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**Special Session School Board Minutes  
Interim Superintendent Search  
Thursday, March 3, 2022  
6:00 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order 1700**

**2. Flag Salute**

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Deb Lindberg motioned to approve the agenda; Risteen Follett seconded, All in favor, Motion passed unanimously.**

**4 Public Comment Session**

**a. To hear from the public what they would like to see in an interim Superintendent. All comments must only be in regard only to this topic. Patrons will be allowed three minutes to speak.**

Ron Koetz read off first comment card, Rob Russell, said he was waiting for later. Melanie Hildebrand asked for the procedure for hiring a new superintendent, Ron Koetz did not respond said he didn't understand. Pamela Russell reserved her time for later. Max Hildebrand reserved time for later.

Risteen had a list from Terry Lundford which she presented to the board: Are you in agreement with our mask option resolution, especially since the mandate is being lifted soon. Since each school district is to make their own choice on masks after the mandate is lifted, are you prepared to choose masks optional? Two, do you intend to turn kids away if the state of Oregon requires vaccines for kids. Three, do you have, and do you intend to continue this community as conservative values? Do you intend to allow parents access and a say in their child's education? Five, do you you intend to block CRT or any other similar curriculum in our school which includes but is not limited to BLM defending the police, white privilege, gender identity, education, etc.? If the person you are considering can answer that, masks will be optional, but they will not turn kids away that are not vaccinated as conservative values allows parental rights to prevail and will not allow a liberal progressive learning curriculum to adopt our children. That, along with their good administrative history and credentials, as well as their behavior in the. Integrity.

Katie Sapp was the next to speak, she said she had handouts, Ron Koetz asked if this was regarding the superintendent search, and she said absolutely it did. She said that financial concerns are an especially important part of hiring a new superintendent. She said she had concerns about the finances of the school district she has some giant concerns about the finances of the district. Since I left my position, it seems to me that the finances aren't being done the way she would have done them. She explained using her handouts how she felt things were wrong. As her time ran out the other people who had asked to save their time gave their time to Katie Sapp to continue her explanations.

Jody Cantrell, we want one that is going to make masks optional and stand up for the morals and values that this town was built on. Keep our school a charter school. Our public education system is morally turning the wrong direction we need a super that is willing to stand up and fight the system so that our kids can get an education without indoctrination. It's particularly important. Thank you.

Lori Greenfield, spoke I would like someone that who will work on bringing us together and find out what their personal skills are to help us grow together. I think that's important and whether they were effective communicators. If they were supposed to share information that they actually follow through and share.

Randy Chilcote, I have a couple of things that I am really looking for in a Superintendent. The first thing is I really want someone who encourages communication. There's been a lot of times where I have felt like I wanted to communicate. With the Superintendent and I did not feel comfortable doing so. It was very closed off. So, someone who is really into open communication would be great. And then the second thing is. Someone who's willing to teach kids about the world we live in as the world is changing. It's great for people to have conservative views. Everyone is entitled to their views. But to push that onto the kids is not practical. In terms of like, gender identity or, LGBT history or anything like that, it's teaching the kids about the world they live in and to exclude that is self-sheltering them and not telling them that this is the world that we live in. There're so many issues that kids face that not having that included and some sort of curriculum. I just feel like someone who's willing to teach the kids about the actual world we live in and not just stage conservative views.

Catherine Ellis, there are lots of great people in the education world who want our team to succeed and care about kids, families, and staff. I am hoping that our new interim is someone who will work well with others in the education establishment to help serve us. For example, like making sure that we get the services from the ESD that our kids need and deserve, and that's about working well with others.

##### **5. Mask resolution 2022-01 in regard to mask mandate.**

The board chair had Risteen Follett read the resolution to restate the mask mandate. So, we're in compliance. So, with the assistance of the LBL ESD as discussed and talked about earlier. Per Resolution 2022-01. Whereas, Oregon Governor Kate Brown has extended Executive Order 20-03 and the COVID-19 state of emergency seven times each time finding that the virus continued to threaten public health and safety, and;

Whereas, given that Governor Kate Brown will be lifting the Oregon COVID-19 emergency declaration effective April 1, 2022, and;

Whereas, effective March 12, 2022, Oregon will no longer require face coverings indoors for the general population and in K-12 settings, and;

Whereas, the Alsea School District is required to implement the Ready Schools, Safe Learners (RSSL) Resiliency Framework for the 2021-2022 school year schools to provide full-time, in-person education for all students every school day, and;

Whereas, school districts were directed to make decisions with their boards to determine local implementation of COVID-19 mitigation measures, as laid out in the RSSL document; and

Whereas, directors of the Alsea School Board took oath of office affirming to support the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the state of Oregon and the laws thereof, and the policies of the Alsea School District to the best of their ability; therefore,

Be it resolved that the board recognizes that action is necessary for the restoration of confidence of parents, students, staff, and community and for compliance of Oregon Rule, the Board hereby directs that face covering requirements be reinstated immediately within the Alsea School District, and;

Be it further resolved that beginning March 12, 2022 wearing face coverings in the Alsea School District will be optional, allowing students and staff the ability to choose to continue to wear face coverings at school, honoring their decision in a safe and respectful environment, and;

Be it further resolved that if the Oregon Health Authority or the RSSL guidance reinstates mandatory face coverings in K-12 settings that Alsea School District will adjust plans and requirements accordingly.

The above resolution statements were approved and declared adopted on this 3rd day of March 2022.

**Risteen Follett motioned to adopted Resolution 2022-01 in regard to the mask mandate; Deb Lindberg seconded, Jeff Davis denied, Linda Montanez approved, Motion passed 3 to 1.**

**Risteen Follett motioned to adjourn the meeting; Linda Montanez seconded, All in Favor, Motion passed unanimously.**

Next Meeting Date: March 4, 2022 – Special Session Board Meeting

Adjournment:

As recorded by,

Shirley Koetz

Board Chair: Ronald Koetz Clerk: \_\_\_\_\_

Ronald Koetz