

SPECIAL MEETING U.S.D. # 261
BOARD ROOM – ADMINISTRATION BUILDING – *1745 WEST GRAND
HAYSVILLE, KANSAS
7:00 P.M.
August 26, 2020

*** MEETING CONDUCTED VIA ZOOM DUE TO NECESSARY ADJUSTMENTS IN
RESPONSE TO COVID 19 SOCIAL DISTANCE GUIDELINES**
(A live link to this meeting has been made available on the USD 261 website.)

Subject to Board Approval

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paige Crum – President
Tom Gibson – Vice President
Jennifer Bain
Greg Fenster
Dr. Susan Norton
Jeremy Bennett
Jerome Crawford

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. John Burke, Superintendent of Schools
Debbie Coleman, Clerk of the Board
Dr. Clint Schutte, Assistant Supt. of Finance
Dr. Mike Clagg, Assistant Supt. of Personnel
Jennifer Reed, Asst. Supt. of Learning Services
Donna Whiteman, Attorney with KASB
Others – there were over 200 guests via ZOOM and FB Live

1.0 MEETING OPENING

1.1 Call to Order

The Special meeting of the Board of Education of Haysville School District # 261, Haysville, Kansas was called to order via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. by Board President Paige Crum. Seven Board members were present via ZOOM.

Paige Crum's opening statement:

"Want everybody to understand that our decisions are based on data.

- We recognize the emotional strain this is causing all of our families and the community as a whole. We feel the same emotions.
- We are considering social/emotional issues as well as the pandemic numbers. We are keeping in mind the challenging home life that many of our students have. Their health, safety, and wellbeing are primary to our decision.
- We have received many texts, messages, emails, and calls. Thank you all for helping the board to know what our families, staff, and students think is best. The preferences of our community members are quite varied. We are listening. We will do our very best to choose a path that is based on science, data, and the safety of all. We know that regardless of how our decision goes, many of our community will be displeased with the decision. There is no perfect answer. We will carry forth knowing that the decisions we make are in good faith according to the success and wellbeing of our students now and in the long run. This is a very difficult time and we truly appreciate your input and patience.

Our success of efforts to return to in-person classrooms is based on the community's adherence to safety protocols. All must wear masks, wash hands, and social distance both in the schools and in the community. It will take all of us to make a successful and stable return to the classroom."

MOTION to move Executive Session to 2.0 and move COVID-19 to 3.0.

(Bain/Norton)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 7-0.

- 2.0 EXECUTIVE SESSION – Attorney – Client Privilege – For consideration with an attorney for the body or agency which would be deemed privileged in the attorney – client relationship.

MOTION to go into executive session at 7:10 p.m. for 20-minutes, to return to the Boardroom no later than 7:30 p.m. for the discussion of Attorney-Client Privilege, in order to protect the body or agency, which would be deemed privileged and the Board's position.

(Crum/Gibson)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board asked, Dr. Burke, Dr. Schutte and District Nurse Beth Schutte to join them in executive session.

KASB Attorney, Donna Whiteman, joined the Board in executive session by phone.

Dr. Burke, Dr. Schutte and Beth Schutte joined the Board via ZOOM at 7:10 p.m.

Ms. Whiteman joined the Board by phone at 7:10 p.m.

Dr. Burke, Dr. Schutte and Beth Schutte returned to the public ZOOM meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Ms. Whiteman left executive session by ending the phone conversation at 7:30 p.m.

The Board returned to the public ZOOM meeting at 7:30 p.m. with seven members present.

- 3.0 COVID-19 and Learning Modes – Action may be taken.
Dr. Burke presented information to the Board regarding COVID-19 and the learning modes that may be incorporated.
Dr. Burke presented gating criteria from Sedgwick County and the Kansas State Department of Education (KSDE).

MOTION to stay with the Board vote on July 27, 2020 to reopen with Parent Choice.

(Fenster/Gibson)

Tom Gibson withdrew his second motion.

Motion died.

MOTION to use KSDE's gating criteria as presented.

(Bennett/Norton)

Verbal vote: Fenster - n, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y

Motion carried 6-1. Greg Fenster voted no.

MOTION to start the 2020-2021 school year (K-12) with Parent Choice hybrid, and revisit Learning Modes during the October 19, 2020 BOE Meeting or earlier if needed.

(Bain/Crawford)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y
Motion carried 7-0.

MOTION to allow the extra-curricular activities to go forward with the policies we have in place to make it safe and revisit this at the October 19, 2020 BOE Meeting.

(Bain/Gibson)

Verbal vote: Fenster - y, Bennett – y, Gibson – y, Bain – y, Norton – y, Crawford – y and Crum – y
Motion carried 7-0.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Paige Crum, Board of Education President

Debra M. Coleman, Board of Education Clerk