

November 23, 2020

A special virtual emergency meeting of the Board of School Trustees was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Mr. Mullett. All Board members were present. Also present were Mr. Watkins, Mr. Durrwachter, Mrs. Conley, Mr. Morris, Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Watkins, Ms. Spiker, Mr. Frye, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. VanBaalen and Mr. Thompson.

- I. Mr. Watkins opened the meeting by thanking everyone for their attendance. He stated the guidelines for calling an emergency meeting. Mr. Watkins called this meeting to for first semester schedule adjustments due to Covid-19.

Mrs. Barker, Peru Community School Head Nurse, covered the current numbers and quarantines for the corporation. She also covered her concerns.

Mr. Watkins gave the following recommendation:

PCS Covid - 19 Adjustments

Central office will remain open. Hours will be Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. until January 18, 2021.

Building offices (secretaries, bookkeepers, and nurses) will remain open. Hours will be Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. until December 18, 2020. This schedule will continue following Christmas Break, January 4, 2021 - January 18, 2021.

Building level administrators, counselors, and high school athletic director will be required to be present Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. November 30, 2020 - December 18, 2020. This schedule will continue following Christmas Break, January 4, 2021 - January 18, 2021. Administrator's will monitor remote/virtual teaching platform daily and continue parent and student communications. High School athletics will be monitored daily by high school athletic director. Counselors should assist in professional development, student monitoring, student support, and communications as directed by Building Level Principal.

Teachers will be working remote/virtual November 30, 2020 - December 18, 2020. This schedule will continue following Christmas Break, January 4, 2021 - January 15, 2021. Teachers can work from home or their classrooms to fulfill contracted work hours. Teachers will be required to make daily contact with all students via Canvas, Microsoft Teams, emails, and/or phone calls.

Instructional and SE aides/Tutors will be assigned duties by Building Level Principals from November 30, 2020 - December 18, 2020, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. This schedule will continue following Christmas Break, January 4, 2021 - January 18, 2021. Duties should be room cleaning, student/parent communications, and required professional development.

PCSPD officers will be required to keep building hours of Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. until December 18, 2020 to monitor their respective building and grounds and required professional development. This schedule will continue following Christmas Break, January 4, 2021 - January 18, 2021.

Classified Directors will be required to keep in office/building hours of Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. until January 18, 2021 to monitor their respective programs.

Educational technicians will be assigned duties by the Technology Director from November 30, 2020 - January 18, 2021, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Duties should be monitoring remote/virtual teaching platform, assisting administrators, teachers, and students daily, and to continue needed parent and student communications along with required professional development.

Custodial/maintenance will be assigned duties by Building Level Principal/Maintenance Director from November 30, 2020 - January 18, 2021, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Duties should be deep cleaning respective buildings, complete any remaining tasks from Summer, and required professional development.

Transportation will be assigned duties by the Transportation Director from November 30, 2020 - December 18, 2020, Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. This schedule will continue following Christmas Break, January 4, 2021 - January 18, 2021. Duties should be bus cleaning and required professional development.

Food service will be assigned duties by the Food Service Director from November 30, 2020 - January 18, 2021, Monday - Friday, specific dates and hours to be determined. Duties should be serving food, cleaning, and required professional development.

PCS staff members age 60 or above, those with known high-risk medical conditions, and all other at risk/vulnerable staff members should remain vigilant about protecting their exposure to COVID. This group of staff members may request, through their Building Level Principal or Director and if possible, for permission to work from home.

Hopefully, conditions will improve. This recommendation is to highly consider the health, safety, and welfare of our students and staff. In addition, the current educational program deterioration at each building because of the positives and the high number of contact tracing absences is very concerning. He stated that he strongly feels that remote/virtual learning will serve our students best until conditions improve.

Each principal from each building reviewed what they have been currently experiencing in each of their respective buildings.

Board members asked questions and made comments on staying open and/or shortening the length of virtual/remote learning. There were also concerns of the safety of athletes and certain staff members still being in the buildings if everyone else is out. There were also questions on how evaluations will be conducted.

On motion by Mr. Wagner, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, the Board approved the schedule adjustment by a vote of 5-2, Mr. Comerford and Dr. Quin opposed.

II. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to discuss, Mr. Wolfe motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Ellis at 6:43 p.m. unanimously approved.

Secretary,

Charles Wagner

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