

COTTONWOOD JT. SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
REGULAR MEETING  
AUGUST 17, 2020

**Members Present:** Aaron Hinkelman, Pat Alfrey, Gus Hoene, Tara Klapprich & Keith Holcomb

**Administration Present:** Rene' Forsmann, Jon Rehder and Denise Uhlenkott, Clerk

**Others Present:** Greg Wherry and between 20 and 25 patrons.

1. **Call to order:** The regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Aaron at 7:00 p.m. in the elementary gymnasium.
2. **Approval of Consent Agenda:** *Pat moved to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
3. **Public Input:** There was no public input that didn't involve the district re-entry plan.
4. **Action Items:**
  - **Discuss/Approve/Revisit the Re-entry Plan for School:** Rene' went through the re-entry plan with everyone present. The entry plan has not changed from last month when the board approved the plan. Rene' explained that she received a letter from the hospital which stated that they wanted us to require masks. Students and staff are welcome to wear masks but they are not required in the district re-entry plan. The board and patrons asked several question. Carissa Jones stood in front of the board and thanked them for working with the administration on getting students back in school. Sarah Walsh also stated her appreciation for the administration and board. Ryan Hasselstrom showed the board a camera that was on the football field, he stated that all of those present were also there in support of the board and administration. Ryan stated that we as a district are a leader for many other districts and he is happy for the decision by the board. Rene' explained the flow chart that will be followed by the district. *After discussion, Gus moved to approve the flow chart for re-entry, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Discuss/Approve Return to Participate Sports Plan:** Jon gave an overview of the protocol that IHSAA is following. Jon explained what other districts are following, he stated some are requiring masks and some are not. As our teams go to other communities that require masks we will follow their requirement and we are asking that our fans do the same. *Pat moved to approve the return to participate sports plan, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Authorization for Teacher to New for Julie M Schumacher and Jeff Martin:** Rene' explained that this is the final year for them to complete the plan and they are both on track to complete before the start of next year. *Pat moved to approve the Authorization for Teacher to new for both employees, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Elementary Teacher Resignation:** *Pat moved to approve the approval of resignation from Sherry Gehring, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approve District & School Handbooks:** *Gus moved to approve the handbooks, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*
  - **Approval of Bus Routes:** *Gus moved to approve the bus routes, seconded by Pat, motion carried unanimously.*

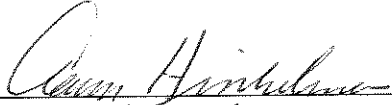
- **Approval of Elementary Schedule:** *Pat moved to approve the Elementary Schedule, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Approval of Secondary Schedule:** *Pat moved to approve the Secondary Schedule, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Approval of Jr. Sr. High Para Professional Positon:** Jon gave the recommendation of Kayla Schumacher for this position. *After discussion Keith moved to approve Kayla Schumacher for the Para Professional position, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Discuss District Back to School Meeting:** Rene' went through the agenda for the back to school meeting on August 25<sup>th</sup>. No action was required.
- **Review/Approve CIPA Regulations:** *Pat moved to approve the CIPA regulations policy, seconded by Keith, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Approve Blended Learning Grant Program Application:** *Gus moved to approve the application, seconded by Tara, motion carried unanimously.*
- **Review/Approve District Policies:** Rene' explained that these policies were emergency due to COVID-19. *After discussion Pat moved to approve the policies, seconded by Gus, motion carried unanimously.*


#### 5. Reports

- **Facility:** Rene' added to the facility report and Quality Heating added a ventilation system to the shop at the high school. Rene' also mentioned that the barriers were painted by Carrie Villimor and Travis Alfrey helped with clean up around the schools for their senior projects.
- **Supt/Elementary:** Rene's report had no additions.
- **Jr. Sr. High:** Jon's went through his report and added that he plans to add a chain link fence behind the bleachers at the football field.

6. **Future Agenda Items:** There were no future agenda items.

7. **Adjourn:** Aaron adjourned the meeting at 8:36 p.m.

  
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 Chairman of the Board

  
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 Clerk of the Board