

**GILFORD SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
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The Gilford School Board held a meeting on July 14, 2020 immediately following the Joint School Board meeting. Present were Board members Chris McDonough, Gretchen Gandini, Jeanin Onos, Kyle Sanborn, and Karen Thurston. Administrators present were Kirk Beitler and Tim Goggin

Opening

School Board Chair Chris McDonough called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Superintendent Beitler confirmed posting of the meeting. Chair McDonough announced the phone number and pin for those who wanted to join the meeting remotely.

Public Comment

Chair McDonough asked for public comment. There was no public comment

Superintendent's Report

Student Learning:

Superintendent Beitler informed the Board that all three of the schools are working on reopening plans for the 2020-2021 school year. The consideration is for in person school, types of hybrid models and remote learning. The District is working to make sure that if we are in a remote learning environment next year at any time, we are ready to implement a more structured model than we previously had as a result of being thrown into remote learning in March. Two weeks ended up being 13 weeks. We are working on a more uniformed day so it is easier to navigate. Discussion ensued regarding reopening/remote plans as follows:

- Remote learning days will be structured as an actually learning day with class period times.
- Masks shouldn't be worn all day in classrooms.
- Masks should be worn in hallways and areas where social distancing is not possible.
- Social distancing is going to be a challenge.
- Rental of tents to create outside classroom environments in September and October.
- Outside lunch environment in September and October.
- Move teachers rather than students.
- Clear masks for teachers as students need to see facial expressions.
- Opportunities need to be provided to make everyone to feel safe & comfortable.
- How are we going to police mask wearing?
- The Board is comfortable with no masks in classrooms.
- There needs to be respect for those who wish to wear masks all day.
- Do people have to quarantine for two weeks if they travel?
- Some teachers may not feel comfortable teaching in person.
- Assigned seating for students.
- Screening will need to happen – (temperatures taken, questions asked)
- Some students are thriving in remote learning.
- One student per seat on the bus.
- Pair siblings up on the bus.

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Superintendent Beitler would like to survey parents and staff regarding the return to school. He believes there are some parents that will want to have their children continue in a remote learning environment and for planning purposes, it would be good for us to know the number of families that have an interest in continuing remote learning. Based on the State Board of Education proposed rule change, we will be required to offer a remote learning opportunity. We would like information from staff about return to work and if they have compromised health issues, where a doctor would provide them with a note that they should not return until there is a vaccine.

Karen Thurston expressed concern for those families who do not have internet receiving the survey. Superintendent Beitler will find out who does not have internet access through Brenda McGee.

Families and Communities:

Superintendent Beitler looked for direction from the School Board on the next steps regarding the email sent to Chair McDonough and Principal Sperazzo related to the Black Lives Matter movement.

Superintendent Beitler informed the Board that we have outside groups using our facilities at this time and he believes it may be a good idea to add an addendum to the building/facility use form related to COVID-19. He shared the proposed addendum with the Board and said that he has engaged in a conversation with Primex and would like to use the form that he shared with the Board.

Resource Management:

Superintendent Beitler informed the Board that we have an open Title One assistant teacher position at the elementary school and a part-time custodial position open. All other positions are filled at this time.

Safety and Facilities:

Superintendent Beitler stated that we are on schedule with the summer projects in the buildings. The carpet has been installed in the middle school band and chorus rooms, cabinets have been built in the elementary classrooms, the gym floors have been finished and our electrical work is being started in the middle and high schools. We will have security film put on the high school glass this week. Ken Mulleavey and Amie Leigh will be working on a bid request for the pick-up truck.

Chair McDonough motioned to accept the addendum to the building/facility use form. The motion was seconded by Karen Thurston and passed with a unanimous vote.

Chair McDonough inquired if there is a policy on public signage. Superintendent Beitler said he did not know of one on the top of his head. The Board opinioned that we should not put signs on school property that are not related to school sponsored activities. Gretchen Gandini stated that it would be an appropriate conversation for social studies classes and that all students are supported. No action was taken on this topic. Chair McDonough asked Superintendent Beitler to reply to the letter that the topic was discussed at the Board level and the Board will not be taking any action.

Discussion ensued regarding an email that was received regarding watering the fields at the Meadows. The situation has resolved itself with all the rain we have been having.

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Adjournment

Gretchen Gandini made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m., seconded by Karen Thurston. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

**Jeanin Onos
School Board Secretary**