

ON BOARD

BY - THE - MINUTES REPORT

AUGUST 2020



Parents and staff...

Make sure you register for ParentSquare, the district's new communication tool. You should have received an email invitation to join. Download the app on IOS or Android to keep up to date on district, school and classroom news.

If you are not receiving communication from ParentSquare, contact your school's PEIMS clerk to check your information in Skyward Family Access.

Many new features will be added throughout the school year.



Board sets threshold for closures

In a special meeting Wednesday, August 5, CISD Board members discussed plans for possible closures due to COVID-19, specifically what number or percentage of students, teachers and staff absent would constitute closing a campus.

Superintendent Charlie Alderman explained that other school districts were setting numbers to give them guidance for closure.

After much discussion, the Board voted to set the bar for closure at a campus at more than one percent of students absent due to a confirmed COVID-19 diagnosis and more than 10 percent of students out with confirmed or assumed confirmed cases. Assumed confirmed cases meaning exposure to someone testing positive for COVID.

The Board's concern was not only for students but also for teachers and staff. "We absolutely want to do the right thing for teachers," Board vice president Randy Starks said.

A motion was approved to close a campus if more than two teachers reported confirmed COVID cases or more than four total staff members had assumed confirmed cases.

Several parents addressed the board about changing their decision that prohibits students who opt for online instruction to not be allowed to participate in extracurricular activities such as cheer and FFA.

The Board approved a measure that would allow agriculture students who choose online instruction to participate in events outside of the school day. These students will not enter the campus for any reason. No action was taken regarding other extracurricular activities so they will remain prohibited for students who choose online learning.

Alderman noted that about 15 percent of district students chose online learning which is in line with other area school districts. He stated that a survey will be sent out Friday, August 14, to gather parent input about online and in-person instruction during the first week of school. Results would be presented to the Board at their next regular meeting scheduled for August 17.

In other action...

- The Board approved offering Kinesiology I, an innovative course, at the high school level. Amanda Herron, the district's athletic trainer, will teach the new course which is in the Health Science, Exercise Science and Wellness career and technology program of study.
- Board member Dr. LaVelle Hendricks said several community members had expressed a desire to see meetings broadcast. Alderman said he would consult an attorney about doing so.