



Fort Sage Board of Trustees
Special Meeting
August 12, 2020
Approved Minutes

- CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Board President Tim Jobbins at 5:33 p.m.
- ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUOROM:** Tim Jobbins, Erinn Reed, Pam Auld and Constance Jenkins (entered 5:45 p.m.) were present.
- MEMBERS ABSENT:** None.
- ADDITIONS/DELETIONS AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** A motion was made to approve the agenda by Pam Auld. Erinn Reed moved to approve the agenda with a change to Action Item 3 a. to read, "Possible Approval to Move the 2020-21 First Day of School from August 17, 2020 to either August 24, 2020 or August 31, 2020." Pam Auld Seconded.
Roll Call Vote: Aye Pam Auld Aye Timothy Jobbins Aye Erinn Reed
Absent Constance Jenkins
- ACTION ITEM:
MOVE THE 2020-21 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL TO
AUGUST 31, 2020:** A discussion was held regarding delaying this year's school start date to accommodate pandemic preparedness. Interim Superintendent Tomes conveyed that he believed starting on August 31, 2020 would be the wisest choice for the District in order to have a really good start to the year for students and staff. County Superintendent of Schools Patty Gunderson also supports the delay. Michelle Beckett said there is leeway built into the current board approved calendar to adjust and have 180 instructional days without going past the original last day of school, and that it will be modified and brought back to the board for approval at the August 19, regular meeting. Herlong High School is still searching for a Custodian, who will have a very important role in students returning to the campus. Conditions and the well-being of students and staff, and liability for the district, are primary concerns. Erinn Reed brought up concern that students want to return to school and be able to socialize with their peers. Michelle replied that while that is very important, and our kids are missed, we need to be 100% sure that we have a good plan moving forward, and that everything that can be done will be done to ensure a great year for students. Dr. Tomes invited the Board to visit the campus for a preview before school starts to see how things will be organized. The Re-Entry plan has been worked on and reviewed by the bargaining units and will be on the

August 19, regular meeting agenda. Erinn Reed moved to move the start date of school from August 17, 2020 to August 31, 2020. Pam Auld Seconded.

**Roll Call Vote: Aye Tim Jobbins Aye Erinn Reed Aye Pam Auld
Aye Constance Jenkins**

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Scott Otis asked about work days for teachers with the delayed start. Michelle said that the teacher work days that were planned for August 13 and 14, would now be August 27 and 28, but that staff would be communicated with and encouraged to ask if they had questions. There will also be new work days for new teachers.
Anne Palmer-Martin welcomed Dr. Tomes as Interim Superintendent/Principal.

Next Regular Monthly Meeting:

Will be held on August 19, 2020, at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 p.m.