

The Work Study of the Osborn School District Governing Board was called to order at 4:31 pm by Board President Aguilar.

Present:

Ylenia Aguilar, Board President
Maxine Radtke, Board Clerk
Sue Corbin, Board Member
Samuel Richard, Board Member
Dr. Michael Robert, Superintendent

Discussion/Information Items

School Reopening

Dr. Robert began by welcoming all participants and introduced members of the board.

He explained that Task Forces comprised of more than 100 members have worked on a plan for school reopening. The plan being presented also takes into account information gathered from community surveys.

The meeting was paused at 4:38 pm to resolve technical issues.

At 4:39 the meeting resumed.

Dr. Robert explained that the district will be offering both virtual and onsite learning options.

The meeting was paused at 4:44 pm due to technical issues.

At 4:56 the issue was resolved and the meeting resumed on Facebook live.

Dr. Robert provided clarification of Governor Ducey's Executive Order explaining that when looking at options for reopening, objectives are to offer whole child centered learning in a safe environment addressing both social and emotional needs. These options also need to offer parents options that allow parents the ability to provide for their families and for the more than 440 employees, maintaining funding that provides wages.

Referring to safety measures the district will be implementing for students attending in person, he explained that students and employees will be screened upon arrival for symptoms, reduced class sizes that allow for social distancing, minimizing/eliminating sharing of materials, and face coverings. He further explained that the middle school is looking at cohorting students with teachers changing spaces rather than students. Site administrators are working to see how this will look at each site making it easier to trace contacts in the event someone contracts the virus.

Mr. Richard left the meeting at 5:35 pm.

Dr. Robert explained that the district will reopen on August 3 with all students initially participating in online learning. He further explained that support and training will be provided for both teachers and families.

Mr. Richard returned at 5:37 pm.

Dr. Robert stated that Governor Ducey's Executive Order for closure of K-12 schools did not include preschool. The district is moving forward with plans to open its preschool programs on August 3 reducing the child to adult ratio to 6:1 and recommending a 2:1 ratio for students with higher developmental needs.

Erica Switalla asked whether dual language classes will be available online with explanation provided that offering this program will be dependent on the amount of interest from both parents and teachers.

Discussion continued about social distancing, and additional guidance for schools that will be provided relating to COVID 19.

President Aguilar suggested the presentation from the Work Study be translated and made available in Spanish allowing more families to be informed of the district's reopening plan.

Osborn Community iSchool

Mrs. Potter-Davis shared that instruction for students enrolled in iSchool will be a mix of pre-recorded lessons and live instruction that will allow kids to work at their own pace and provide opportunity for interaction.

Discussion took place about employee training on COVID 19.

Dr. Robert shared that there will be opportunity for students to participate in afterschool programs but those programs may be different than those previously offered. He said the programs provide a safe place and enrichment for students after school but the district will need to ensure partners are able to follow the same practices as the district has in place.

Dr. Robert confirmed that Board members will be able to see questions/comments posed on Facebook during the live presentation. He shared that additionally, there will be a FAQs page addressing questions posted on the district's website.

Adjournment

Meeting declared adjourned by President Aguilar at 6:28 pm.

Minutes submitted by:

Lisa Nye, Executive Assistant
to the Superintendent and Governing Board

Maxine Radtke, Board Clerk