

## MINUTES

### Special Board of Education Meeting Monday, October 26, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. Board of Education Room at Durand Middle/High School

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

Administrative Staff Attending via Zoom: Greg Doverspike, Gretchen Cipriano, Bill Clouse, Erika Johnson, Michelle Zagozen

#### Meeting Called to Order

Board President, Mr. Yingst, called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Mr. Poeschel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

#### Appearances Before the Board

None.

#### Business

##### a. Discussion of Current Method of Instruction and Co-Curricular Activities as a Result of Pandemic

Heidi Stewart, Pepin County Health Department, reported that there has been a large increase in positive cases of COVID in the last three weeks. The health department is becoming overwhelmed and it is not manageable for health department staff to contact and follow-up with all close contacts of people that test positive. Employers and individuals will need to take responsibility to identify and notify close contacts.

The school district is getting short-staffed due to the number of staff quarantined. Administration recommended tomorrow, Tuesday, October 27, be the last day for in-person learning; have Wednesday, October 28 as a day to prepare for remote learning; and to begin remote learning for all students in PreK-12 on Thursday, October 29 through Friday, November 6.

Motion made by Mr. Poeschel and seconded by Mr. Weisenbeck to approve the recommendation presented for remote learning through November 6 and that non-quarantined staff be expected to work in the school buildings during that time. Motion carried.

#### Appearances Before the Board

Chris Kees Winkler commented that the virus will dictate when school will reopen.

#### Adjournment

Motion made by Mr. Poeschel and seconded by Mrs. Myers to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Secretary,



Linda Komro