



SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 1, 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 4:00 p.m.

Roll Call:

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

Also Present:

Present in the WHS Distance Learning Lab: Ron Saari, Sandy Lucas, and Mark Flaten. Virtually present via Google Meet: Carl Hayek, Laurie Schmidt, Steve Thomaschefskey, John Erspamer, Jody Pankratz, Michael Werbowsky, Jenifer Erb, Laura Colbert, John Meyer, 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. Dale Feldt asked that the Agenda be amended to include the reading of the Board's Norms. The motion with the amendment to the Agenda was not seconded. No new motion was made to amend the Agenda. A motion was then made by Patrick Phair and seconded by Steve Hackett to approve the agenda as originally presented. The motion carried on a 6-1 voice vote with Dale Feldt voting no.

Further Discussion on the Starting of After School Activities:

Mr. Saari advised that a parent group wants to partner with the District to provide a plan and implementation strategies for starting fall activities sooner than September 28th for the High School only. Mr. Wohlt and Dr. Happ would support the plan if it adequately implements the WIAA guidelines and, in addition, they stressed the five bullet points listed in Mr. Sbertoli's August 26th memo to the Board. So the question is which direction does the Board want to go – have the Administration continue to listen to the parent group's ideas and plans and work with them or keep the September 28th date for the start of fall co-curricular activities?

The District's number one mission is to educate students. The Board is encouraged to see that parents and students are committed to being role models in keeping our community safe and healthy. ThedaCare is working on getting a rapid test, but until then, students would monitor symptoms and

self-report and follow any restrictions. Mr. Sbertoli has implemented a symptom checklist and has a forehead thermometer.

However, the delayed start also meant no practices so the athletes could be at a disadvantage physically which could also cause some safety issues. In addition, the delayed start could make it challenging in scheduling games. When athletic activities do begin, there will be two fans per athlete allowed to attend, which is the same throughout our Conference.

If the medical community is onboard, the Board felt that because things have changed since their original decision was made, they are willing to revisit their decision.

A motion was made by Patrick Phair and seconded by Sandra Robinson to have the Administration and the Athletic Director continue to work with parents to develop a plan towards starting extracurriculars earlier than September 28, 2020. The motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

Opening of School:

Board President Johnson complimented the entire District staff for a successful first day of school. Members of the Administrative team for each school were asked to share one highlight of the day. Many mentioned that the soft start was very successful and the wearing of masks was a nonissue.

Mr. Johnson added that it has been noted by the medical community that virtual schooling may have mental and emotional adverse effects on our children. So we want to get more students in school full time rather than the A/B schedules. But it depends on the number of COVID-19 cases, which they are now looking at on a District basis as well as on a County-wide basis. More information related to this rubric created by the County will be shared at next week's regular Board meeting.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Dale Feldt and seconded by Betty Manion to adjourn the meeting at 5:09 p.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