

BOARD TO THE PUBLIC

September 14, 2021

On September 13, 2021, the Board of Trustees of Platte County School District #2 opened their Policy Review at 6:30 PM and opened their Regular Meeting at 7:00 PM. This report covers the major items of business at this meeting. In addition, you are given a listing of topics, which will come up for discussion or action at future Board meetings.

1. Public Comment - Board Chairman Gary Anderson read district policy information referring to public comment and the procedures that would be followed. Approximately 29 people expressed their concerns to the Board of Trustees. Some of the comments were: felt masks should be worn to help keep the students in school and to allow activities to go on as scheduled; some felt masks do not help unless they are rated as a N95 or higher; do other things like sanitation, ventilation; staff concern whether quarantined time would be covered through "PTO" Personal Time Off leave; as a staff, not being bullied or discriminated against because they are not vaccinated; child care gets to be in issue when under quarantine; disappointed in the board and staff of PCSD#2 and the support system in place; virus has to run its course just like any other virus; people of poor health or compromised should wear a mask if fearful of contracting this virus or any other; disappointment when saw district wanted to offer those vaccinated a \$1000 bonus, unethical, against the law; should give all staff a bonus considering all the extra hours they have put in; some staff cannot get the vaccination do to health issues; tired of dealing with the circus at PCSD#2; developing a toxic environment and staff are exhausted after only the first 13 days of school with teaching in class and zoom classes to those students under quarantine; common sense, if staff are ill they need to stay home; what the district is doing is not working; concern for staff members, students and families; child under quarantine and getting behind on school work; a person's natural immunity is better than a vaccination; consider the students' mental health; need to come together as a staff and have a plan in place; PCSD#2 should be a safe & happy place to be; masks in place or change quarantine protocol; PCSD#2 resembles segregation; the board will not dictate as to how to raise individual families; parents will make those decisions for themselves; would rather see their children in masks and be in school than not and virtual learning; students would rather wear masks and stay in school and be able to have as normal a year as possible; the district should not be doing the State Health Departments job and quit doing the contact tracing; concern for fellow staff; district cannot legally send kids home under quarantine; district needs to work together, not against each other, if we are going to get back to any type of normalcy; transportation department should consider putting cameras in the buses and not just outside the buses.

2. Mr. Flaherty – District

- ❖ East gym padding is finished and meets all regulations.
- ❖ The sewer line, which was installed in the elementary in the late 60's, has collapsed. The piping material is a combination of clay tile and cast iron. A plan of action will be determined when the system studies are complete.
- ❖ The district is still finding issues related to the "town-brown-out" that happened several weeks ago.
- ❖ Mr. Flaherty is gathering information for classroom air purification systems to help fight airborne particulates.

3. **Mrs. Sisson – Principal**

- ❖ Mrs. Sisson informed the trustees that the K-12 enrollment is now at 242.
- ❖ Mrs. Sisson reported on the Ron Clark House system, which is a proven way to create a positive climate and culture for student and staff. Using this system helps a district confidently implement processes that builds character, relationships and school spirit. Several staff members and administrators have attended the Ron Clark Academy. More staff will attend in the near future.
- ❖ The Back to School Night, which was scheduled for August 30th, was cancelled. It will be scheduled for another time in the future.

4. **Mr. Beard – District**

- ❖ Superintendent Beard thanked Mrs. Sisson and staff for stepping up during this past very stressful few weeks.
- ❖ Informed the trustees that Business Manager, Kim Schrader, is retiring in December and that her job has been posted on the website.
- ❖ Superintendent Beard asked for some direction from the Trustees regarding homecoming activities.

5. The Board of Trustees took the following actions at their meeting; approved Minutes - Approval of Minutes – August 9, 2021, Special Board Meeting August 10, 2021 and Special Board Meeting August 30, 2021; approved Home School packets from 9 families; approved Blaine as the Board Treasurer; tabled Vaccine Bonus/Covid Leave until more information is provided; approved by a 3/2 vote to have administration follow their job descriptions and to follow what Lovell school districts have done concerning quarantines and issue a new directive that will allow the parents the choice when their child is designated as a close contact with a positive Covid-19 case; Superintendent Beard informed the trustees that under the directives given the district's attorneys have advised to do nothing, regarding quarantining, could open law suits in the future; approved to go ahead with homecoming activities as scheduled and as safely as possible; administration and sponsors will have the authority to make decisions deemed necessary and to enforce the social distancing and hygiene; approved the financial statements and payment of the bills as presented; approved revision to Board Policy JHB- Truancy on 2nd and final reading; approved the removal of old Board Policy JEDA- Truancy due to the incorporation into new policy; approved the hiring of Daphne Malcom, Lego League; Stephanie Smith, Multi Tiers Staff Support (MTSS), Eric Offe, Custodian; Lana Swingholm, Daphne Malcom, Jolyn Hillen, Lisa Schuldies, Jennifer Bruns, Sarah VanNatter and Matt Hebbert for Mentors; approved to table board agenda item Board/Superintendent Evaluations until the October 2021 Meeting.

UPCOMING TOPICS – Monday, October 11, 2021

The regular meeting of the Board will be held at 7:00 PM in the Multi-Purpose Room. Items to be discussed in addition to regular business shall include:

- a. Staff Awards – Presentation Date
- b. Policy Revisions
- c. Board/Superintendent Evaluation