

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION TURNER USD 202

Tuesday, August 17, 2021 (6:30PM)

The Regular Meeting of the Board of Education of the Turner Unified School District 202 was called to order by Theresa Tillery, Board President.

ROLL CALL

UPON THE ROLL BEING CALLED, THE FOLLOWING WERE PRESENT:

BOARD MEMBERS: Joy Beery
Becky Billigmeier
Jeff Davidson
Bryan Fishbaugh
Daniel Soptic
Steve Russell
Theresa Tillery

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: Dr. Jason Dandoy, Superintendent of Schools
Deb Ayers-Geist, Director of Special Services
Joy Engel, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services

ABSENT: Dr. Lana Gerber, Executive Director of Administrative Services

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Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda as presented.

Member (**Steve Russell**) Moved, Member (**Joy Beery**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2021 Board Meeting.

Member (**Joy Beery**) Moved, Member (**Jeff Davidson**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Finance

Motion to approve the Outstanding Payables List, Food Service Payable List, Voucher Summary, Board of Public Utilities, Bond Disbursements, July Bond Disbursements Addendum, July General Fund Addendum and the Budget Summary of Funds as presented.

Member (**Joy Beery**) Moved, Member (**Jeff Davidson**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Turner USD, Turner REC, & Turner Days MOU

Motion to approve the Turner USD 202, Turner Recreation Commission, and Turner Days MOU.

Member (**Joy Beery**) Moved, Member (**Jeff Davidson**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Parents as Teachers 2021 International Conference in Baltimore, October 11-14, 2021

Motion to approve the out-of-state travel for Jennifer Bruns, PAT coordinator, to attend the Parents as Teachers 2021 International Conference in Boston on October 11-14, 2021.

Member (**Joy Beery**) Moved, Member (**Jeff Davidson**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Public Comment

Chaur Jacobson- Shared concerns regarding the district not having a mandatory masking policy.

Regina Smith- Shared concerns regarding who is being tested at school after they have been exposed to someone Covid positive and asked the board to mandate mask wearing.

Jessica May- Shared concerns about quarantine periods and why vaccinated are treated different than non-vaccinated when both can carry Covid. She would also like to see masks being required in schools.

Angela Sparks- Was unable to attend the meeting but submitted a letter to the board via email requesting mask be made mandatory. The letter was read in the record by the Board Clerk.

KCKPD School Resource Officer

Motion to approve the KCKPD School Resource Officer Agreement.

Member (**Jeff Davidson**) Moved, Member (**Daniel Soptic**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Policy JBC Enrollment-Revision

Motion to approve the revision to Policy JBC Enrollment as presented.

Member (**Joy Beery**) Moved, Member (**Steve Russell**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Policy JBCAA Non-Resident Student Enrollment

Motion to approve the revision to policy JBCAA as presented.

Member (**Steve Russell**) Moved, Member (**Daniel Soptic**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Superintendent's Report

Dr. Dandoy shared that school started off well, with the exemption of some of the Covid challenges, which has been a difficult area. He reviewed the mask policies that were approved at the last board meeting and shared that a large number of students at the elementary level are wearing masks, but that amount drops at the middle school and high school. There are rapid antigen tests available at schools, but the school nurses are overwhelmed. Dr. Dandoy asked Deb Ayers-Geist, Director of Special Services, to give an update on Covid. Ms. Ayers-Geist shared that there are currently 23 students and 4 staff positive since start of school, however this number does not include positive students/staff that did not start school due to their positive status. There is an increase of students exposed and not wearing masks and the nursing staff is overwhelmed. Dr. Dandoy shared that he does have concerns about enforcement of a mask mandate, but thinks there will be less days of school misses due to disciplinary issues caused by requiring masks than there will be if we have to quarantine students due to not wearing masks. Dr. Dandoy also shared that the subdivision to the north of Sixth Grade Academy will begin leasing in October and those students would go to Turner Elementary, which continues to have growth. He expressed that they should consider changing the elementary boundaries so that this area will attend Midland Trail Elementary to balance the elementary schools.

Motion to Amend the Agenda

Motion to amend the agenda to discuss/take action on the Covid mask mandate and Covid policies.

Member (**Daniel Soptic**) Moved, Member (**Jeff Davidson**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Board Reports

Joy Beery- Ms. Beery shared that Convocation was great and she enjoyed being on the new DAC field. She is planning to start sending Turner Days information out to people and they have a new website. She also shared that she hopes Covid does not ruin another school year.

Becky Billigmeier- Ms. Billigmeier said that she is speechless regarding the impact of the masking policy on staff and students.

Jeff Davidson- Mr. Davidson shared that he had hoped the mask recommendation from last meeting would work and now that it is not, they will be discussing it further.

Bryan Fishbaugh- Mr. Fishbaugh shared that Convocation was great and that it was good to see the staff get together and he also attended the middle school open house. He shared that when they voted to not mandate masks they were providing the community the opportunity to do what they felt was best and what they thought was the right thing.

Steve Russell- Mr. Russell shared that Convocation was incredible and that it was cool to have it in-house at the DAC. He also shared that he is not a fan of mandates, but at the last meeting he did say the Covid-19 Restart Plan would be an evolving document.

Covid-19 Mask Procedures

Motion to change the mask policy wording from strongly recommended to required for all individuals in school buildings with flexibility for those participating in athletics. The only exemptions to the mask policy will be medical exemptions signed by a doctor. Effective Thursday, August 19, 2021.

Member (**Becky Billigmeier**) Moved, Member (**Joy Beery**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Personnel Exhibits

Motion to approve the personnel exhibits as presented.

Member (**Steve Russell**) Moved, Member (**Joy Beery**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

Adjourn the Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Member (**Daniel Soptic**) Moved, Member (**Steve Russell**) Seconded

Final Resolution was: Aye:7 Nay: **0**. The motion **Carried. 7- 0**

Joy Beery- Yes, Becky Billigmeier-Yes, Jeff Davidson- Yes, Bryan Fishbaugh- Yes, Daniel Soptic-Yes, Steve Russell-Yes, Theresa Tillery- Yes.

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Theresa Tillery, Board President

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Melissa Pierce, Clerk of the Board