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“Every Student, Every Day, Preparing for Tomorrow”

**REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
GOVERNING BOARD OF CLARKDALE-JEROME SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3  
6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020**

**Library – 1615 MAIN STREET**

**GIVEN THE CONDITIONS WITHIN YAVAPAI COUNTY WITH A HIGH RATE OF CONFIRMED COVID CASES AND TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF OUR EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITY WE WILL HAVE LIMITED SEATING CAPACITY. THE MEETING WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC IN PERSON. PLEASE ATTEND VIA THE ZOOM LINK BELOW.**

**Topic: CJSD December Governing Board Meeting  
Time: Dec 8, 2020 06:00 PM Arizona**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

**I. Call to order**

**The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Jill Zaske, President; Angie Smith, Clerk; Laurie Lozano, Member; Dale Williams, Member (Zoom); Chad Backus, Member (Zoom); Danny Brown, Superintendent; Steve Doerksen, Principal; Kristy Aston, Business Manager; Gigi Trujillo, Erika Bergamini, Trista MacVittie, Jesse Kennen, Stephanie Cain.**

**II. Pledge of Allegiance**

**II. Agenda Review/Accept**

**Governing Board President, Jill Zaske, stated if there were no objections, the agenda was accepted as presented.**

**IV. Audience of Citizens ARS 38-431.02**

The President of the Board will ask members of the audience if they would like to speak regarding any issue before the District. Board members are permitted to respond to criticism from the public, ask staff to review a matter or ask that a matter be put on a future agenda at the end of the discussion. Board members may not discuss or take legal action on matters raised during the open call to the public unless those specific matters appear on the agenda for discussion and legal action.

**Staff members and Parents will address the Governing Board during New Business, Item B.**

**V. Presentations:**

**A. None**

**VI. Consent Agenda:**

**A. Minutes of November 10, 2020 regular meeting**

**B. CJEA Report**

**C. Yavapai County Waiver of Conflict of Interest**

**D. Payroll - #12 \$128,832.25; #13 126,750.75; #14 11,674.00**

**E. Bank Report – November Special School Fund, Auxiliary Account Fund, Teacher Account Fund**

**F. Accounts Payable - #1010 #32,828.34 J. Zaske COI; #1011 \$76,304.97;**

**A motion was made by Laurie Lozano and seconded by Angie Smith to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. Motion carried. 5-0. Jill Zaske, Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams and Chad Backus voted in favor. Jill Zaske did not vote on Item F due to conflict of interest.**

**VII. Reports:**

**A. Board – Events attended**

**None**

**B. Superintendent Report**

**Superintendent Brown recognized and thanked Chad Backus for his service on our Governing Board and for working with our school and staff on various projects on campus.**

**Superintendent Brown also recognized and thanked Jill Zaske for her 12 years of service on our Governing Board and for her many years as Governing Board President. He thanked her for her support of him as Superintendent and supporting the education community.**

**Andrea Clark, on behalf of CJEA, thanked Chad and Jill for their service and dedication to our school. Their leadership will be greatly missed.**

**C. Administration Report**

**Mr. Doerksen gave an update on current events.**

**Native American Club students went horseback riding.**

**PTO has 23 new members.**

**Beth Bustya organized the Annual Food Drive.**

**D. Business Manager Report**

**None**

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. None**

**IX. New Business**

**A. Hybrid Learning Model Presentation**

**Superintendent Brown and Mr. Doerksen presented the Hybrid Learning Model to the Board.**

- This model consists of half the students attending In-person learning two (2) days per week (Monday and Wednesday) and the other half attending In-person learning two (2) days per week (Tuesday and Thursday) and all students attending Distance Learning three (3) days per week utilizing Google Classroom when not on campus. (Days may vary)**
- Lunch and recess schedule will remain the same for In-person Learning days.**

- **Students will still attend Art, P.E., Library, and Music on In-Person days.**
- **Special Education will be provided as needed.**
- **Transportation will remain the same.**
- **Chromebooks will be available for checkout.**
- **Breakfast and Lunch will remain the same with meal pick-up on days of Distance Learning.**
- **On-site Support Services will be available.**

**B. COVID data/metric review to determine future instructional model**

**Gigi Trujillo, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher, addressed the Board. She is asking the Board to follow the Metrics when making decisions.**

**Erika Bergamini, Art Teacher, addressed the Board. She asked the Board to follow the AZ School Dashboard Metrics. The Dashboard is used to determine the level of community spread of COVID-19 in Arizona and to assist with decision making. She states all three (3) metrics are currently in the Red for Yavapai County. She urges the Governing Board to use the benchmarks to make decisions regarding re-opening the school. She is asking for all students to attend Distance Learning until it is safe to return.**

**Trista MacVittie, parent, addressed the Board. She thanked the school and the teachers for the amazing job they have done to protect the students and follow all safety protocols. Her children attended Distance Learning the first quarter of school and returned to In-person Learning after Fall Break. However, they will be returning to Distance Learning due to the positivity rate going up to 29.6% for Yavapai County and she feels that the school can only keep the students safe for so long until the community spread overwhelms the school. She is asking the Governing Board to follow the metrics.**

**Jesse Kennen, JR. High Teacher, addressed the Board. He states that he is here for his students. Distance Learning is a lot of work for teachers without the reward of being with their students. He would rather be in school but will support whatever decision the Governing Board makes. Although he has taken every precaution in his classroom, he is still worried for the safety of his kids. He states that every article out there reports a different number, but what they don't tell you is how hard it is to keep the students safe. The teachers do the best they can but it is the adults that are not following safety protocols. Mr. Kennen encourages the Governing Board to make responsible decisions and be there for the kids.**

**Superintendent Brown gave an update on current events.**

- **He shared COVID data and the latest metric numbers with the Board.**
- **Stephanie Cain reviewed COVID-19 numbers of staff and students with the Board.**
- **Mr. Brown thanked everyone who worked on our Mitigation Plan.**
- **He stated that Clarkdale-Jerome School was given 40 Rapid Tests from the County for our use.**
- **We currently have 76 students (17%) enrolled in the Online Academy. Beth Wylie, Jennifer Shilling, Vanessa Phillips and Madisen Westcott are our Academy teachers. This option will continue for any family who doesn't feel comfortable with In-person Learning.**
- **Mr. Brown spoke with Leslie Horton, Health Department Director. She states she will support whatever decisions the district's make.**

**Mr. Brown presented this information to help the Board determine a future instructional model. He opened this up to the Board for discussion.**

**Jill Zaske stated that there is no right answer and it is a hard decision to make and that not everyone will be happy.**

**Chad Backus agreed with Jill. He doesn't want to upset anyone. He feels the numbers on campus are not as high as the numbers in the community. He thinks a letter should be sent home to parents urging them to reinforce and re-encourage safety protocols.**

**Dale Williams agreed with Jill and Chad.**

**Laurie Lozano sees both sides. She knows it's better for the kids to be in school but doesn't want any to get sick.**

**Angie Smith sees both sides also. She wants to make the best and safest decision for all. She knows parents are stressed. She states that the Board does not take this lightly and they want to make a solid decision and follow the metrics.**

**After discussion, a motion was made by Jill Zaske to have our students continue In-person Learning until December 17, 2020 and transition to Distance Learning on December 18, 2020 until January 8, 2021. The Governing Board, with the new members, could convene before January 8<sup>th</sup> to look at the metrics and decide on how to proceed from there. Chad Backus seconded the motion. Motion carried. 3-2. Jill Zaske, Dale Williams and Chad Backus voted in favor. Angie Smith and Laurie Lozano voted against; they would like the return date to be extended.**

**C. 2020-'21 Preventative Maintenance Report**

**Kristy Aston reviewed the 2020-2021 Preventative Maintenance report with the Board. A motion was made by Laurie Lozano and seconded by Dale Williams to accept the 2020-2021 Preventative Maintenance Report. Motion carried. 5-0. Jill Zaske, Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams and Chad Backus voted in favor.**

**D. 2020-'21 Revised Budget**

**Kristy Aston reviewed the 2020-2021 Revised Budget with the Board. A motion was then made by Angie Smith and seconded by Laurie Lozano to approve the 2020-2021 Revised Budget. Motion carried. 5-0. Jill Zaske, Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams and Chad Backus voted in favor.**

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**E. Superintendent Performance Review**

**Pursuant to Executive Session A.R.S. 38-431.03(A) (1) Personnel, the Governing Board may recess the meeting and move into Executive Session for this item immediately after a vote to do so and such session will not be open to the public.**

**A motion was made by Jill Zaske and seconded by Angie Smith to leave the regular Meeting and enter into Executive Session. Motion carried. 5-0. Jill Zaske, Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams and Chad Backus voted in favor.**

**F. Reconvene into open/public session**

**A motion was made by Angie Smith and seconded by Chad Backus to leave Executive Session and return to the regular meeting. Motion carried. 5-0. Jill Zaske, Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams and Chad Backus voted in favor.**

**G. Approval of Superintendent Performance Review**

**A motion was made by Jill Zaske and seconded by Angie Smith to approve the Superintendent Performance Review. Motion carried. 5-0. Jill Zaske, Angie Smith, Laurie Lozano, Dale Williams and Chad Backus voted in favor.**

**X. Future Agenda Items:**

**Special Board Meeting on January 5, 2021**

**XI. Announcements/Future Meeting Dates**

**A. Tuesday, January 12, 2020**

**XII. Adjournment**

**President Zaske stated without any objections, the meeting is adjourned.**