



Orland Unified School District
903 South Street
Orland, CA. 95963

Minutes of the Special Session Governing Board Meeting
Monday, July 20, 2020

OPEN SESSION:

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL, PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Present: Trustees Allen, Changus, Aguiar, Kochems, Ovard

1.1 President Kochems called the meeting to order at 4:01pm

1.2 Pledge of Allegiance: Led by Suzi Kochems

1.3 Public Comment on Agenda Items.

Trustee Kochems read the public comments that were received. Many of them had questions regarding distance learning and how that was going to look.

2. DISCUSSION/ACTION ITEMS:

2.1 School Reopening and District Operations

Suzi asked Superintendent Newman to report on what he found out regarding the question to the attorney if we could defy the Governor's order. Mr. Newman reported that we can't, our liability and responsibility for care need to follow the Governor's order. We will have to do distance learning until we are not on the list for 14 days. This will be different distance learning than last spring.

Dr. Garrison, from Glenn County Public Health, spoke to the group saying that it comes down to human behavior. If people do what they are supposed to do it would go away. The amount of spread will be greatly reduced if everyone wore masks and stayed 6 feet apart. The amount of cases that we have in our community is more than the allowable. County Public Health will work with us.

There was talk of pushing back the starting date of school to after Labor Day. This will need to be negotiated.

We need to have a plan for distance learning, more accountability. Students need to know that it's not like last year. Mr. Newman went over a distance learning plan. Shortened periods for the first half of day, second half would be standard office hours, making calls to parents/students. IEP's we would deliver virtually, we will have to do the best we can. SPARK staff can help with tutoring. All communications will come through one app. Teachers will record lessons so parents can access at a later date. Chromebooks can download and store and can be uploaded for families that don't have access to the internet.

Our intent is to get students in the classroom after we are off the watchlist.

We will have training for teachers to get prepared. We are preparing online training for parents to answer their questions.

There was a question about band and choir, at this time we can not have them practicing.

There was some discussion about students wanting to return to school. They want to be able to participate in sports and socialize with their friends. Distance learning is not for everyone.

The Board gave direction and preference to allow Mr. Newman flexibility to work with associations. Direction to work with OTA, preference is distance learning. Start school September 8th and go back to traditional learning when off watchlist. Get information out to parents.

CIF - Northern region - will be up to individual schools with help of the health department. No conditioning until off watchlist.

Graduation is on, there was enough interest. It will be held July 24th and will be a drive through.

3. ADJOURNMENT:

3.1 Meeting Adjourned at 6:02pm

Respectfully submitted,

 10/13/2020
Dwayne Newman, Superintendent

 10/13/2020
Michelle Allen, Board Clerk