

**Gervais School District #1
School Board Special & Executive Session
Meeting Minutes Monday, March 7, 2022**

SPECIAL SESSION

Director Bustamante called the School Board of Gervais School District #1, Marion County, into a Special Session on Monday, March 7, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM online. Board members present included: Henry Bustamante, Maria Caballero, Ana Contreras, and Maria Contreras (Director Toran was absent). Others present included: John McArdle, Kristen Miles, Hilda Rosselli, Dandy Stevens, and Sandra Segura.

1.0 CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Pledge of Allegiance

Director Bustamante called the special board session to order at 5:30 p.m with the pledge of allegiance.

Director Bustamante called an executive session under ORS 192.660 (2) (1) "Evaluating the Top Executive."

Director Bustamante adjourned the executive session at 6:11 p.m.

Director Bustamante reconvened the special session at 6:12 p.m.

2.0 INTRODUCTIONS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None.

3.0 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

None.

4.0 PUBLIC FORUM:

None.

5.0 REPORTS:

6.0 BOARD FOCUS/MEMBER TOPICS:

7.0 CONSENT ITEMS:

7.1 Approve

New Hire / Temporary/Re-Hire:

Extra Duty:

Approve

Contract Change / Renewal:

Recall:

7.3 Approve

Resignation /Retire/ Termination/Non-Renewal:

Decline:

Reduction in Force:

Amend:

Andrew Aman from probationary 3 year to contract status for 2022-2023 school year
Samantha Palmer from probationary 3 year to contract status for 2022-2023 school year

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director M. Caballero that the Gervais School District Board of Directors approved the consent items as listed en masse on the agenda. The motion passed 4-0 (Director Toran was absent)

8.0 ACTION ITEMS

8.1 Superintendent Evaluation Public Statement

Director Bustamante read the public statement evaluation summary for the superintendent evaluation.

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director M. Caballero that the Gervais School District #1 Board of Directors approves the superintendent evaluation public statement as read by Director Bustamante. The motion passed 4- 0. (Director Toran was absent)

8.2 Superintendent Contract Renewal

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director M. Caballero that the Gervais School District #1 Board of Directors approve the renewal of the superintendent contract. The motion passed 4- 0. (Director Toran was absent)

8.3 Resolution for Masking

Comments:

Ms. Stevens said that the district did a survey, and the results said that 72% were okay with the option of wearing a mask, and 28% said that they would continue to wear a mask even if it is not required. Individuals commented on how the district plans to support kids to feel comfortable if they choose to wear a mask. Ms. Stevens said that she has been working with administrators to prepare students in the classroom to talk about the option to mask in the coming week and how to respect other people's choices. She said that she feels comfortable moving forward. In addition to talking with students, communication will go out to parents explaining the process after parent-teacher conferences. Ms. Stevens informed the group of requirements regarding unvaccinated individuals and volunteers. She added that parents would continue to get notified if their child is exposed, but individuals will no longer have to quarantine. She stated that anyone with symptoms will still be encouraged to stay home. She said that she feels the district has a good handle on this. She said that they also looked at the high needs population, and they were all comfortable with having a choice. The students will continue to wear tracer badges with GMS and GHS and do cohorts at elementary school.

Motion:

There was a motion made by Director A. Contreras and seconded by Director M. Caballero that the Gervais School District #1 Board of Directors approve the resolution for masking, as read by Director Bustamante. The motion passed 4- 0. (Director Toran was absent)

9.0 DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.1 Review plans for health and safety protocols

Ms. Stevens reiterated how she would communicate with the parents regarding the choice of masking. She asked the board members if they had any further questions.

No further questions were asked.

10.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

11.0 ADJOURN

11.1 Adjourn Special Session

Director Bustamante adjourned the Special Session at 6:27 p.m.

JOINT SESSION WITH CITY OF GERVAIS

Present: Susie Marston (City Manager), Diana Bartch, Pam Foreman, Dandy Stevens, Maria Contreras, Ana Contreras, Henry Bustamante, and Maria Caballero, Sandra Segura, Hilda Rosselli (Consultant and Grant Writer) and John McArdle (Mayor of Independence)

Director Bustamante called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Each of the attendees introduced themselves and shared how long they have been part of the Gervais community.

Hilda Rossell and John McArdle shared the following points to start building a thriving community:

- Physical and people assets in the Gervais community
- Important to have a vision
- Diversity in communities is a strength
- Collaboration among the district and city
- Shared concepts on working together for the betterment of the whole community
- Vision, attitudes, participation, and finding people that share your vision are important in moving a community forward
- Shared a list of grants that are available for small communities
- Shared several ideas/events/activities to get the community involved
- It's important to get local youth involved
- Find people that share your vision and passion for this community
- Have short term and long term vision to create energy in the community

The group had further discussion on different activities/events to start small and the option of a facilitator to assist the City of Gervais in creating short and long-term goals. The group also stated that both entities must collaborate to have this community thrive.

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

APPROVED



Board Chairperson



Board Secretary

