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SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES **August 7, 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 Vice President Patrick Phair at 10:00 a.m.

Roll Call:

Present in the WHS Distance Learning Lab: Dale Feldt and Stephen Johnson (arriving late). 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, Laurie Schmidt, and Steve Thomaschefskey. Virtually present via Google Meet: Jody Pankratz, Jenifer Erb, Laura Colbert, John Meyer, Carrie Naparalla, Joe Sbertoli, Mandi Salter, Jenny Lewis, Becky Liegl, Jamie Trzebiatowski, and Hannah Rowe.

Approval of Agenda:

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

Weekly Update for Learning in 2020-21:

Mr. Saari reviewed what was shared at Thursday evening's stakeholders meeting and advised of the feedback they provided particularly with regard to PLC time and learning on Wednesdays, as well as hiring an additional nurse to assist with day-to-day operations.

Administration is recommending to the Board that Wednesdays be a PLC day so, therefore, it will be a virtual learning day for all 4K-12th grade students. This will allow teachers to "catch up" by providing prep time, the ability to work with students who are falling behind or need extra help, and collaborate with other teachers on Schoology and lessons, etc.

Specials classes for 4K-4th grade will be in the classroom with cleaning when the classes are finished, and the students will not be in contact with any other students with one class moving through the hallway at a time. Students will have to provide their own supplies for Art class. Physical education will be outside when possible; if inside, the class will consist of low impact activities.

The WIAA has voted to push back the starting time for high school and middle school cross country and girls golf. All other fall sports are scheduled to start September 7. The WIAA will be providing return to play guidelines soon. In addition, Mr. Sbertoli is working with other Conference Athletic Directors on possibly a Conference only play schedule with no tournaments held. Other extra-curricular activities will be held depending on what the situation is when we start; some of these may be virtual clubs. Mr. Saari is advocating for and the Health Advisors are recommending that the School District of Waupaca not participate in any extra-curricular sports until at least four weeks into the school year. Safety has to be number one along with education.

Mr. Saari advised that he received a favorable reaction at last night's meeting regarding the purchase and installation of an ionizer. They felt that anything we can put in place is another layer of safety.

The District's focus now is to get families to register their students online as soon as possible indicating which of the three options they would prefer, as well as registering with the bus company.

Mr. Meyer presented a flowchart with a set of guidelines and protocols the District will follow regarding attendance. The District expects online learning to follow the same rigor, learning expectations, and attendance expectations as in-person learning. If students are virtual learning and develop attendance problems, they may be pulled into in-person learning; similarly, if they are on-demand learning, they may be pulled into live remote learning. Communication with parents/guardians and the District is key in keeping everyone compliant.

Administration is working continuously with its County partners to be consistent in establishing protocols should someone test positive for COVID-19 or be exposed to it.

Substitute teachers will be assigned to a particular building if possible.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 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