

July 17, 2020
Special Meeting Minutes - Approved

The meeting was called to order at 4:10 p.m.

Roll Call

Board Members Present: Heather Fraser Hurtt, Chair, G'anna Burke, Jennifer Huetter, Stephanie Parmely, Stephen Quadro, Adrianna Wray.

Board Members Absent: G'anna Burke.

Flag Salute/Quote/Moment of Silence – Caleb Buckley read the respect virtue card.

Public Comment

Tavia Pagan commented on the need to take safety precautions. She and the other Kindergarten teachers are ready to prepare for distance learning.

Ryan Sutton, 7th grade GVRS teacher, spoke to the parents and wanted to emphasize a message of positivity. We need to focus on safety and all the teachers are going to work towards of rigorous distance learning program. He is thankful to work with such dedicated teachers. All of teachers want nothing more than to be in the classroom with their students.

Allison Brooks, Lower Grades mentor and Ladybug Kindergarten teacher, spoke about how the teachers are already preparing for distance learning. She emphasized that this situation is temporary and we can come together and support each other.

AJ LaCoste, GVRS teacher, addressed the parents and acknowledged their anxiety and worry. He emphasized a message of hope. We have a challenge and need to seize this opportunity to come through this experience and we will be together once again. Perseverance and courage.

Megan Madrones spoke about her concern that parents are working and it will be challenging for them for them to work and educate their children at home.

Allison Harrington spoke about distance learning being damaging to children and ineffective.

Sandra Toon said children should be in school and in person. She feels we are not serving our children and that children are not getting sick, spreading sickness, or dying from COVID19. Our children are being deprived of an education.

Allyson Jakubicka thanked everyone on the call and acknowledged the work that has been done to continue educating our children. She doesn't feel it's appropriate for our highly trained Waldorf teachers to be acting as childcare providers.

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Distance Learning Fall 2020/21

The board approved implementing the county requirement for distance learning at River and Orchard until the requirements for safe reopening are met, at which point the board will meet to approve a plan for safe reopening. (Ayes: 5, Noes: 0, Abstain: 0)

Fiscal Implications of COVID19 – The board discussed fiscal implications of both distance learning and the proposed state budget.

Recitation of the Motto of the Social Ethic

The healing social life is found
When in the mirror of each human soul
The whole community finds its reflection,
And when, in the community,
The virtue of each one is living.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Amala Easton.

Heather Fraser Hurtt, Chair

Date