



West Linn-Wilsonville School District

Special Board Meeting
Administration Building
22210 SW Stafford Road
Tualatin, OR 97062
July 27, 2020

Agenda

- 1. **6:30 p.m. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. **6:30 p.m. ROLL CALL**
- 3. **6:35 p.m. COMMUNITY FEEDBACK - INPUT**

A. *Expected Outcome: Board Chair acknowledges community feedback*

- 1. Due to the coronavirus state-wide restrictions and in keeping with the efforts of social distancing to reduce the spread of the coronavirus, the meeting of the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board will be conducted online, rather than in person.

Public Comment will not be taken verbally during the virtual meeting, but will be accepted via email until 4:00 p.m. on July 27th, 2020. Please email Board Secretary Kelly Douglas with relevant public comments at: douglask@wlwv.k12.or.us.

Please note: Comments submitted are subject to Public Records Requests.

To view this Public Board Meeting live on-line, please visit the West Linn-Wilsonville District Website for virtual meeting details on Monday, July 27th.

4. **6:45 p.m. BOARD BUSINESS - GENERAL ADMINISTRATION**

A. **Re-Opening School Operational Blueprint Update Including the New WLWV K-12 Online Program - BOARD ACTION - Superintendent Dr. Kathy Ludwig, Assistant Superintendent Dr. Jennifer Spencer-Iiams, WLWV K12 Online Program Director Ms. Carolyn Miller**

- 1. *Expected Outcome: Board receives update, takes action.*

5. **8:45 p.m. IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE BOARD**

- A. 8-10-20 Special Meeting Time TBD (eve)
- B. 8-17-20 @ 6:00 p.m. Regular Board Meeting
- C. August Board Retreat TBD

6. **8:50 p.m. ADJOURN**

Vision

How do we create learning communities for the greatest thinkers and most thoughtful people...for the world?

Vision Themes

Academic Excellence	Personalized Education	Community Partnerships
Circle of Support	The Whole Person	Integrated Technology

2019-2020 District Goals

The Board is responsible for establishing educational goals which will guide both the board and staff in working together toward the continuing improvement of the educational program. The School Board invites the community voice in guidance of the work on these goals. Strategically, the West Linn-Wilsonville School Board intends to communicate interactively in seeking common ground to continually define the district's values and strengths. As a Board we have established district goals to:

- 1. Grow student achievement through the use of high leverage instructional and engagement strategies to raise rigor, disrupt systems of racism, and generate equitable outcomes for all students while eliminating opportunity and achievement gaps.**
- 2. Align, evaluate and update integrated systems of professional growth, assessment, inclusive practices and accountability to build competence, confidence and self-efficacy for every student.**
- 3. Operate in an accessible and transparent manner to encourage and foster community involvement as our parents, students and community partners are an integral and valued voice in our district.**
- 4. Be responsive to community growth and student learning needs of the future by conducting long-range capital improvements and financial planning through processes and practices for long-term financial stability and sustainability.**



WEST LINN / WILSONVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

To: School Board Members
From: Kathy Ludwig, Superintendent
Re: Update on Operational Blueprint and Resolution Regarding *Comprehensive Distance Learning*
Date: July 27, 2020

In June, the Oregon Department of Education and Oregon Health Authority issued guidelines to all Oregon school districts requiring the development of an Operational Blueprint as a roadmap for reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Operational Blueprint is organized into Eight (8) Sections that help guide school districts to ensure to their community it can operate in a manner with protocols in place to keep students, staff, and families safe.

These Eight (8) Sections include:

- Public Health Protocols
- Facilities and School Operations
- Response to Outbreak
- Equity
- Instruction
- Family, Community, Engagement
- Mental, Social, and Emotional Health
- Staffing and Personnel

Updates have been provided at both June Board meetings regarding the development of our plans for reopening school aligned to the expectations in the Operational Blueprint.

To date, we have communicated two options for reopening in the fall, 1) attend your neighborhood school, or 2) enroll in the WLWV K12 Online Program.

Students who will attend their neighborhood school as usual would do so using a **Hybrid Model**, whereby half the students come to school one day while the others remain at home staying connected to their learning virtually and through a digital curriculum. The roles are switched the following day. An A/B rotation model would be used to stagger the on-site/at-home learning, providing 2-3 days each week for a student to be on site with their teacher. We also shifted from semesters to quarters so that students in secondary schools would have fewer courses at one time to manage.

We have launched our own district **WLWV K12 Online Program** for families who prefer their child(ren) remain at home, all year, learning through an online program regardless of

the development of the pandemic. This would be a more permanent plan and families would be expected to commit to this program for the full year. We have started enrolling families for this program; and teachers are using the transfer process to indicate their interest in teaching for this program next year.

At the Special Board Meeting on July 27, an update of progress made in completing the Operational Blueprint will be provided so that Board members can ask questions and provide comment. The final draft will be presented in early August to Board members for approval. It must be submitted to the Oregon Department of Education by August 15.

Unfortunately, the current community spread of the COVID-19 virus in our region is rising and unlikely to be adequately restrained before the fall begins. The risk of transmission to students and staff is increased through a hybrid or in-person model and could have potentially significant health and safety consequences. The likelihood that an outbreak would occur in one or several schools is high, resulting in repeated closing and re-opening of sections of or entire schools at a time, putting a strain on available staff and administrators to be on-site maintaining learning and safety protocols for others.

Therefore, on Monday evening, Board members will also receive a resolution recommending West Linn-Wilsonville School District start the 2020-2021 school year with a ***Comprehensive Distance Learning model*** until the prevalence of COVID-19 in our area is determined safe for a hybrid model of instruction.



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RESOLUTION

2020-2

**Start 2020-2021 School Year with
Comprehensive Distance Learning**

WHEREAS, it is the mission of the West Linn-Wilsonville School District to engage all students in rigorous and meaningful learning activities; and

WHEREAS, schools in Oregon have been directed to reopen schools only if they can operate in a manner that will assure that protocols are in place to keep students, staff, and families safe; and

WHEREAS, our nation, including the State of Oregon, our metro area, and the West Linn-Wilsonville School District is experiencing a surge in the spread of COVID-19 which in our region is not yet under control; and

WHEREAS, school-age children are not resistant to infection and they along with adults can carry the virus without showing symptoms; and

WHEREAS, some members of our community are at heightened risk due to age and underlying health conditions; and

WHEREAS, minimizing in-person contact between people will support the public health of our larger community; and

WHEREAS, current trends in COVID-19 prevalence in Oregon, including our region, make it unrealistic to expect that holding on-site instruction using the hybrid model will be safe for all students and staff and the family members of students and staff;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of West Linn-Wilsonville School District 3J as follows:

1. The Superintendent shall implement Comprehensive Distance Learning as the model for instruction to begin the 2020-2021 school year.
2. The Superintendent shall continue developing plans for the Hybrid Model for possible transition at the start of the second quarter of the school year (November 2, 2020) or sooner if regional health metrics indicate it is safe to do so.

The above resolution statements were approved and declared on this 27th of July, 2020.

Board Chair Regan Molatore

Board Secretary Kelly Douglas