



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

Minutes of the Special Session Governing Board Meeting
Friday, October 30, 2020

OPEN SESSION:

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

Present: Trustees Kochems, Changus, Ovard
Via Zoom: Trustee Aguiar
Absent: Trustee Allen

1.1 President Kochems called the meeting to order at 5:01pm

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / ADJUSTMENT OF AGENDA / PUBLIC COMMENTS:

2.1 Pledge of Allegiance: led by President Kochems

2.2 Approval of Agenda

Motion by: Changus / Aguiar

Trustee	Aye	No	Abstain	Absent
Kochems	x			
Allen				x
Changus	x			
Aguiar	x			
Ovard	x			

2.3 Public Comment Regarding any Item NOT on the OPEN SESSION Agenda: No public comment

3. DISCUSSION / ACTION ITEMS:

3.1 Reopening of Schools under the CDPH Red Tier Guidelines: Mr. Newman discussed the guidelines for schools re-opening in the Red Tier, in the safest manner possible. The District would be able to open under the Red Tier Guidelines on November 12, 2020. K - 8 would be on a minimum day schedule. Students would be in a classroom group with a minimum of six feet of distancing, with students attending daily. OHS would move to a A/B minimum day schedule. Students would come be in classroom groups with six feet of distancing. Students would come in on alternating days. Distance learning would be available upon request. On November 30th OHS would move to a daily minimum day schedule for all students. The District is proposing staying on a minimum day schedule until the end of the year and then returning after the new year with a full day schedule.

The District is facing staffing issues; there are some teachers who are not able to offer in person instruction because of medical reasons (either themselves or a family member) and there is also a shortage of subs. Students should also plan for distance learning in the case of guidelines changing. There was a question asked

if the sub rate can be increased temporarily. Mr. Newman explained that it is not an issue about money. Many of the District's subs are not willing to work during a pandemic. Teachers need more time to prepare for instruction and also to assess students. The District will also be offering an after school program, once staffing is available.

Mr. Newman discussed that there has been a question submitted to the State, by the County, asking if social distancing is required on the bus. The District was told by the GCDPH that social distancing is required on the bus, so the District has to wait to hear back from the state. If the District does offer transportation, parents will be required to sign a waiver and there will be assigned seating as well on the bus. Mr. Newman explained that if students do not have to be socially distant on the bus, it is extremely important that families keep their students home if they are sick.

Student's temperatures will be checked when they arrive at school. Mark Smith had air filtration systems in the classrooms that will eliminate most of the virus from the air as the air is circulating. Approximately 20% of families have elected to keep their students in distance learning. The District will know the afternoon of November 10th if the schools are able to re-open on November 12th.

Mr. Newman asked the community to please continue following the COVID guidelines and maintain social distancing and wear masks. The District will provide breakfast to students, as well as a sack lunch. President Kochems asked if families that leave the country need to quarantine when then come back. Mr. Newman encouraged families to check with the County Health Department to check on the guidelines when planning a trip out of the country. The Board agreed with the re-opening plan.

10. ADJOURNMENT OF OPEN SESSION:

10.1 Meeting Adjourned at 5:58pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Dwayne Newman, Secretary to the Board 1/21/21



Becky Brummet, Board Clerk 1/21/21