

**SOUTHSIDE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING, BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Wednesday September 16th, 2020
4991 Southside Road, Hollister, CA 95023
Zoom Meeting**

MEETING CONDUCTED ON ZOOM MEETING
OPEN SESSION - 6:00 p.m.

AGENDA

I. Special Session 6:00 p.m.

a. Call meeting to Order

b. Roll Call

Present:

Katie Evans

Michael Ruth

Sarah Alford

Carina Freeman

Laura Forth

-Absent:

c. Pledge of Allegiance

d. Approval of the Agenda

e. Comments from the Public – This is a time for the public to address the Board. A maximum of 5 minutes will be allotted to each speaker.

II. Discussion/Action Items

a. Officers' Reports

1. Superintendent/Principal

a. Saturday Academy

b. San Benito County department of Education and Public Health

2. Board Member Comments

3. Board President

4. Parent Club

III. Consent Items

These items are considered routine and may be enacted by the board in one motion. There is no discussion on these items prior to the motion unless a specific item is removed from the consent list.

- a. Special Board Meeting Minutes August 19th, 2020 as presented
- b. Regular Board Meeting Minutes September 2nd, 2020 as presented

IV. Discussion/Action Items

- a. Southside Elementary Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (ACTION)

Rationale: The Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (Learning Continuity Plan) is a key part of the overall budget package for K-12 that seeks to address funding stability for schools while providing information at the local educational agency (LEA) level for how student learning continuity will be addressed during the COVID-19 crisis in the 2020–21 school year. The provisions for the plan were approved by the Governor and Legislature in June in SB 98 and can be found in *EC* Section 43509.

The Learning Continuity Plan is intended to balance the needs of all stakeholders, including educators, parents, students and community members, while both streamlining engagement and condensing several preexisting plans. In particular, it was important to combine (1) the intent behind Executive Order N-56-20, published in April 2020, which envisioned an off cycle Local Control and Accountability Plan (LCAP) due December 15th, and (2) the ongoing need for LEAs to formally plan to return to school in the midst of the uncertainty and of COVID-19, without requiring two plans. The Learning Continuity Plan replaces the LCAP for the 2020–21 school year.

Recommendation: That the board review and approve the Southside School Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan.

Recommended Motion: To approve the Southside School Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan for the 2020-2021 school year.

- b. Academic Calendar Southside School 2021-2022 (ACTION)

Recommendation: The Board review and approve the proposed academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year. A comparison with the calendar from San Benito High school found that the February breaks were different. The Southside calendar has been modified to align with the High School calendar.

Recommended Motion: To approve the academic calendar for the 2021-2022 school year.

Rationale: The calendar has been reviewed by the staff. The academic calendar for Southside school reflects many of the same students breaks and off days from that of San Benito High School.

Budget Source: N/A

c. Southside School Distance Learning Calendar (ACTION)

Rationale: The current distance learning calendar for Southside School outlined a timeline of six weeks to provide distance learning for students. The end of the six weeks and the return of students is scheduled for 9/28/20. Based upon the recent guidelines published by the state of California and the recommendation of public health officials, Southside will not be able to provide in-person instruction for the general student body by 9/28/20. The reason to take action is to determine a new calendar and estimate for students to possibly return to campus for in-person instruction.

Recommendation: The board review and approve one of the suggested options.

Option 1: Continue another six weeks of distance learning instruction: Return date for students – 11/9/20

-Pros: Students may return to campus sooner using the hybrid model of instruction. This will be based upon the reopening guidelines for schools in San Benito County.

-Cons: Due to the level of infection and positive cases of the virus in San Benito county, students may not be able to return to in-person instruction. Currently school districts across the nation that have attempted to re-open schools have been forced to stop in-person instruction and return to distance learning. The starting and stopping of school has been difficult for the school communities and students. Students would be on campus for two weeks then depart for Thanksgiving break the following week. Students would be returning after a holiday break which may introduce a new possibility for the spread of infection due to outside the family contact.

Option 2: Distance Learning for the remainder of the semester: Return date for students – 1/5/21

-Pros: Increases the possibility of San Benito County being removed from the state watch list. Increase the possibility of a vaccination or other medical initiatives to restrict the spread of virus. Provide the students, families and staff stability about the school calendar and the general questioning about re-opening of school for in-person instruction. Students remain off campus for the holiday season.

-Cons: A longer amount of time that students are in distance learning. Students would return after possible outside the family contact. Middle of the flu season.

Option 3: Distance Learning for the remainder of the semester, plus two weeks: Return date for students – 1/19/21

-Pros: Increases the possibility of San Benito County being removed from the state watch list. Increase the possibility of a vaccination or other medical initiatives to restrict the spread of virus. Provide the students, families and staff stability about the

school calendar and the general questioning about re-opening of school for in-person instruction. Would provide a two week “isolation” window after the holiday to ensure that outside family contact did not increase the possibility of infection.
-Cons: Increased amount of time in distance learning. Middle of the flu season.

Recommended Motion: That the Board of Education review and approve one of the options for the Southside School distance learning calendar.

Budget Source: N/A

V. Closing Items

a. The next Regular Meeting of the Board is Wednesday October 7th , 2020 at 6:00 pm.

b. Adjournment

PUBLIC COMMENTS –

Individuals wishing to address the Board on a non-agenda item may do so during the Comments from the Public. However, no action may be taken on an item, which is not on the agenda. The public is welcomed to address the Board on agenda items and may do so at the time it is presented. Guidelines for Comments from the Public will be as follows: A maximum of 5 minutes will be allotted to each speaker with a maximum of 20 minutes to a subject area.

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AGENDA ITEMS –

Individuals wishing to have an item appear on the agenda must submit the request in writing to the Superintendent/Principal two weeks prior to the regularly scheduled meeting. The Board President and Superintendent/President will determine what items will be included in the agendas. Regular meetings are held the first Wednesday of each month.

Items listed under the Consent Agenda are considered routine and are acted on by the Board of Trustees as one motion. It is understood that the Administration recommends approval on all consent items. Each item on the Consent Agenda approved by the Board of Trustees shall be deemed to have been considered in full and adopted as recommended.

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