$50k to \$80k in the next year.

h. 2020/21 Looping Model

Staff would like to see the looping modal become more consistent. There are a few ideas in the works. We hope to have a better idea at the next meeting.

Adjourned 8:30pm