

TWIN FALLS PUBLIC SCHOOLS

School District No. 411

201 MAIN AVENUE WEST

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO

83301

(208) 733-6900

October 9, 2020

- I. Call to Order - The Board of Trustees of School District No. 411, Twin Falls County, State of Idaho, met in a special meeting virtually in a Zoom online meeting platform (accessible by the public), Twin Falls, Idaho, at the hour of 7:30 a.m., on Friday, October 9, 2020. The following trustees were present: Chairman, Bryan Matsuoka; Vice Chairman, Paul McClintock (on speakerphone) and Trustees: Heidi Casdorff, Jonathan Lord, and Jayson Lloyd. There were also present Superintendent of Schools, Brady D. Dickinson; Board Clerk, Michelle Lucas; Associate Superintendent, Bill Brulotte; as well as directors, interested patrons, and employees.
- II. Procedural Matters Action Items
 1. Approval of Agenda – Chairman, Matsuoka asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to approve the agenda as submitted. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- III. Instruction A. Information Item:
 1. Superintendent Dickinson reviewed the COVID Protocol Schedule Designation schedule handout shared in the board packet. He officially informed the Board that on Thursday, October 8, 2020 South Central Public Health District (SCPHD) changed the risk level for Twin Falls County to Orange. All of the counties SCPHD, with the exception of Lincoln County, have been changed to the orange risk assessment level. Superintendent Dickinson read aloud the cases as listed in the backup. The question for the Board this evening is, do we move to orange level as stated in our original operational plan and if we do, when should the District begin the hybrid model. The orange level is the hybrid schedule where students with the last name beginning with A-K attend school, in person, Tuesdays and Thursdays and L-Z attend Wednesdays and Fridays each week, and students do online the other days. The idea is that there would be a reduction in the number of students within the buildings to potentially reduce the spread of COVID. Cases within Twin Falls County have steadily been on the rise, hospitalizations have increased quite significantly, and more hospital staff are being affected. The Board discussed the possible impact on parents; the impact on students; possible options for schedules for secondary vs. elementary; staff safety and health; follow the SCPHD or not to follow the original plan; and the goal of going virtual partially now is to stop from going virtual full time later. The Board also discussed that if we go to level orange, to revisit after two 14 day incubation periods to see if cases drop. The District plan is tied

to the SCPHD plan because this is so complex and they have the health experts. Trustees thanked the schools for all of their efforts in keeping school in session as long as we did. Trustees discussed and considered which effective date would be best for everyone overall.

2. Superintendent Dickinson shared the recommendation from administration to modify the activities orange level schedule to allow each participant to have two people in attendance at their events. Currently orange level states there will be no spectators. Superintendent Dickinson asked that if the Board wishes to modify this schedule, he recommends making it effective Monday, Oct. 12, 2020. The Board discussed in great length how this would be enforced and that masks would still be mandated at these events.

IV. Instruction B. Action Item:

1. With no other discussion, Vice Chairman McClintock stated that in all his years on the board, this is the hardest motion he's made. Vice Chairman McClintock moved to enter into orange COVID protocol designation effective Wednesday, October 14, 2020 and to start dissemination of information immediately. Trustee Lloyd seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
2. With no other discussion, Vice Chairman McClintock moved to modify the activities protocol as discussed to allow two spectators per participant under the orange level. Trustee Lord seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Trustee Lloyd moved to adjourn the meeting. Trustee Lord seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.


Chairman, Bryan Matsuoka

ATTEST:


Clerk, Michelle Lucas