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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES **August 14, 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 Board President Stephen Johnson at 11:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Present in the WHS Distance Learning Lab: Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, and Steve Thomaschefskey. Virtually present via Google Meet: Carl Hayek, John Erspamer, Jody Pankratz, Michael Werbowsky, Jenifer Erb, Laura Colbert, John Meyer, Carrie Naparalla, Joe Sbertoli, Mandi Salter, Lori Wolff, Jamie Trzebiatowski, and Hannah Rowe.

Approval of Agenda:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously on a voice vote.

Weekly Update for Learning in 2020-21:

Rolling or Soft Start the First Week of School:

Mr. Saari advised that it is the Administration's recommendation to have a rolling or soft start the first week of school starting September 1 which will: assist the staff and Administration in dealing with issues as they come up; provide safety protocols practice and training with staff and students; practice morning drop offs and afternoon pickups; practice lunch and recess expectations; practice cleaning and sanitizing; provide Schoology training; assist with the A/B schedule; discuss what happens if we go to all virtual learning, etc. This hopefully will reduce some of the anxiety felt by staff. To accomplish this, one suggestion is to have just one grade level in per day or half a classroom in one day and the other half another day. The soft start had the support of the stakeholders at Thursday night's meeting. The Board scheduled a special Board meeting for Monday, August 17, 2020, at 3:45 p.m. to formally approve this recommendation.

Providing Child Care for Staff on Wednesdays:

It is the expectation for all staff to be in our school buildings on Wednesdays. Administration will work with staff who do not have child care on Wednesdays or who may be quarantined on a case-by-case basis.

Flipped Classroom Mentality:

This refers to how all aspects of instruction are re-thought to best maximize time, not only on Wednesdays but every day, whether it be via in-person learning, remote live learning, or remote on-demand learning, and the role of Schoology in this instruction.

Co-Curricular Update:

The Administration is pushing back the start date of low contact sports. Mr. Saari advised the Board that Administration will be recommending to the Board next week to officially not start any co-curricular activities until four weeks into the school year to avoid an increase in COVID-19 cases, which would delay the start of in-person learning.

Registration Update:

Only 50% of students have registered for school to date. The District will be following up with parents later today via an Infinite Campus blast. The District needs everyone to register by August 16 so it can plan accordingly.

Substitute Teacher Update:

Of a pool of 77 substitute teachers the District had last year, 38 are confirmed for this year, 20 are not returning, and 19 are undecided. The District normally has approximately 17 substitutes working in the District on any given day. Administration is discussing the possibility of having one “Super Sub” per building per day.

Coaches:

If the season is canceled, coaches will not be paid and the District will use those dollars to help pay for substitute teachers; if the season is shortened, their pay may be prorated.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to adjourn the meeting at 11:44 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