

# **Alvord Unified School District**

Special Board Meeting - Study Session - Reopening of District Schools  
July 09, 2020, 4:00 PM  
Via Teleconference

## **MINUTES**

### **Attendance Taken at 4:00 PM:**

#### **Present:**

Mrs. Carolyn Wilson  
Ms. Lizeth Vega  
Dr. Joanna Dorado  
Mrs. Julie Moreno  
Mr. Robert Schwandt

### **1. SPECIAL BOARD MEETING VIA TELECONFERENCE**

### **2. CALL TO ORDER - 4:00 p.m.**

Minutes:

Board President, Mrs. Carolyn Wilson called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m.

#### **1. Establishment of Quorum**

#### **2. Pledge of Allegiance**

#### **3. Public Comment**

Minutes:

Superintendent, Dr. Allan Mucerino stated that we did receive public comments for Open Session.

### **3. ADJOURN TO CLOSED SESSION**

Minutes:

Board President, Mrs. Carolyn Wilson adjourned to Closed Session at 4:04 p.m.

### **4. CLOSED SESSION**

#### **1. Student Discipline Cases Pursuant to Education Code 48912 & 48918 - Student Disciplinary Actions**

**2. Public Employee**

**Appointment/Assignment/Reassignment/Discipline/Dismissal/Release (Government Code 54957):**

**3. Conference with Labor Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54957.6**

**4. Conference with Real Property Negotiator Pursuant to Government Code 54956.8**

**5. Conference with Legal Counsel- Anticipated Litigation (Government Code 54956.9(b)(1))**

**6. Superintendent Evaluation**

**7. Liability Claim**

**5. RECONVENE TO PUBLIC SESSION- 6:00 p.m.**

Minutes:

Board President, Mrs. Carolyn Wilson reconvened the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

**6. INTRODUCTORY PROCEDURES**

**1. Call to Order and Welcome**

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

**3. Public Comment**

Minutes:

Email received from Ms. Monique Cendejas, Community Member

Ms. Cendejas stated that she would like for the district to start school with online classes, which would allow for social distancing.

Email received from Ms. Lily Rodriguez, Parent

Ms. Rodriguez expressed her concern regarding the COVID Pandemic and shared she had a personal loss to this disease. Ms. Rodriguez suggested that school start online and that the school year should be delayed.

Email received from Ms. Monica Arce, Parent

Ms. Arce expressed her concern regarding the COVID Pandemic and suggested that school start with distance learning. Ms. Arce also expressed concerns and had questions regarding COVID testing, extra cleaning measures, and distance learning.

Email received from Ms. Jess Block-Nerren, Parent

Ms. Block-Nerren expressed her confidence she has with the district, Board of Education, Superintendent, administrators, and the Reopening Task Force. Ms. Block-Nerren stated that her son who has special needs excels in the district. Ms. Block-Nerren expressed her concerns regarding COVID, but stated that we stand stronger together. Ms. Block-Nerren extended an invitation to all parents who might want to reach out to her if they would like to speak with her.

## **7. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

Minutes:

Superintendent, Dr. Allan Mucerino and members of the Reopening Task Force provided a presentation to the Board of Education and community with the options for the reopening of District schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

Trustee Mrs. Carolyn Wilson expressed her gratitude to Dr. Mucerino, Cabinet, and the staff for all their hard work in preparing the models being offered for the reopening of schools. Trustee Wilson also thanked Union Presidents, Ms. Leigh Hawkinson and Ms. Sosonja Howard-Mayo for working together with the district for the well-being of the students and employees.

Trustee Ms. Lizeth Vega stated that everyone worked hard with putting this plan together and all the details were taken into account. Trustee Vega stated that the district families' opinions were considered and valued in making decisions.

Trustee Mrs. Julie Moreno expressed her gratitude and pride she has for all the options that were presented to the Board of Education for the reopening of schools. Trustee Moreno stated that we are in uncertain and challenging times, but everyone has come together to work through this Pandemic.

Trustee Mr. Robert Schwandt stated that the work the Administration Team and Superintendent put together takes passion and leadership. Trustee Schwandt expressed his gratitude for all the hard work that has been done in preparing the options for the reopening of schools.

Trustee Dr. Joanna Dorado stated that she held on to the message the Executive Director, Mr. Kevin Emenaker stated that the district will, "Meet or exceed all safety precautions". Trustee Dorado expressed her gratitude and pride for the attention to details for all the models presented.

## **8. DISCUSSION ITEM**

Minutes:

Trustee Mrs. Julie Moreno stated that she did not have any questions, due to the presentation being so thorough. Trustee Moreno stated that she was impressed to see the attention to detail that was presented in the presentation as far as social distancing and the materials that will be used in the classrooms to protect students and teachers.

Trustee Ms. Lizeth Vega stated that she did not have questions, but she did want to mention

that she was impressed that in the presentation the social and emotional needs of the students were also being addressed and considered.

Trustee Mr. Schwandt stated that he did not have questions, but stated that he has been well informed by the communication that is being provided by the district administration as well as the weekly COVID meetings. Trustee Schwandt expressed his gratitude for how well the Board of Education has been informed during this Pandemic.

Trustee Dr. Joanna Dorado stated the presentation answered all of her questions and once a model is selected more questions will arise. Trustee Dorado expressed her gratitude for all the information that was presented this evening.

Trustee Mrs. Carolyn Wilson stated that if anyone has any further questions, please contact the Superintendent and the Board of Education. Trustee Wilson stated that the Board of Education is here for everyone and everyone's voice matters.

## **9. SEPARATE ACTION ITEMS**

### **1. Board of Education/Superintendent**

#### **1. Consideration and potential approval of the 2020-2021 reopening of schools plan.**

**Motion Passed:** The Board of Education voted unanimously to approve the Reopening School Plan for the 2020-21 school year. The decision provides students and their families with the choice between two models:

**Option Model 1:** Hybrid, a blend of in-person and distance learning with no more than 50% of our students present on campus at any given time; or

**Option Model 2:** Full Distance, with no in-person instruction, fully remote.  
Passed with a motion by Mr. Robert Schwandt and a second by Mrs. Julie Moreno.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

The Board of Education expressed that safety was their number one factor in making their decision as well as giving families flexibility in choosing an option for their children.

### **2. Administrative Services**

**1. Adopt Resolution No. 1 Authorization needed to take any and all necessary action to prepare and respond effectively to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)  
Motion Passed:**

Passed with a motion by Ms. Lizeth Vega and a second by Dr. Joanna Dorado.

Yes Dr. Joanna Dorado

Yes Mrs. Julie Moreno

Yes Mr. Robert Schwandt

Yes Ms. Lizeth Vega

Yes Mrs. Carolyn Wilson

Minutes:

Public Comment: Email received from Mr. Joshua Fleming, CSEA Labor Representative

Mr. Fleming expressed concern regarding Resolution Number 1 and the authority for the District to possibly bypass bargaining with exclusive bargaining units of matters that require there to be negotiations. Mr. Fleming expressed that the District must follow labor laws and not contract work out that CSEA employees can perform.

Executive Director, Administrative Services, Mr. Kevin Emenaker stated that Resolution Number 1 would allow the District to purchase safety products related to the COVID Pandemic without a Piggyback agreement or going out to bid.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Minutes:

Board President, Mrs. Carolyn Wilson adjourned the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

Dr. Allan J. Mucerino  
Superintendent