

CULVER SD #4 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

JANUARY 14, 2021



In Attendance

Scott Leeper, Chair | Mike Knepp, Vice-Chair | Seth Taylor, Director

Stefanie Garber, Superintendent | Megan VerVaecke, Business Manager | Jenny Rake, Board Secretary

Brad Kudlac, MS Principal | Josh Davis, HS Principal | Barbara Garland, Special Education and Federal Programs Director

Holly Schulz, Madras Pioneer (virtual)

Call to Order / Flag Salute

Board Chair, Scott Leeper, called the meeting to order at 6:34pm.

Approval of Agenda

M. Knepp moved to approve the agenda as amended; S. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Communications

1. Hearing of Patrons

None

2. Bulldog Strong Presentations for Board

January is School Board Recognition Month. The administrative staff had encouraged students to participate in a contest letting the Board know what being Bulldog Strong meant to them. There were a total of 15 participants, and submissions included poems, posters and drawings. The Board picked two winners and each will be given a small prize.

3. Facilities Update

Facilities Manager Tony Anderson was present to update the Board on both completed and in-process projects. His staff has been taking advantage of having limited students on site and have completed several projects. Projects included an upgrade to the district's HVAC and security systems, installing an instant hot water heater in the bus barn, and replacing fluorescent gym lights with more energy efficient LEDs.

He also listed out future projects, which include re-lamping all exterior lights with LEDs, adding more fencing at the Athletic Complex and updating locker rooms in the gymnasium.

4. Business Manager Financial Report

Business Manager Megan VerVaecke updated the Board with the December 2020 financials. Revenues did not increase as much as originally projected, but still saw an uptick. She will be monitoring the increase closely, as future state school funding could be affected.

Expenditures are down slightly compared to previous years. This is because of a lower beginning fund balance at the start of the school year. Ms. VerVaecke said costs could pick up slightly, but it has been nice to save where we can.

5. Administrator Reports

Stefanie Garber, Brad Kudlac, Josh Davis & Barbara Garland – District Reopening Plans

Administrators Stefanie Garber, Brad Kudlac, Josh Davis and Barbara Garland outlined protocols and school schedules for the District's planned January 19, 2021 reopening date. Superintendent Garber thanked her administrative team for their group effort in putting together such an extensive and thorough protocol document for parents and staff. She finished her report by letting the Board know how much district staff appreciated their support in reopening schools. A virtual thank you card had been created for the Board and was full of thank you notes and videos. The Board members looked forward to reading through all of the messages.

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Consent Agenda

1. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 12.17.2020
2. Monthly Personnel Report – December 2020

M. Knepp moved to approve the consent agenda as presented; S. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Business Agenda

1. Declare Budget Committee Openings

Chair S. Leeper declared 3 openings on the 2020-2021 Budget Committee.
No action was taken.

2. Policy Updates – 2nd Reading

- IJ – School Counseling Program
- JB – Equal Educational Opportunity
- JFCM – Threats of Violence
- LBE – Public Charter Schools
- LBEA – Resident Student Denial for Virtual Public Charter School Attendance

M. Knepp moved to accept the policies as presented in the packet; S. Taylor seconded. Motion passed unanimously, 3-0.

Items for Information at a Future Meeting

1. Student Investment Account (SIA) Update

Items for Action at a Future Meeting

1. Superintendent Targeted Feedback Survey Worksession – January 22, 2021, 9:00am-11:00am
2. Board Elections

Board Member Comments

The Board would like to continue with their monthly gift to staff. They will work with the Superintendent and Board Secretary in planning these gifts.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Scott Leeper, Board Chair

Stefanie Garber, Superintendent