

Arapahoe-Holbrook Public School
Board of Education – Special Meeting
School Library
May 6th, 2018 1:00 pm

President Dennis Roskop called the meeting to order at 1:00 pm.

President Roskop announced that the Arapahoe-Holbrook Board of Education follows the rules of the Open Meetings Act which is posted.

The following members were present: Dan Warner, Chad Carpenter, Rodney Whipple, Dennis Roskop, and Brad Schutz.

The following member(s) were absent: Lisa Anderson.

Also present was Dr. George Griffith, Superintendent and Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary. No visitors were present.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Whipple to excuse the absence of Board Member Lisa Anderson. AYES: Carpenter, Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, and Warner. Motion carried 5-0.

A motion was made by Whipple and seconded by Warner to approve the agenda as presented. AYES: Whipple, Roskop, Schutz, Warner, and Carpenter. Motion carried 5-0.

There were no visitors, so no public comment.

ACTION ITEMS

Griffith stated that the main issue right now is getting the asbestos abatement done on time for the construction work. It wasn't scheduled until mid-July for this portion, which would put in a significant delay to the construction project. The company that is doing the asbestos work has an opening for the week of May 14th. This would get work done primarily in the small gym, cafeteria and hallway by the band and vocal rooms making all of these areas inaccessible. We would not have the ability to prepare food for the students, which is a requirement of the lunch program with the free and reduced students. Part of the urgency in getting this done now is to get the fire line installed which will run from the north corner of the current gym, under the floor to the new part. This will be a 6 inch water line to allow enough water for the system. He visited with Josh Albright from Hausmann to get more information on what the delay would mean for the project. The scheduling of the asbestos company is on our part and it would result in a two month delay. This could create an additional \$30,000 in cost for site supervision. Their plan is to be gone in November and tear down the existing high school in January. This is the same plan they have had for awhile. They may make some changes to bring it down sooner. The last official schedule had them working for a portion of January to finish up. The reason it would be an additional cost to us is because it would be our scheduling that caused the delay and not theirs. There would be additional costs for equipment rental as well. The other concern is having students in and around the facility during the asbestos abatement period. He has looked at multiple ways to make changes. He looked at having lunch in the big gym, but there still isn't a way to prepare the food. No matter which way we go there are going to be some issues. They have to get things moved out of the kitchen before the asbestos company shows up on May 14th. There are just a lot of logistics as far as where we move what when and how we get it moved. He is sure they would prefer to start in the elementary wing, but there is no way we can get all of those teachers moved in a 2 ½ day period. We have sufficient hours to maintain our accreditation. He has looked at policy to try to find other ways to accomplish this. His preference is to have kids 4 days a week year round if he had the ideal situation because that is what is best for the kids. He hasn't been able to come up with another solution for this. Carpenter stated that if we get out early we either have to clear out the kitchen or the whole elementary. Griffith agreed. He stated that he thought moving the kitchen would be quicker and easier. Whipple asked what the concerns are for doing this since we meet accreditation. Griffith stated that the concern is losing the instructional time with the kids. We would lose five good days of instruction after you take out a field trip day, fun day and so on. That is the negative side of it. He doesn't like taking instructional time away from kids, which is why his ideal model is teaching four days per

week year round. He does have plans for the staff staying here through the 22nd. A lot of it is getting next year's required in-service's out of the way. They are online, but they are working their way up to about a five hour time line on that. They also have to get packed up and ready to move. Any other in-service opportunities will be hard to schedule on such short notice. He can check with the company he is looking at for the evaluation tool and see if they would be able to come out. This would be great to give the teacher's a glimpse into the change. Warner stated that he has had patrons call with concern for kids, part of it is daycare. If there are children that need more days to get to where they need to be he would rather have staff using those contract days to meet with those students and continue teaching them. This could be optional for the parents. We could also make this more palatable to the public by offering child services somewhere. We could look at Ella Missing and our staff could oversee it. Griffith stated that the south end of the elementary wing would be acceptable, as well as the high school for remediation or daycare. Schutz agreed with Warner. He stated that it is \$25,000 to \$30,000 per day to operate the school, so when a patron says we are wasting some money it is hard to argue that we wouldn't be wasting money by letting school out early. The other thing is that if it is safe enough for staff to be here and the abatement company is doing what they are supposed to be doing we should still be able to instruct kids. And for the money for those days maybe we could use the Ella Missing or bring in some kind of catered service. He doesn't see why that can't be done. We have an Outdoor Classroom that we constantly maintain, classes could held over there weather permitting. Get kids out of the school. We need to look at some alternatives rather than just closing school. Warner agrees. He stated that he understands the reasoning for this consideration. There are a lot of issues surrounding contract days with staff. We can get creative about how we will get meals to the kids while continuing to educate them through the end of the year. It won't be easy. Griffith stated that neither way is easy. Schutz agreed that schools cope with stuff every day. Griffith stated that this is why this is a board decision and not something that falls on one person. Whipple asked if these options are legitimately possible. Griffith stated that we would have to do a lot of scheduling changes. A lot depends on when food can be brought in and those types of things. Warner asked if there was a way for the kitchen staff to adapt to make a meal plan for the eight remaining days of school using the kitchens available at the local churches in town. We could bus kids to those churches possibly or they walk. They all have a recess after lunch anyway; maybe part of that time could be used getting from place to place. He understands it makes it tough to make all of this happen by May 11th. There is also a kitchen at the Ella Missing Center. These are things we need to look into. Schutz even suggested if we could have Arby's one day. He wasn't sure how much we could get away with. He thought Kearney went through a similar situation and they brought food in from the community. Warner stated that he doesn't think the board has to be a part of how the school pulls it off, but it is a board decision. Griffith stated that the board has to decide which way to go and it is up to him to figure out how to pull it off. This is why the input from the board is so important. Carpenter stated that he doesn't mind the church idea, but he does have concerns with the fact that there is only one church on this side of town that doesn't cross a major highway. That is a lot of liability to have. It scares him. There is only so much a teacher can do. Warner stated that we still have buses. Schutz suggested calling law enforcement and having them help out. Carpenter agreed that they could help out. He just doesn't want the kids crossing the highways knowing how busy they get around lunch time. Griffith stated that transporting the kids shouldn't be a problem. Carpenter agreed. He stated that if they are going to walk, precautions need to be taken. Griffith stated having crossing guards as well. Warner asked if Griffith has discussed this with the asbestos abatement company. Griffith stated that he has and confirmed that the kitchen will be shut down, the hallway by the band and vocal rooms, locker rooms by the small gym and the small gym. We have also been told that only one locker room will be available at the start of school in the fall. We will use that locker room for the visiting teams of football and volleyball. They are planning to use this room for storage when they start the elementary wing demolition. Gyms will not be available for the summer. Access to the new building will be August 1st at the earliest and that depends on the fire marshal inspection. Roskop asked if they are going to go ahead and approve to have the asbestos company come in while continuing to have school. Whipple stated that he thinks that sounds fine, but he would like the guarantee that the asbestos company has no issues with us continuing school. Griffith stated that the library would be available for use, we could find a place for vocal, he is unsure about band, but he will figure something out. Either way it will mean moving a lot of stuff next weekend, but we have good staff and will get it done. Schutz asked Roskop's thoughts. Roskop stated that his only concern is on the insurance side of things with any liability issues that come along with asbestos. He doesn't know what their controls are. He knows that they have removed it but every time we have done that no one has been around. That is his only concern. If we have one kid get sick he doesn't care how many days we lose it wasn't worth it. That is why the company gets paid for doing it. Griffith stated that they do have air monitoring and they will be on site to test it. Schutz stated that the area will be sealed off. Griffith agreed. There will be no going back and forth between buildings. Carpenter stated that to have lunch the kids

would have to go around the building. Griffith stated that it depends on what is decided for lunch, they could eat in their classrooms. It can be prepared and brought in. We would just have to monitor temperature and so on. Warner stated that the meal plan could be changed and there are plenty of options to get creative. Griffith stated that they will get creative. Roskop stated that it is six lunches and breakfast. Maybe we don't have breakfast. Warner stated that they serve pop-tarts throughout the year, maybe we do something like that the rest of the year and they eat it in their classroom. Griffith agreed that something like a pop-tart, a breakfast cup and a carton of milk could be served. Schutz asked what day Fun Day was being held and what day we get out. Griffith stated that Fun Day is on the 21st and the kids get out at noon on the 22nd. Schutz stated that those are two days that could be shortened as a compromise. Griffith stated that would be more acceptable. The asbestos company will be gone, but we still won't have the kitchen available.

A motion was made by Warner and seconded by Schutz to approve changing the last day of school for students for the 2017-2018 school year from May 22nd, 2018 to May 18th, 2018. AYES: Roskop, Schutz, Warner, Carpenter, and Whipple. Motion carried 5-0.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

Public Comment – None.

A motion was made by Carpenter and seconded by Schutz to adjourn the meeting at 1:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Cassie Hilker, Board Secretary