

FALLS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT #57

December 30, 2020

Emergency Meeting

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent

503-787-3521

The Falls City School Board will meet Wednesday, December 30, 2020 at 5:30 pm virtually on Zoom. The public is welcome to attend the open portion of any meeting as posted. A link to the Zoom meeting is available on the district website at fallscityschools.org.

EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

Chairman Young opened at 5:45 pm

Board Members in attendance:

Bob Young, Chairman
Larry Sickles, Director
Shanda Yother, Director

Bret Davis, Vice Chair
Jami Kidd, Director

Staff Members in Attendance:

Art Houghtaling, Superintendent
Donna Creekmore, Admin Assistant
Lynn Bailey, High School Teacher
Janell Davis, Elementary Teacher
Sammy Steinhauer, Elementary Teacher
Jason Evans, High School Teacher
Jessica Turnidge, Middle School Teacher
Britton Castor, High School Teacher
Lynnell VanPatten, Elementary Teacher

Micke Kidd, High School Principal
John Gilbert, Facilities Manager
Sonya Lang, EA
Amy Houghtaling, FACES Director
Dani Simington, Elementary Teacher
Tia Scruton, EA
Alea Littleton, Counselor
Michael McDowell, Middle School Teacher

Audience Members in attendance:

TJ Bailey, Parent/Community Member

FLAG SALUTE

INFORMATION & DISCUSSION ONLY

1. Returning to School –

Reviewed handout by Governor Kate Brown. We can go back to in person instruction starting February 15. More guidance is coming on January 19th. We are following all ODE and OHA guidelines. K-12 Covid-19 liability passed, we will not be held liable if someone contracts Covid-19. Administration recommends continuing with LIPI for Pre-K – 8th for now. High School Principal Kidd

stressed the importance of waiting for new guidance that's coming on the 19th. High School is considering how to bring students back and maintain health/safety protocols. One of the ideas is to split classes by having M-W and T-Th classes in order to meet state requirements. Asked if we have data yet on how staff are feeling about returning to regular instruction. Have to keep in mind online vs in person students, how to maintain equity? Do we know how many staff are willing to take the vaccine? Discussed how LIPI is going so far at the Elementary School. The High School is ready to start receiving students, Facilities Manager Gilbert reported. Frustrations were shared about new guidance being delivered during winter break. Decided it was best to come back from break in the same structure that we left for break in. Will send out information to families so they are not confused by the Governor's announcement. Facilities Manager Gilbert offered to put together a quick info sheet on all the steps we are taking to keep students and staff safe. We will post both the letter home and the info sheet on the website, Facebook, Remind, and send via the mail.

2. **Bitty Ball** – TJ Bailey reported this is on hold till it can be done safely. Will meet with Facilities Manager Gilbert to work out details. Once warmer weather arrives, he'd like to help launch track/soccer. Some kind of outdoor physical activity.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

- Where are we at with the sound quality question for our Zoom Board Meetings? Yes, we spoke with Swivl and have ordered a device that is supposed to help.
- Facilities Manager Gilbert shared that the City may be able to donate their old sound/recording equipment, as they received a grant to update theirs.


ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, January 19, 2020.

Executive Session at 5:30 PM.

Open Session at 6:30 PM.

Chairman Young adjourned at 7:00 PM.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. Young". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "R" and a long, sweeping tail.