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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES June 26, 2020 Special Meeting

Pursuant to the regulations, a special Board meeting was held virtually on the above date in the Waupaca High School LMC Distance Learning Lab, via Google Meet, Live Stream, and by phone.

The purpose of the Board Meeting Minutes are to capture the essence of discussions through the actions voted on. These minutes should not be interpreted to represent a transcription of the meeting. To watch a recording of this meeting, please click [here](#).

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by President Stephen Johnson at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present in the WHS Distance Learning Lab: Stephen Johnson and Sandra Robinson. Virtually present via Google Meet: Dale Feldt, Mark Polebitski, Betty Manion, Patrick Phair, and Steve Hackett.

Also Present:

Present in the WHS Distance Learning Lab: Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Steve Thomaschefskey, and Laurie Schmidt. Virtually present via Google Meet: Carl Hayek, Carol Beyer-Makuski, Hannah Rowe, Lisa Mikolajczak, Mike Waldschmidt, Jody Pankratz, Joe Sbertoli, John Erspamer, Jamie Trzebiatowski, and Mary Luce.

Approval of Agenda:

A new Item III – Approval of Agenda was added to the agenda. A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Learning in 2020-2021 School Year Outline of Phases Framework:

Ron Saari advised that numerous discussions have taken place and will continue to take place between the Core Team, administration, and several stakeholders relating to learning in 2020-2021 with the goal of getting students back into the classroom safely in the fall. In planning for reopening, five Guiding Commitments are kept at the forefront to guide their planning. Discussions regarding operations include: physical spaces (with some decisions being made closer to the start of the school year); health environment (inside and outside the school buildings); and transportation. Several instructional models were presented: traditional classroom learning (PK-12); blended (a/k/a hybrid) learning, including blended learning options to hopefully have everyone starting in the buildings on September 1; virtual learning, with early identification of students struggling to engage; special education; and social and emotional health (the most important areas). Everything we do involves these three important pieces: resources, communication, and moving between phases.

Moving between the models will occur depending on the risk assessment of low, moderate, moderately high, high, and severe. The first four areas have PK-8 in our buildings. Discussion

relating to moving between the models is going to get a lot of attention from now through August. We are working toward all seven school districts in Waupaca County being consistent.

All lessons will be in our Learning Management System (LMS) Schoology, whether in school or virtual, which increases effective and efficient learning. Students can switch from in person to virtual learning and vice versa. There will be increased protocols regarding attendance and students' work being completed or not completed. All communications between parents, students, and teachers will be through the new LMS, Schoology.

The District will follow WIAA guidance relating to extra-curricular activities, and clubs and activities will take place with social distancing and safety measures in place.

Classroom sizes may need to be reduced, but that discussion will need to be taken up in more detail at another meeting.

A motion was made by Sandra Robinson and seconded by Dale Feldt to approve reopening schools for the 2020-2021 school year with approval to move between instructional models as needed (the Waupaca County Health officials will provide us with this information) as presented, with the understanding that it remains fluid and may necessitate some tweaking. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Post June 30 District Facilities and Grounds Use:

Mr. Saari advised that we will begin the process of migrating back to face-to-face Board meetings, for those who are comfortable in doing so, in July.

Mr. Saari advised that during the month of July:

- Indoor facility use by outside organizations will remain closed;
- Use of the District's grounds by community members and families will be open for the public to use;
- Use of the District's grounds for District sponsored athletic activities will resume at their traditional times under the terms of the WIAA guidance and approval from the County Health Department;
- Use of the District's grounds for outside organized activities will remain closed.

Use of District grounds for District and outside organized activities beginning August 1 and beyond will follow WIAA guidelines, our County Health Official District approved plans, and availability of District resources to support the request. If a non-District organization is approved to use the District's outside facilities, the District will not provide supervision to ensure guidelines are being followed.

A motion was made by Steve Hackett and seconded by Dale Feldt to approve the post June 30th District facilities and grounds use recommendations as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Strategic Planning Process:

Mr. Saari provided general information for the Board regarding the establishment of a Strategic Planning Committee because of questions raised as to why it was established. The reasons being: it provides clarity for our organization and creates ownership; drives organizational alignment ensuring everyone is on the same page; communicates our message; and identification of key performance indicators allows us to measure the impact of our work throughout the school year. This will result in a plan focusing on continuous improvement for our students, staff, administration, Board, and community.

Virtual Meeting Protocols:

Mr. Saari outlined the protocols all Board members should keep in mind and follow when attending virtual meetings, and advised that a recent WASB communication was sent regarding the importance of a school board to have virtual meeting protocols and strategies. This is just a starting point for further discussion by the Board so we may want to carry this over to July's regular Board meeting or have another special Board meeting.

Board Communication to Community:

Mr. Saari suggested minor revisions of a letter to be sent to the community on behalf of the Board which was written by Board Member Patrick Phair.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to adjourn the meeting at 11:04 a.m. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

_____ Date _____
Stephen Johnson, President
Board of Education

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Elizabeth Manion, Clerk
Board of Education