

**HAMILTON UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Wednesday, August 26, 2020

- 5:30 p.m. Public session for purposes of opening the Regular Meeting only via Zoom:
- 5:30 p.m. Regular Meeting Closed session begins (For Board Only)
- 6:00 p.m. Reconvene to open session no later than 6:30 p.m. via Facebook Live or Zoom (see below)
*Special Board Meeting at conclusion of Regular Meeting at same zoom link:

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1.0 OPENING BUSINESS: 7:30 p.m.

- a. Call to order and roll call

Gabriel Leal, President
 Genaro Reyes

Hubert "Wendall" Lower, Clerk
 Ray Odom

Rod Boone

2.0 ADOPT THE AGENDA: (M)

Motion to adopt the agenda by Mr. Odom 2nd by Mr. Lower.

Motion Carried 4-0

Leal: AYE	Lower: AYE
Boone: AYE	Reyes: Absent
Odom: AYE	

- 3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:** Public comment on any item of interest to the public that is within the Board's jurisdiction will be heard (agenda and non-agenda items). The Board may limit comments to no more than three minutes per speaker and 15 minutes per topic. Public comment will also be allowed on each specific action item prior to board action thereon.

- a. Lynn Larson expressed a concern about the K-6 waiver due to CTA opposition, what's been recommended by the representative. We are also curious, why K-6? Why not TK-12?

4.0 ACTION ITEMS:

- a. Return to School Planning/K-6 Waiver
 - i. Dr. Powell noted that he will not be asking for any action on this.
 - ii. The K-6 waiver is for students to return even if the county is on the watch list. According to Dr. Garrison, younger students are not getting or passing COVID like adults. Older students carry and spread the disease like adults.
 - iii. This would be limited to a small amount of students and Dr. Garrison said he would now consider waivers.
 - iv. Our return to school plan is what we can do to open once we are removed from the watch list.
 - v. Guidelines released yesterday would change our plans.
 - vi. The difference between a waiver and a return and concerns were discussed with some staff and will be covered in a HULC meeting in the next week to get more input.

- vii. Any plan to reopen would go through HULC, HTA, CSEA for further guidance.
- viii. We won't rush students back to school, however, it is agreed the best place for students to learn is on campus.
- ix. We expect see more guidelines from the Governor on Friday.
- x. May do another parent survey and get parent/teacher/staff input then bring to the board.
- xi. May have a special board meeting in the next couple of weeks after the input regarding our safe return.
- xii. Ms. Larson clarified that her issue was the waiver, implying that it's not safe for students and staff. Having a waiver to circumvent the health issues is disconcerting but that her question was answered.
- xiii. Dr. Powell extended an invitation to anyone with questions to please reach out and seek clarity.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT: 7:40 p.m.

X  9-23-20

Wendell Lower
HUSD Board Clerk

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Jeremy Powell, Ed.D.
Superintendent