Board Members in Attendance: Board Chair Tim Carpenter, Vice Chair Shawn Hartfield, and Director Liz Goodrich, Rick Baily, Travis Bennett

Chair Carpenter called the work session to order at 5:31 p.m.

School Board Recognition Month
Superintendent Cline thanked the Board for their service to our district.

Return to School Plan
Superintendent Cline outlined our return to school plan for February 2, 2021. The District is required to adhere to the requirements of the Oregon Ready Schools Safe Learners (RSSL) guidance. Elementary parents are being surveyed; to date we have 79 students currently in CDL who would choose to attend FTO, which would require a shift in at least one teacher to FTO. Elementary would start back in a hybrid schedule February 2 and then all in the week of February 8.

Secondary families are also being surveyed; to date we have 163 students currently in CDL who would choose to move to FTO. Secondary will return the week of February 2 in a hybrid schedule for the remainder of the year.

REA wrote a letter to the Board and Superintendent Cline requesting pausing reopening until February 15, making it more likely that educators could have access to vaccines. Superintendent Cline would suggest following Governor Brown’s guidelines, which does not couple the opening of schools to staff vaccinations. If we continue to follow our RSSL guidelines, schools should be able to open safely with or without the vaccine. Superintendent Cline will write a formal response to REA and have the Board review it before sending to REA.

Superintendent Cline reiterated that although our return date is planned for February 2, we will continue to monitor our case counts and we may have to adjust accordingly if the counts remain high.

2020-21 Board Approved School Calendar
There are two changes to the previously approved calendar. Secondary staff members will be brought into the buildings for health and safety training on January 14 & 15 and there will be no school for secondary students. In addition, secondary conferences will be pushed out to April 30.

Policy IIA-AR – Instructional Materials Selection
The proposed changes have been made regarding public art displays.

Work Session was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Tim Carpenter, Board of Directors, Chair

Gina Blanchette, Executive Assistant