

ADNA SCHOOL DISTRICT #226
Special Called Board Workshop Meeting Minutes
In-Person Learning
January 12, 2021

The special call board meeting for January 12, 2021, was called order at 6:00 P.M. by Chair, Terry Bower. Members present included Stan Long, Melissa Ryan, Bob Fay, and Jennifer Collins. Members were present via Zoom due to COVID-19 concerns.

Approval of the Agenda of Special Called Board Meeting on January 12, 2021 – Jennifer Collins made a motion to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

Superintendent Forrest welcomed the following guests; Jeanice Nocis, Marcy Scheuber, Cori Hartley, Kelly Prouty, Jen Wisner, and Lindsey Beaulieu.

Discussion Item(s)

a. Review of In-Person – Superintendent Forrest reviewed Governor Inslee's most recent State restart plans with Board members. The Governor's plan primarily addresses schools that have yet to return to in-person learning and provides metrics to transition students back into the classroom and away from virtual learning.

Our district started transitioning students at the end of September and all students are now in-person a minimum of two days a week, placing us ahead of the vast majority of Washington school districts.

At the elementary level, students (kindergarten to grade 5) are present from Monday to Thursday, while intermediate and secondary students (aged 6 to 12) participate two days a week according to a hybrid schedule.

Superintendent Forrest proposed to update the current COVID-19 District Learning Plan to offer more in-person learning starting with middle school students (6-8). The proposal would begin with sixth grade and extend as Governor Inslee's metrics allow. During the holiday season, our area's COVID-19 caseload increased to over 600 per 100,000, putting us in the highest risk bracket. Coming out of that we are seeing our caseload decline and once it decreases to 350 cases per 100,000 or less the district would be able to implement the plan to increase student in-person learning.

In addition to the caseload metrics, social distancing of at least 6 feet and face coverings are still required. To meet the criteria for distancing, Principle Nelson and Superintendent Forrest have identified additional building space that will be converted into classrooms. The goal is that our sixth grade students can begin to learn in-person Monday through Thursday as soon as possible, depending on the caseload.

Board members included athletics newly revised WIAA COVID-19 guidelines in their discussion. While they do have health and safety concerns Superintendent Forrest recommended the Board follow WIAA guidance.

Following the discussion, Superintendent Forrest informed Board members that he would have the revised COVID-19 District Learning Plan on the next meeting agenda for approval.

Adjourn the Meeting

At 5:20 P.M., Jennifer Collins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Board Secretary

Board Chair

Minutes recorded by LeeAnn Parker