

Special School Board Meeting
Friday, September 17, 2021 5:00 PM Central

Middle/High School Gym
300 Brindley Street
Boscobel, Wisconsin 53805

Present: Todd Miller, Casey Updike, Wendi Stitzer, Kim Trumm, Caleb Mueller, Roger Knoble, Kaye Woodke

1. Call To Order - Proof of Public Notice - Todd Miller, Board President, called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda

5. Community Comments - Policy 0167.3 - Public Comments at Board Meetings

5.A) Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to four (4) minutes duration.

5.B) The portion of the meeting during which the comment of the public is invited shall be limited to twenty (20) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.

5.C) If you wish to speak during Community Comments via Zoom, you will need to have your full name listed along with your video on.

Community comments by the following community members:

Aaron Childs – spoke in opposition to masks as there is lower risk to kids.

Cherryl Knowles – asked that the board vote based on the tax payers that voted them into their position. Spoke in opposition to masks because they do not work due to the virus being smaller than the holes in the masks. Spoke against quarantining healthy kids due to 1 child being sick.

Mark Knowles – thanked the board for the upgrades to the gym. Spoke in opposition to masks due to the holes in masks being 200 times larger than the virus and the air flow around the masks makes them ineffective. From his background being a teacher, he feels that working in the classroom with the students during this pandemic is a risk of the job.

Motion by Updike, second by Mueller to extend community comments. All in favor. Motion carried.

Nicole Mullikin – spoke in support of leaving the decision of masking the children up to the parents. We all take risks every day and COVID-19 is one of those risks. She challenged the board to be the district that supports people and to believe in the parents to choose what is best for their child. Asked the board to continue with optional masking and logical quarantines.

Clark Jillson – thanked the administration for a great homecoming week. He is not in favor of masks, however, he would like to reduce the number of children quarantined. He challenged the board to think outside the box and to encourage getting kids outside whenever possible to keep them in school.

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Nikki Steele – spoke in opposition to masks and in support of social distancing, increased hand washing, and additional sanitizing and disinfecting protocols. Masks should remain a parental decision.

6. Pandemic Updates and Protocols

Discussion on Grant County Health Department (GCHD) quarantine guidelines. Discussed the ramifications if we don't follow GCHD guidelines. Rob Scherrer spoke on the SWAL declining athletic competition if quarantine guidelines were not followed. When asked by C. Jillson what the SWAL would say if we adopted WIAA's quarantine guidelines, Scherrer explained that other schools, not located in Grant County, have been allowed to participate. Updike explained that the quarantines are out of our hands and recommended that the public contact members of the Grant County Board regarding their concerns. Discussion of other mitigation techniques such as plastic partitions, face shields, seating charts to accommodate those who are masks to aid in avoiding quarantines, etc.

Motion by Updike, second by Miller, to adopt CDC and WIAA Guidelines for quarantine. All in favor. Motion carried.

Motion by Updike, second by Stitzer, to change the district COVID dashboard from 7 to 10 days and to change the metrics for the Middle/High School from 9 positive cases to 2. Masks will be required in classrooms only. Masking will be for 14 days or until the number of positive cases falls to 1. Motion carried 5 to 2.

7. The School Board May Adjourn to Closed Session pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(c) for considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of a public employee and pursuant to Wis. Stat. sec. 19.85(1)(f) to discuss student record related matters, including open enrollment; to discuss and take action, if appropriate, concerning: A) Employment; and B) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s)

8. Return to and reconvene in open session

9. Action, if any is required by law to be taken in open session on items in closed session.

9.A) Employment(s)

9.A)1) Special Education Paraprofessional – Motion by Stitzer, second by Trumm, to approve the paraprofessionals and substitutes as presented. All in favor. Motion carried.

9.B) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s)

10. Adjourn – Motion by Mueller, second by Knoble, to adjourn at 7:03pm. All in favor. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Kaye Woodke, Clerk