

**Board of Education Special Meeting**

August 02, 2021 5:00 PM

Wallace Central Office Building

**Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett

Mr. Hargis Davis

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent

Mr. Chuck Toler

Absent Board Members:

Mrs. Sonya Giles

**I. Welcome/Roll Call**

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**Order #2021-2063 - Motion Passed:** Motion made to approve Agenda passed with a motion by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

**III. Board Comments**

Discussion:

Board Member, Rebecca Burgett advised the Board that she had met with Three Rivers Health District. They would like to come into elementary schools a couple times per month, with activities, etc.

They are beginning a new PROGRAM "5 2 1 0", 5 VEGGIES, 2 SCREEN HR, 1 HR or more of PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AND 0 SUGARY DRINKS. Becky brought a handout which was copied and send to all principals.

**IV. Recommended Action - NEW BUSINESS**

**IV.a. Review/Approve Additional Revisions to Procedure 05.31 AP.21 Request for Rental/Use of Facilities Application**

**Order #2021-2064 - Motion Passed:** Approve motion to add additional Revisions to Procedure 05.31 AP.21 Request for Rental/Use of Facilities Application passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes

Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

**IV.b. Review/Approve MOA - Gallatin County School District with NorthKey 2021-2022 School Year**

**Order #2021-2065 - Motion Passed:** Motion to approve MOA - Gallatin County School District with NorthKey 2021-2022 School Year passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

**IV.c. Review/Approve Contract Addendum - Addition of Gallatin Co. Lower Elementary School and Gallatin Co. High School with Interstate Premier Facility Services Provider**

Discussion:

Board Vice-Chair, Amanda Dunavent asked to go on record to remind the Board that no one was going to lose their jobs if contracted.

**Order #2021-2066 - Motion Failed:** Approve Contract Addendum - Addition of Gallatin Co. Lower Elementary School and Gallatin Co. High School with Interstate Premier Facility Services Provider failed with a motion by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent and a second by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett.

**2 Yeas - 2 Nays.**

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	No
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	No

**Order #2021-2067 - Subsidiary Motion Passed:** Approve Contract Addendum - Addition of Gallatin Co. Lower Elementary School and Gallatin Co. High School with Interstate Premier Facility Services Provider - Hargis Davis moved for the Chairman to reconsider his vote. Vote was retaken and passed with a motion by Mrs. Amanda Dunavent and a second by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

#### **IV.d. Review/Approve School Resource Officer Contract 2021-2022**

##### **Discussion:**

Board Attorney, Jake Thompson advised the Board that the contract had been changed to an hourly rate. Board Member, Hargis Davis asked if we had been billed for the months not covered. Jake advised the Board that he checked with Sheriff Josh Neale to confirm and we were not billed for that time.

**Order #2021-2068 - Motion Passed:** passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mr. Hargis Davis.

##### **4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

#### **V. Roundtable discussion with principals and district administrators inclusive of funding/tax rates and relevant planning issues**

##### **Discussion:**

Superintendent Hammond opened the discussion on using ESSER funds for personnel, different supplies (hand sanitizers, wipes) and equipment. He also mentioned that the energy savings program/equipment discussed for the high school could help Covid and other health issues with students and teachers.

High School Principal, Angie Lewis - gave update on how many teachers she has in each subject. Explaining the pathways in place for each. The High School has an Asst Principal and Guidance Counselor; They also have a Co-op Program. She will utilize other teachers where needed.

Teacher vacancies are in English, Math and the Aviation Pathway. JCTC - handful of students go to their campus... 10-15 students. Some can take classes there all day, we haven't had a student take advantage of this yet.

I-Lead - 8th grade; we would like to be more collaborated, however, we are happy to say we are more on the same page now. They are catering to the students and putting new programs into place. The High School has a Computer Tech Program that allows students in each of the feeder schools to take part, even though they aren't in I-Lead.

Principal Lewis advised that these students will be housed at our school and take the classes virtually, the same time the teacher is teaching other students. They will do "hands on" learning. We currently have a handful of students signed up for this program. Covid issues; we are having a lot of admin meetings. We are concerned with students online and home all summer, having trauma and mental health issues. We would like to do a big push on mental health. She added that we need to be able to address mental health and behavior health. We have a big push for this; no cookie cutter program, each school is different.

Board Vice Chair -Amanda Dunavent asked what the plan was? Principal Lewis replied they were hoping to start a wellness room, Tier 1 and 2, multifaceted. She added that many students are getting six or more writeups, and that we

needed to get to the bottom of this; why is this happening? They are working with the "restorative justice" plan; one of our Special Ed teachers collaborates with Candice Giles, Brian Brentlinger and Elizabeth Cox. We have come up with plans. Our whole goal, is to stop suspending so many students. We need to really talk to each of these students and try to keep them in school.

Superintendent Hammond agreed, saying we really need to meet these students, where they are.

Board Member, Hargis Davis asked what "restorative justice" means to her; Principal Lewis advised, Bringing these kids back to where they need to be and make good citizens, restoring them.

Attorney Jake Crawford reminded the Board that "justice" in this case, isn't the same as in a court room situation.

Board Chairman, Chuck Toler advised he knows a few introvert students that want to join clubs but are afraid to do so. Principal Lewis said it would be perfect if they had a friend that they could follow.

Middle School Principal, Holli Hunt - handout is attached;

Principal Hunt is concerned about learning loss. Students are placed according to their RTI. Tier 1 and Tier 2 over the first nine weeks. She wants to focus on enrichment on Fridays through the IReady Program: Her Asst Principal, Ms. Amy Sutter is also a Social Worker. Vice Principal, Amy Sutter plans to work in the Wildcat Academy, restructured their plan. We will focus on the Tablo data; fun flexible Fridays will be part of our disciplinary program; Frisky plan, group therapy for students sharing same issues; not living w/ parents, being raised by someone other than parent.

Questions from board members;

Will this Flexible Friday take away from instruction on those days? The answer was no, it would not.

How are we going to handle going on red alert. The biggest issue for Middle School would be lunchtime; two grades in cafeteria at the same time.

Amanda New - Upper Elementary Principal; Report is attached.

Principal New asked about having after-school group meetings. She would like to have ideas the next time someone comes to present at a Board Meeting.

Board Member, Hargis Davis, advised that he personally feels as though we have a super great Principal Staff this year.

Lower Elementary Instructional Coach, Tonia Smith presented for Lower Elem in Megan Morris' absence;

Tonia gave the breakdown of all teachers, mentioning we still need to hire an Instructional Asst. and an RTI Intervention teacher, who is funded by four year grant. Due to COVID now extended, the Math grant was extended as well; The Instructional Asst in RTI and 1st/2nd grade classrooms, will be working with students mostly.

Upper Elementary Principal Amanda New and Lower Elementary Principal Megan Morris will do walkthroughs, they will have a data team, and will be able to look at where students currently are in their curriculum, to meet their needs. She added that they do not have many disciplinary issues. They will develop PDI disciplinary plans, to be more positive. They will ask the student what they are doing and why they are doing it. They agreed that some students had a hard time to open up when they came back to the classroom last year. During Summer School noticed they were more open, kids loved it and they saw a lot of gain in the program; they will have a sensory room, which will have a "calm down corner", black corners; they will have help from teachers to de-focus; small groups, all teachers will start with LIM groups. Individual counseling with counselor;

Board Member Hargis Davis talked about tax rates. Member, Becky Burgett asked the principals to keep giving them feedback; it was great information for the Board Members to have.

## **VI. Adjourn**

**Order #2021-2069 - Motion Passed:** Motion made to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

**4 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett	Yes
Mr. Hargis Davis	Yes
Mrs. Amanda Dunavent	Yes
Mrs. Sonya Giles	Absent
Mr. Chuck Toler	Yes

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Chairperson

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Superintendent