

**Gervais School District #1**  
**School Board Working Session Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, August 6, 2020**

**WORKING SESSION**

Director Martin called the School Board of Gervais School District #1, Marion County, into a Working Session on Thursday, August 6, 2020, at 5:00 p.m. via ZOOM online. Board members present included: Henry Bustamante, Maria Caballero, Michael Jirges, Lorraine Martin and Debbie Sullivan. Others present included Dandy Stevens and Jenny Jones.

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

**1.1 Pledge of Allegiance**

Director Martin called the School Board Meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance at 5:00 p.m.

**2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**2.1 Public Forum Sign-Up:**

None.

**Public Forum Sign-Up included:**

None.

**2.2 Visitor Guest Book**

Melissa Ayala, Maddy Bowman, Sara Broadhurst, Caryn Davis, Theresa Gatchet, Dora Guerrero, Stacey Helms, Cynthia Juarez, Rachel Jones, Toni Johnson-Williams, Bob Martin, Kristen Miles, Cassie Miller, Esther Oropeza, and Tami Pizer.

**3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

None.

**4.0 PUBLIC FORUM:**

None.

**5.0 REPORTS**

None.

**6.0 BOARD FOCUS/MEMBER TOPICS:**

None.

**7.0 CONSENT ITEMS:**

None.

**8.0 ACTION ITEMS**

None.

**9.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**9.1 Discussion of GEA Letter**

There was a brief discussion that the School Board had the opportunity to give their input to respond to the letter that was received from the licensed leadership group (GEA). It was also noted that a lot of things are premature to go any further but the main concern of having no in person classes was addressed with the new mandate from the Governor.

It was noted by Director Sullivan that for the future when there's new communication from the Governor that it needs to be clear on whether it's recommended or mandated.

## **9.2 Discussion of Governor Brown's New Health Metric System in Regards to Opening School**

Ms. Stevens reviewed with the School Board the new health metric system and what it means for our district in relation to the ability to reopening school. She gave details on the expectations and terms of what it means for the district to reopen and explained further the two prongs to approach. She added that if things are looking good before reopening date then the district can come up with a plan to reopen early, but for now the district is aiming to open on November 3<sup>rd</sup> face to face.

## **9.3 Discussion of Operational Blue Prints**

Ms. Stevens said that a new revised blue prints will be submitted to ODE due to the new mandate from the Governor. Ms. Stevens stated that the district had already started on many protocols before the new mandate.

There was further discussion in regards to that the district was fortunate to be able to keep the full workforce including bus drivers to be able to help to distribute meals. Ms. Stevens explained logistics on how a teacher's day would look like under these new guidelines.

## **9.4 Discussion of PSP Work-led by Kristen Miles, OSBA**

The following things were discussed by the School Board and Ms. Miles.

- Reviewed priorities with the new context given
- Reviewed values important to the district
- Went over racial equity and cultural competency consideration
- Moving forward looking at making decision for the district with an equity lens
- Requested more resources/information on equity
- Forming a committee made up of staff, board, and parents to start working on vision and mission statement work

Ms. Stevens said that she will help to create a committee and summarized on a document all the work that has been accomplished at this point and take it to the committee to start from that point.

Director Jirges and Director Bustamante volunteered to be in the committee.

## **10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **11.0 ADJOURN**

### **11.1 Adjourn Working Session**

Director Martin adjourned the Working Session at 6:41 p.m.

**APPROVED**

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Board Chairperson

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Board Secretary