



# BEARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Superintendent:** Paul Miller

**Board of Trustees:**  
Ken Berckes, President  
Gina Rasmussen, Clerk  
Teri Andersen, Trustee  
Charlene Battles, Trustee  
Monte Gardner, Trustee

**BEARDSLEY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING  
July 17, 2020  
4:00 P.M.  
Via ZOOM teleconference**

## **MINUTES**

### **I. PRELIMINARY SECTION**

#### **ITEMS 1-2**

Board Member, Monte Gardner, called the meeting of the Beardsley School District Board of Trustees to order at 4:01 p.m. via ZOOM teleconference.

#### **Members Present**

Ken Berckes, President  
Gina Rasmussen, Clerk  
Teri Andersen, Member  
Monte Gardner, Member  
Charlene Battles, Member

#### **Staff Present**

Paul Miller, Superintendent  
Kevin Williams, Assist Superintendent  
Olivia Esquivel, Chief Business Official  
Jennifer Woessner, Admin. Assistant  
Frank, Ryan, Director of Technology

#### **ITEM 3**

#### **Flag Salute**

Paul Miller, Superintendent, led the flag salute

#### **ITEM 4**

#### **Public Comments from the Community.**

Matt Constantine, Director of Public Health Services, gave an update on the current model for Covid 19 testing and results in Kern County. Mr. Constantine explained the requirements for schools to open and/or remain open according to the state guidance documents.

Grant Herndon, General Council, explained the exclusion of insurance coverage for Covid 19 related exposures, lawsuit protection, and recommendations for guidelines to limit exposure.

Kevin Williams, Assistant Principal, read letters from Beardsley Jr High teachers Mr. Lewis and Mr. Young expressing their opinions on the opening of school.

**II. ACTION SECTION**

**ITEM 5**

**A. PRESENTATION AND PUBLIC HEARING ON REOPENING SCHOOL PLAN**

**The Board will invite public comment on the reopening of District schools on a Virtual Learning Model (with staff working from sites Monday through Friday) for the start of instructional year beginning on August 12<sup>th</sup> based on current public health conditions. The plan includes flexibility based on state and local public health guidance to adopt a Hybrid Protocol/Procedures Plan when conditions are appropriate.**

Mr. Miller and Mr. Williams gave a thorough overview of three possible re-opening models and procedures for the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Board members discussed the protocols for attendance, student and parent accountability, as well as the internet and chrome book availability. Mr. Miller recommended the tabling of Item 5 until the next board meeting

**B. BOARD DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PLAN FOR REOPENING DISTRICT SCHOOLS**

**The Board will consider approval of the plan to reopen District schools as presented and authorization to permit the Superintendent to change the learning Model based on state and local public health guidance and changing health conditions between the Virtual Model, Hybrid AB Model, and Traditional Model.**

Lisa Auger, Jr High teacher said the teachers are willing to do what is needed to work together as a team for the Beardsley kids. Jolene Tackett, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, asked how the district would handle substitutes when teachers are absent. Board members decided to table Item 5A & 5B until next meeting.

Motion: Ken Berckes

Second: Charlene Battles

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

Item Tabled

**ITEM 6**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A NEW JOB DESCRIPTION, DISTANCE LEARNING COORDINATOR.**

Mr. Williams said this position would be a coordinator that will go between families and teachers to make sure students have devices and connectivity if needed, as well as lend support to teachers with distance learning.

Motion: Ken Berckes

Second: Charlene Battles

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

**ITEM 7**

**CONSIDERATION TO APPROVE A CONTRACT WITH MAXIM INC. FOR HEALTH RELATED PERSONNEL AND SERVICE.**

Mr. Miller said this is a contract for health related personnel on an interim basis if needed for Covid protocols.

Motion: Teri Chamberlin

Second: Charlene Battles

Ayes: Teri Andersen, Charlene Battles, Ken Berckes, Monte Gardner, Gina Rasmussen

Nays: None

Abstain: None

The Motion Carried

**III. INFORMATION SECTION**

**ITEM 8**

**CERTIFICATED/CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL COMMENTS**

None

**ITEM 9**  
**BOARD COMMENTS/INFORMAL DISCUSSION**

Mr. Gardner thanked everyone coming.

**ITEM 10**  
**NEXT BOARD MEETING: JULY 30, 2020 AT 4:00 P.M.**

**ITEM 11**  
**ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING**

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.

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Board President

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