

BETHANY CHARTER SCHOOL – Board Special Session, February 5, 2021

Board Members present: Karyn Buchheit, Jon Kampen, William Posegate, Bryan Rose and Michael Slevcove. Kathy Frank present as administrator. No visitors present.

Michael Slevcove called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm.

Kathy Frank presented packet concerning going back to in-person school. Aiming for March 1<sup>st</sup>. If we follow suggested guidelines, we should be protected as far as the insurance goes.

Discussion.

Challenges for staff – some aren't willing to return to the classroom. Some of the teachers want to remote teach to the in-person students with the aide in the classroom with the students.

Working on getting air purifiers/ventilators for all classrooms. Will circulate air in each classroom 3 times an hour. Would like to use grant funds for these. Cost is approximately \$400.00 each.

1 cohort of students will come in morning and another in afternoon. The kids still on distance would remain with their grade. Morning would be core subjects – math, literature, writing with those not in that cohort following on line. Afternoon would be Social Studies, Science – again with those not in the in-person cohort doing those subjects on line. With this split and timing suggested none of the students will be eating at school.

No feedback yet on bus.

March 1<sup>st</sup> was chosen to allow prep for both parents and staff.

About 50% of our students are doing well with the complete remote.

Moved into executive session at 5:09 pm in compliance with ORS 192.660(b) as pertains to personnel.

Out of executive session at 5:17 pm

Question asked – what would be needed to get the reluctant teachers back in the classroom?

Board in agreement with proposal from Kathy Frank with a restart date of March 1, 2021 for in person learning.

Recommend letter from the board to the staff.

Look at adding language in next contract regarding being in the classroom.

Meeting adjourned at 6:01 pm