

Rawlins County Unified School District # 105
Special Board of Education Meeting Minutes
6:30 p.m., August 3rd, 2020
Rawlins County Elementary Cafeteria

Board Members Present: Megan Rippe, Dianna Kastens, Terry Ballard, Matt Finley, Isaac Marintzer, Bill Finley

Others Present: Eric Stoddard, Wesley Dreyer, Matt Smith, Alyssa Vanderhoof via zoom, Ray Lofland, Emily Green, Jessica Mews, Victoria Rall, Rachel Palmer, Kayla Wombacher, Karla Heble, Melody Bearley, Aaron Culwell, Erica Smith, Kim Shirley, Brenda Schilde, public via zoom.

21-028 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dianna Kastens second by Matt Finley to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

21-029 Discussion/Action-USD 105 COVID Reopening Plan

Motion by Isaac Marintzer second by Matt Finley to approve the following resolution of the SPARKS Memorandum of Understanding. Motion carried 6-0.

Coronavirus Relief Fund Memorandum of Understanding

WHEREAS, securing the health, safety, and economic well-being of Rawlins County is Rawlins County USD 105's top priority;

WHEREAS, the state of Kansas is facing both a public health and economic crisis – the pandemic and public health emergency of COVID-19 – which has resulted in illness, quarantines, school closures, and temporary closure of businesses resulting in lost wages and financial hardship to Kansas citizens locally;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States pursuant to Sections 201 and 301 of the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. § 1601, et seq. and consistent with Section 1135 of the Social Security Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. § 1320b-5), declared a national emergency that the COVID-19 outbreak in the United States constitutes a national emergency beginning March 1, 2020;

WHEREAS, as of this date, in Rawlins County there have been no reported positive cases of COVID-19, including no deaths with a likely second wave of COVID-19 cases expected in the Fall;

WHEREAS, Rawlins County USD 105 must remain flexible to account for the evolving nature and scope of the unprecedented public health emergency posed by COVID-19, while also simultaneously beginning the process of safely, strategically, and incrementally reopening business and facilitating economic recovery and revitalization;

WHEREAS, for the aforementioned and other reasons, and in recognition and furtherance of my responsibility to provide for and ensure the health, safety, security, and welfare of the people of the community, Rawlins County USD 105 has determined that the evolving public health and economic threats posed by COVID-19 require a proactive approach to provide immediate financial relief and long-term economic investment in the community;

WHEREAS, in these challenging times, Rawlins County USD 105 will do whatever it can to avoid immediate dangers to the health, safety, and welfare of our constituents and prepare for future waves of COVID-19;

WHEREAS, on June 16, 2020 the State Finance Council approved the Strengthening People and Revitalizing Kansas (SPARK) Taskforce’s proposal to distribute money to Rawlins County help address the health and economic challenges inflicted by COVID-19 based on Rawlins County’s population and impact from COVID-19 with funds provided for reimbursement of COVID-19 related costs and as direct aid unless otherwise approved by the SPARK Taskforce.

WHEREAS, to ensure that all educational and municipal entities within counties receive Coronavirus Relief Funds to meet their respective health and economic challenges, the SPARK Taskforce Executive Committee passed a motion on June 2, 2020, to direct counties to allocate and share Coronavirus Relief Funds with public educational and municipal entities within their counties.

WHEREAS, Rawlins County adopted a Resolution to accept and distribute funds to cities and other entities within Rawlins County.

THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in Rawlins County USD 105 Board of Education, in order to begin the process of safely, strategically, and proactively providing the resources the community needs to both mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and invest in long-term economic recovery, Rawlins County USD 105 Board of Education accepts any funds appropriated to Rawlins County USD 105 by the State of Kansas through the State’s Coronavirus Relief Fund and distributed by Rawlins County pursuant to the following terms designed to ensure the lawful use of funds and transparency, equity, and accountability:

1. Section 5001 of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (“CARES”) Act, as codified in 42 U.S.C. § 801, provides the eligible purposes for which Coronavirus Relief Fund (“CRF”) payments may be used. Under 42 U.S.C. § 801(d) funds may be used for:
 - a. necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);
 - b. not accounted for in the budget most recently approved for the county as of March 27, 2020; and
 - c. incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
2. The following are examples of public health expenditures allowed pursuant to paragraph 1.a. above and 42 U.S.C. § 801(d):
 - COVID-19 related expenses of public hospitals or clinics
 - COVID-19 testing and quarantine costs
 - Payroll of employees substantially dedicated to COVID-19 mitigation or response
 - Expenses for establishing and operating public telemedicine capabilities
 - Technological improvements to facilitate distance learning

- Improving telework capabilities
 - Grants to small businesses to reimburse the costs of business interruption caused by required closures
 - Government payroll support program
 - Unemployment insurance costs related to COVID-19
3. The following are examples of public health expenditures NOT allowed pursuant to paragraph 1.a. above and 42 U.S.C. § 801(d):
- Damages covered by insurance
 - Payroll or benefits for employees not substantially dedicated to mitigating or responding to COVID-19
 - Expenses that will be reimbursed under any federal program
 - Reimbursement to donors for donating items or services
 - Workforce bonuses other than hazard pay or overtime
 - Severance pay
 - Legal settlements
4. Additionally, as outlined in guidance issued by the Congressional Research Service on April 14, 2020, “Coronavirus Relief Fund payments may not be used to directly account for revenue shortfalls related to the COVID-19 outbreak. Such funds, however, may indirectly assist with revenue shortfalls in cases where expenses paid for by the Coronavirus Relief Fund would otherwise widen the gap between government outlays and receipts.”
5. To ensure effective and timely oversight of local spending, Rawlins County USD 105 will comply with reporting requirements established by Rawlins County.
6. To ensure transparency and accountability in the deliberation, expenditure, and oversight processes associated with CRF funds, Rawlins County USD 105, will comply with all applicable requirements of the Kansas Open Meetings Act and Rawlins County.
7. The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately impacted racial minorities within the State of Kansas, illustrating long-standing health disparities for African-American, Latino, and other racial minority populations in the United States. Accordingly, Rawlins County USD 105 will consider and incorporate efforts to address such disproportionate impacts on racial minorities in its proposed plan.
8. As provided in 42 U.S.C. § 801(f), the Inspector General of the Department of the Treasury determines whether CRF payments have been used for eligible purposes. Fund payments that are deemed to have been used for ineligible purposes are treated as a debt owed by the implementing government to Treasury. This Memorandum of Understanding signifies that, upon approval, Rawlins County USD 105 agrees to cooperate with any audits or inquiries by the Department of

the Treasury concerning CRF funds and agrees to pay any debt incurred to the Department of the Treasury due to ineligible expenditures of appropriated CRF funds.

9. Rawlins County USD 105 understands that the United States Department of the Treasury or the Governor's Office of Recovery may issue guidance regarding the transfer, expenditure, reimbursement, or other use of CRF funds.
10. Rawlins County USD 105 understands and agrees that any unspent funds must be returned to the State for recoupment. Rawlins County USD 105 understands that Rawlins County must return all unspent funds no later than December 30, 2020, and will make any unspent funds available for return prior to December 30, 2020. All reconciliation documents submitted to the SPARK Taskforce will be made publicly available by the Governor's Office of Recovery, including supporting documentation submitted by Rawlins County USD 105 to Rawlins County.

This document shall be filed with the County Clerk. It shall become effective as of August 3, 2020.

Motion by Isaac Marintzer second by Terry Ballard to adopt the USD 105 COVID reopening plan as presented with the following three amendments: 1.) Masks will be permissible and recommended, but not required, 2.) Bus students shall have an additional two contacts other than parents on file for the district to contact in the case that the student has a temperature and cannot get on the school bus, and 3.) Students will wash hands upon entering the building and at transition periods. Motion carried 6-0.

21-030 Discussion/Action-USD 105 2020-21 School Calendar

Motion by Matt Finley second by Isaac Marintzer to adopt the newly proposed and updated calendar for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

21-031 Action Designate March 12 and April 5, 2021 as inclement weather make-up days.

Motion by Dianna Kastens second by Matt Finley to designate March 12, 2021 and April 5, 2021 as inclement weather make-up days. Motion carried 6-0.

21-032 Approval Athletic Training Services Agreement

Motion by Terry Ballard second by Isaac Marintzer to approve the Athletic Training services agreement as presented with Emily Kastens for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

21-033 Approval Negotiated Agreement Changes

Motion by Dianna Kastens second by Matt Finley to approve the changes to the negotiated agreement for the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried 6-0.

21-034 Approval of Bids of Surplus Property

Motion by Matt Finley second by Isaac Marintzer to declare the metal work table/storage cabinet from the elementary kitchen as surplus property and approve the bid for \$250. Motion carried 6-0.

21-035 Executive Session

Motion by Isaac Marintzer second by Terry Ballard to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 5 minutes and return to open session at 8:57pm. Executive session shall include the board, administration and Wes Dreyer. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 8:57pm. No action taken.

Motion by Isaac Marintzer second by Matt Finley to go into executive session for non-elected personnel to protect the privacy of the individuals involved for 10 minutes and return to open session at 9:10pm. Executive session shall include the board, administration and Wes Dreyer. Motion carried 6-0.

The Board returned to open session at 9:10pm.

21-036 Action on Executive Session

Motion by Matt Finley second by Isaac Marintzer to accept the resignation of Cynthia Buck as a bus driver and Rob and Marcy Beckman as Jr High Boys Basketball Coaches with great appreciation for their services to USD 105. Motion carried 6-0.

21-037 Adjournment

Motion by Bill Finley second by Dianna Kastens to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried 6-0.

Emily Green
Board Clerk