

MINUTES

Special Board of Education Meeting Wednesday, July 29, 2020, at 6:00 p.m. Board of Education Room at Durand Middle/High School

Board Members Present: Tammy Hoyt, Audrey Martin, Lori Myers, TJ Poeschel, Becky Richardson, Jason Weisenbeck, Bill Yingst

Administrative Staff Present: Greg Doverspike, Gretchen Cipriano, Bill Clouse, Erika Johnson, Michelle Zagozen

Meeting Called to Order

Board President, Mr. Yingst, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Notice of Meeting

Mr. Doverspike stated that the meeting was properly noticed in all of the regular places per Board policy.

Approval of the Agenda

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Appearances Before the Board

Katie Walsh, school nurse, appeared before the Board with her thoughts on re-opening school. She encouraged using the hybrid model to start the school year and to proceed cautiously with the approach to re-opening.

Business

a. Presentation on Re-Entry Plan for 2020-2021 School Year

Mr. Doverspike presented a re-entry plan for the 2020-2021 school year consisting of four levels/modes of instruction based on the COVID-19 burden level of Pepin County.

b. Mask Requirement for Students

Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mrs. Myers to have face masks optional for students. An addendum to the motion was made by Mr. Poeschel and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to require masks except for in the classroom. Motion failed on the addendum. Martin, Myers, Weisenbeck, and Yingst voted no; Poeschel, Richardson, and Hoyt voted yes. Motion carried on having face masks optional for students. Myers, Poeschel, Weisenbeck, Hoyt, and Martin voted yes; Richardson and Yingst voted no.

c. Re-Entry Plan for 2020-2021 School Year

Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to approve the re-entry plan for the 2020-2021 school year as presented. Motion failed. Poeschel, Weisenbeck, Yingst, Martin, and Myers voted no; Richardson and Hoyt voted yes.

Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mr. Poeschel to open school five days per week with parents having the option of virtual or in-person education. Motion carried. Weisenbeck, Yingst, Hoyt, Martin, Myers, and Poeschel voted yes; Richardson voted no.

Details of the re-entry plan need to be worked out. There will be a Special Board of Education meeting on Tuesday, August 4, 2020, at 4:00 p.m.

d. Fall Extra-Curricular Plan

Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to postpone action on the fall extra-curricular plan. Motion carried.

- e. Middle/Senior High School Student Handbook Addendum
Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mrs. Myers to postpone action on the addendum to the Middle/Senior High School Student Handbook. Motion carried
- f. Approval of Civics Textbook
Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mr. Poeschel to approve the civics textbook for the high school level class. Motion carried.

Personnel

- a. Retirement
 - i. Elementary School Administrative Assistant
Marilyn Yingst, elementary school administrative assistant, submitted a letter of her intent to retire. Motion made by Mrs. Richardson and seconded by Ms. Martin to accept the retirement. Motion carried.
- b. Resignation
 - i. High School English Teacher
Megan Peterson, high school English teacher, submitted a letter of resignation. Administration recommended accepting the resignation and to waive the contract liquidated damages due to the reason for the resignation and the district's ability to fill the vacancy quickly. Motion made by Mr. Poeschel and seconded by Ms. Martin to accept the resignation. Motion carried.
- c. Hires
 - i. High School English Teacher
 - ii. Middle/High School Administrative Assistant
 - iii. Middle/High School Library Aide
Administration recommended hiring Megan Lisner for high school English teacher and Judy Hartmann for middle/high school library aide. No name was brought forward for the middle/high school administrative assistant. Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to approve the hires. Motion carried.

Appearances Before the Board

None.

Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to convene into executive session in accordance with §19.85(1)(e). Motion carried by a unanimous roll call vote.

Motion to Return to Open Session

Motion made by Mr. Weisenbeck and seconded by Mrs. Myers to return to open session. Motion carried. Returned to open session at 7:41 p.m.

Take Action on Items Discussed During Executive Session

Motion made by Mr. Poeschel and seconded by Mrs. Richardson to approve an addendum to the contract with Dashir Management Services, Inc. Motion carried.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ms. Martin and seconded by Mrs. Hoyt to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Secretary,



Linda Komro