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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES July 31, 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 10:01 a.m., noting that this is an informational meeting only and no action by the Board will be needed.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Present in the WHS Distance Learning Lab: Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Laurie Schmidt, and Steve Thomaschefsky. Virtually present via Google Meet: Carl Hayek, Jody Pankratz, John Erspamer, Jenifer Erb, Laura Colbert, Carrie Naparalla, Joe Sbertoli, Jamie Trzebiatowski, and Hannah Rowe.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Sandra Robinson and seconded by Steve Hackett to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Weekly Update for Learning in 2020-21:

Mr. Saari reviewed a data chart resulting from the commitment survey sent to parents as well as the 7th-12th Grade A/B Schedule Learning, both of which were presented and reviewed at last night's Learning in 2020-21 Stakeholders Meeting.

The chart indicates the District's total enrollment, that a little over 54% have responded to the survey to date, and the number of placement of students in each option – in-person learning, live remote, and on demand remote learning. The window to respond to the survey closes on Monday, August 3. The District will follow up with those who do not respond. Of those parents requesting in-person learning for their children, 50% indicate that their children will be self-transported to school. The Administration is considering the survey responses as a commitment by the parents as they continue their planning.

If it ends up that one class has a great deal more in-person or virtual students than another, the principal will discuss with the teachers involved on how best to proceed, considering their strengths and weaknesses.

The goal of the District at this time is to set up educational options for all students. Then the District will break out different options for special needs students.

Sunny Day will not be at the Waupaca Learning Center at the start of the school year; however, 4K will continue at Trinity and Sunny Day.

Per Waupaca County's and the District's Doctor Liaison's recommendation to reduce the number of 7th-12th grade student contacts in the buildings at the start of school on September 1, the District created a 7th-12th Grade A/B Schedule Learning. This divides the approximately 70% of those who requested attending in-person learning 50/50 into two groups, with each group alternating days attending in-person and remote learning.

The County and Doctor Liaison also advised to limit the usage of common areas so lunch may be held in classrooms and a third lunch period has been added at the High School. Physical education and playing musical instruments and singing will be mainly taught outside with classwork inside.

Concerns relating to the need to build extra time for teachers to engage in remote learning, as well as to provide a duty-free lunch and prep time were discussed. Early dismissal for PLC work on Wednesdays will continue, so options and concerns regarding Wednesdays when in an A/B schedule were also presented. Administration will bring their suggestions to the Board regarding these issues in the future after receiving information shared between the stakeholders as well as input from the Board, teachers, and others.

The District hopes to provide extra-curricular activities following mandates and protocols in effect.

Protocols to be followed relating to two different scenarios when someone tests positive for COVID-19 were discussed. However many "what ifs" remain so further discussion is required.

Principals are planning and communicating with parents on how to address their concerns relating to the social/emotional aspects of students returning to school.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Sandra Robinson to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 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