

**Regular Meeting**

**INYO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
MINUTES**

**PRELIMINARY ACTION**

1. Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. via Zoom conference call.
2. Roll Call/Quorum - Roll call established a quorum with the following members calling in:  

Chris Langley, President	David Hefner, Vice President	Mary Kemp, Member
George Lozito, Member	Joe Profita, Member	
Staff: Barry D. Simpson	Kim Cash	
ICOE Staff: Justin Norcross		
3. Approval of the Agenda – M. Kemp moved, seconded by J. Profita to approve the agenda. Motion carried 5-0.

**PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION**

1. There were no questions submitted via email by members of the public prior to this meeting and there were no callers listening in via our designated public Zoom phone line during the meeting.

**PUBLIC HEARINGS (Timed Item - 3:35 p.m.)**

1. Public Hearing on Textbooks or Instructional Materials Compliance for 2020-2021 - M. Kemp moved, seconded by J. Profita to open the public hearing. Motion carried 5-0. B. Simpson explained that the new Edgenuity instructional materials used at JKBS school are in better alignment with our students needs, especially for distance learning during this time of COVID - 19. Edgenuity is a leading provider of K–12 online curriculum and blended learning solutions and they specialize in online courses and instructional services. Moved by M. Kemp, seconded by D. Hefner to close public hearing and return to open session. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Public Hearing on Learning Continuity and Attendance Plan (LCP) - J. Profita moved, seconded by M. Kemp to open the public hearing. Motion carried 5-0. The LCP has responded to meeting student needs by reflecting, assessing, adding, and improving the strategies and concerns communicated in the Operations Written Report ([OWR](#)) adopted June 11. That report stated that because JKBS already utilizes online learning with a program called Odysseyware, the transition to distance learning was “quick and efficient.” However, despite these efficiencies, JKBS students and stakeholders quickly disengaged because of the loss of structure, accountability, and the face-to-face interaction and support provided in a brick and mortar setting was primary. In response, JKBS has incorporated SEL into the curriculum in addition to the introduction of an MTSS process and protocols. Moved by G. Lozito, seconded by M. Kemp to close public hearing and return to open session. Motion carried 5-0.

**ACTION SESSION**

1. Consent Agenda – J. Profita moved, seconded by M. Kemp to approve the consent agenda items which included the August 13<sup>th</sup> Minutes, and Approval of the Revised Board Meeting Schedule - adding a second meeting in September to Approve the LCP. Motion carried 5-0.
2. Curriculum - Approval of Standards Aligned Textbooks or Instructional Materials for grades 9-12 in English-Language Arts, Mathematics, History-Social Science and Science for the 2020-21 School Year - G. Lozito moved, seconded by J. Profita to approve. Motion carried 5-0.
3. Approval of Resolution #2020-09 for Sufficiency of Textbooks or Instructional Materials and Compliance with Education Code 60119 for 2020-21 and Certification of Provision of Standards Aligned Instructional Materials - M. Kemp moved, seconded by D. Hefner to approve. Motion carried 5-0.

**OPEN SESSION**

1. Board/Superintendent Round Table Report – Discussion - Waivers, Small-Cohorts, Reopening Guidelines - Public Health is behind bringing students back to campus. Schools will need to create a re-opening plan including mitigation plans and submit it to Public Health. Most district Superintendents would like to see a return to in-person instruction.

2. Technology Update/Connectivity - The challenge for our community is the lack of affordable internet. We are continually striving to assist districts with connectivity and have purchased additional hot spots for the more rural areas. Most students who needed connectivity are now online and able to participate in distance learning synchronously. We were successful in locating, assessing, and repairing enough Chromebooks to provide a device for every student, including Transitional Kindergartners, Kindergartners, and 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>-grade students at Bishop schools.
3. Education Services Update - We are working on revising our website <https://learn.inyocoe.org/> to match the current needs for teachers. We provide ongoing individual support for teachers via email, phone, virtual and in person, and we facilitate professional learning opportunities including professional development like Zoom 101, Zoom 102, Zoom 103.
4. JKBS Re-Opening Plans - We are currently implementing measures based on the California Department of Public Health's document "COVID-19 Industry Guidance: School and School-Based Programs" including health screenings, social distancing, intensified cleaning, increased hygiene, and face coverings, etc.
5. Facility Upgrade due to COVID-19 - We have made numerous upgrades to our campus to ensure the safety of students and staff including touchless faucets, soap dispensers, and hand sanitizers. We also purchased industrial-grade electrostatic sprayers which "charge" liquid disinfectant to allow it to actively seek out surfaces and wrap around germs and viruses. This process provides an additional layer of COVID-19 mitigation above and beyond the recommended CDC school disinfection guidelines.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence included an Inyo Promise Scholarship Thank You Letter from UNR. This item was included for information only and no action was taken.

#### **CLOSED SESSION**

1. There was no need for a closed session.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m. to the Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 29, 2020 in Bishop.

Respectfully submitted,

Barry D. Simpson, Inyo County Superintendent/Secretary to the Board