



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

August 21, 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 10:00 a.m.

The Waupaca High School lost internet connection at 10:43 a.m., but connection was restored and all were back on the Google Meet conference link at 10:45 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present in the WHS Distance Learning Lab: Stephen Johnson and Dale Feldt. Virtually present via Google Meet: Betty Manion, Sandra Robinson, and Steve Hackett. Mark Polebitski joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Excused: Patrick Phair.

Also Present:

Present in the WHS Distance Learning Lab: Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, Mark Flaten, Laurie Schmidt, Steve Thomaschefskey, and Dar Pflugardt. 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, Becky Liegl, 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:

Mr. Saari advised that 88% of students have registered to date. The principals will be contacting those not yet registered. Administration is in the middle of dividing up the students into A/B schedules and classes and will have that completed next week.

Mr. Saari also advised that a "Why" document will be sent to parents and families explaining the reasons for providing the option of in-person learning. For example, why masking matters, physical distancing, physical barriers, hand sanitizing, alternative lunch spaces, limiting shared surfaces, precautions for P.E., choir, and band, contact tracing protocols, bus changes, how you can help us keep in-person learning an option, etc.

We encourage those who have questions to go on the District's website under Learning in 2020-21 for information and updates. There you can access several documents as well as Frequently Asked Questions and other topics of interest. They can also speak with their building principal and/or Mr. Saari if desired.

Fall Sports and Activities Recommendation to be Delayed:

Mr. Saari advised that the District's main focus is to open up and keep open in-person learning, so having students gathering in clubs and sports could create spread of COVID-19. So Administration is recommending delaying High School activities and athletics until September 28th. They will re-evaluate the situation and review data the week before to see what the status is at that point. This also delays in-person practices. This also means the Middle School fall sports season will be canceled because their fall sports season ends earlier as well as there being transportation issues for Middle School students.

The WIAA has waived the minimum number of games requirement for post-season play. The WIAA has also advised that if a sport does not complete 50% of their full season, it can move to the spring if desired.

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to approve Administration's recommendation that Waupaca High School activities and athletics as well as Middle School clubs be delayed until September 28, 2020, and cancellation of all Middle School fall sports seasons. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Availability of Meals for Students Learning Remotely (to include A/B Off Days and Wednesdays):

Ms. Pflugardt provided information on providing meals to students learning remotely. Go Riteway will not be delivering meals and Food Service has limited staff who will be concentrating on providing in-house service. In addition, the USDA did not extend the summer food service program waiver so each student must be charged in their category. Wednesdays will be a pick up only day at designated pick up times for meals for all learners which will consist of breakfast and lunch. All other days Food Service has in-person lunches so it is not feasible to do it more than one day.

Several Board members requested that food service and delivery of meals be a priority as they are concerned that some families in our community do not have access to transportation to pick up meals, and asked that Administration and Food Service explore options to see what might be feasible for delivery of meals. Administration added that the soft start will give us the opportunity to see who we are missing, who is bringing their own lunch, etc.

Clarification of Expectations about Mask Wearing in Our Schools:

There has been some potential misunderstanding with regard to masks. Masks are required within the school buildings and/or when one cannot social distance, with some exceptions for special needs students as well as the three and four year olds. The District will be enforcing the rules on mask wearing and if students do not comply, there will be progressive discipline up to perhaps requiring the student to remote learn. School Nurse Jamie Trzebiatowski added that there is no requirement on the type of mask worn (unless it is putting people at risk), and feels it is important that the students wear masks with preference being a cotton or surgical style mask.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion 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