

HOONAH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

December 5, 2020

Virtual Zoom

10:00 am

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

ESTHER HEATH-MILLS

AMY COURTNEY

DILLON STYERS

HAROLD HOUSTON

KAREN HINCHMAN

**SUPERINTENDENT:** Ralph Watkins

**OTHERS PRESENT IN PERSON:** Jamie Erickson

**OTHERS PRESENT VIA ZOOM:** Michael Akes, Elizabeth Mair, Joan Martin, Mark Smith, Ralph Watkins, Amy Stevenson, (907) 388-6575 –unknown-, iPhone (907) 978-9651, Teresa McConnell, Jeremiah Byers, Kristi Styers, 209-4835 –unknown-, Andy Savland, Anne Sharclane, Sondra Steele, Michael Knudson, Eli Darrenoff, Heather Powell, Veronica Dalton, Daphne Wright, Jim Erickson

**CALL TO ORDER:** Dillon Styers, Board President called the meeting to order at 10:14AM.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE** Amy

**ROLL CALL:** Five (5) Board Members were present at roll call, a quorum was established.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA + COMMENTS AFTER DISCUSSION:**

**DISCUSSION ITEM:**

**1.0 School Reopening**


- Dillon Styers – First Batch of Testing
- Ralph Watkins – Gave Thanks to organizations & special teams for helping to make it safe for students to return to school. Discussing plan to get back in to school. School is complying with City of Hoonah’s requirement that all face to face students are to be tested.
- Invalid test or inconclusive test is not enough; must be retested.
- Low Risk Symptoms – no symptoms; no close contact
- High Risk Symptoms - Close Contact; Re-Test
- Esther – None
- Harold – Antigen baseline but not used to come back to school, the Token Number on card is for parents to access test results online. School does not have access. Hoonah Indian Association gives report.
- Amy – District would treat invalid & inconclusive tests the same? Answer: YES

- Treat Inconclusive Test as a positive, go through process of a positive test school shuts down? Answer: NO but switch to distance learning for a day or two to trace virus. Teach/Students were retested; PCR test for whole group
- Phone blast about testing is to a specific group.
- Plans are on website and updated as changes are being made. Parents will be notified of update.
- Karen – Paper test for travel? Answer: We don't know where they have been. Quarantine Period?
- Based on test results, school is back in session for face to face learning on December 7, 2020.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** Jamie Erickson – Testing wait time is longer than expected. No reason to stay in distance after break. Staff & Students are required to inform school of travel. Andy Savland – Appreciates going through channels. Testing every two weeks. Active cases in Community caused the shut down this time. Stay Face to Face week before break. Answer: Follow Schedule we put forth so we don't interfere family's plans. Staff Meeting will bring up concern again.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Dillon Styers moved to adjourn the meeting. No objection. Meeting adjourned at 11:27AM.

  
Esther Heath-Mills  
Board Secretary

  
Elana Cranston  
School Board Secretary

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