



**TELLURIDE R-1 SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING**

Wednesday, May 27, 2020 1:30 PM

Zoom

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**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Special Board Meeting was called to order at 1:32 by Stephanie Hatcher.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present at Roll Call via Zoom: Dylan Brooks, Stephanie Hatcher; Cheryl Carstens Miller, Jenni Ward. **Quorum Present.**

-Others present for all or portion of meeting: Mike Gass, Superintendent; Wendy Everett, Director of Finances; Ken Olson, Director of Operations; Sara Kimble, TMHS Principal; Sheree Lynn, TIS Principal; Susan Altman, TES Principal; John Pandolfo, Future Superintendent; Matt Hoisch, KOTO.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Stephanie asked for a motion to approve the Agenda. Dylan Brooks made a motion to approve the Agenda. Cheryl Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor and the Agenda was approved unanimously. The motion passed. No additional discussion occurred.

**4. DISCUSSION ITEM(s)**

a) FY 2020/2021 Proposed Budget (Wendy)

Wendy presented a Power Point for the proposed budget (attached). She reiterated that this is an unusual year and she prepared this budget conservatively with revenues 5% down (not knowing where the State will end up), no increase on salaries, but PERA increase is included. Each slide was reviewed with Q&A from the Board. She was asked to do a revised budget with a projected 10% decrease, salary increase of one step, and change in liability insurance for the Board to review.

b) Solar/Roof Update (Mike/Ken)

Mike, Ken & Cheryl had met prior to the Board meeting to discuss financing terms received by the District on the solar/roof project. Mike noted that the financing is not working out as previously represented to the Board by the roof/solar consultants. Ken provided a Solar only Cash Flow projection (attached). It was noted that the financing proposal did not couple the roof with the solar, that the tax credits were not passed through to the district in the financing proposal, and that the local EcoAction group would not be able to grant more than a few thousand dollars to the project. Due to these factors the Board determined not to move forward with the solar/roof proposal as a combined project. It was agreed that moving forward there should be a capital projects committee consistent with Board policy that affords all committee members the ability to attend capital projects meetings, review and conduct due diligence with respect to proposals submitted to the Board, and offers consistent attendance for efficiency and analysis. Stephanie noted if the Board wanted to take up a solar discussion more broadly, sustainability should be discussed as a topic at a future retreat. The directive was for Ken to research and seek competitive quotes to repair and/or replace the roof over TIMHS, and consider whether such project could be phased in over time.

c) Capital Projects List (Ken)

Ken provided a pared down capital projects list from what was presented in the Spring. The criteria he used was that the projects be structural/functional, low cost, can be completed in-house or with local vendors. List is attached. Each item was discussed in detail and these items will be included as proposed projects in the budget.

d) Covid-19 Update (Mike)

TSD will be receiving \$636,000 from the One-time Coronavirus Aid Economic Security Act (CARES). Mike has been meeting with Principals and John Pandolfo to discuss preliminary ideas on how to use the funds. A draft spreadsheet is attached. The funds can only be used on Covid-19 expenses, not to back-fill budgetary shortages and eligible expenses must have occurred after March 1, 2020 with all funds expended by December 30, 2020. It was discussed that a Teacher Design Team is currently being created to work this summer on ideas for how to start school in the Fall. The idea is to prepare for a variety of situations, but be flexible. The Design Team would be the technical/education piece and they would work with a community/parent group to hopefully include Grace Franklin and Telluride Medical Center.

e) Negotiations Update (Mike)

Mike, Cheryl and Dylan met with 4x4 to discuss negotiations knowing the flux of school finance. The resulting theme was that teachers do not want to freeze salaries and are looking for a step. The Board acknowledged the rationale for such a proposal by the teacher's union, but also acknowledged the uncertainty around state legislative budget. The hope of 4x4 is to save money by not using a facilitator this year. Stephanie asked for an overview of past negotiations over the last few years and Cheryl requested a budget vs. final expenditure 5-year history and Wendy will provide both.

## 5. OTHER

Stephanie previously sent information out to the Board summarizing Boulder Valley School District's retention agreement with Lief, Cabraser, Heimann & Bernstein, LLP (LCHB) regarding Juul litigation, noting that 60 school districts have already signed up with this firm for litigation. Stephanie noted that it may be beneficial to align with other resort districts in Colorado since their student vaping use has been twice the national average according to Healthy Kids Survey. John and Cheryl expressed an interest in also helping to gather more information. Stephanie also stated that THS graduation was a unique and memorable Telluride event and thanked Mike and Sara.

## 6. ADJOURN SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Stephanie Hatcher asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Cheryl Miller made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dylan Brooks seconded the motion. All were in favor and the motion passed. No additional discussion occurred. The Monthly meeting adjourned at 5:13 pm.

## 7. FUTURE BUSINESS

June 12, 2020 Work Session/Monthly Board Meeting (9:00 AM) Bridal Veil Conference Room or Zoom TBD;

June 29, 2020 FY2020/2021 Budget Adoption and Appropriation Resolution(s)

Submitted by KimberLee Spaulding  
Recording Secretary for the Board of Education



Stephanie A. Hatcher  
Board President



Dylan Brooks  
Secretary/Treasurer