

Special School Board Meeting
Monday, October 25, 2021 7:00 PM Central

Bulldog Cafe
300 Brindley Street
Boscobel, Wisconsin 53805

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

1. Call To Order - Proof of Public Notice- Todd Miller, Board President, called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Updike, second by Mueller to modify agenda to allow community comments. Motion carried.

Community Comments:

Lance Wetter- Spoke about teaching a homeschool lesson to his daughter. He stated he read Rosa Parks books to his 6th grader and used an analogy related to COVID restrictions. He asked if she would do the same things Rosa Parks did? Lance believes we are raising a generation of children who don't think critically. He would like to loosen COVID restrictions. Are you willing for someone to motion for us to send a survey out to the student's parents and see what the results are about regulations and loosening restrictions? He thinks we need to stop contact tracing to keep kids in school. He asked: Can we have a waiver for parents to sign waving schools of responsibility?

Misty Molzof- agrees with Lance. She thinks parents should make the decision of masking or not. CDC states it's a recommendation not mandatory.

5. Custodial and Technology Wages
Motion by Knoble, second by Mueller to specify that the custodial, maintenance, and technology wage increase of 11% be retroactive back to July 1st of 2021. Motion carried.
6. Tax Levy Certification and Final 2021-2022 Budget Approval
Motion by Stitzer, second by Trumm to approve the tax levy for the 2021-2022 school year of \$3,081,747 and to adopt the 2021-2022 budget as presented on the Budget Adoption Worksheet. Motion carried.
7. Budget Report
Motion by Woodke, second by Knoble to approve budget report as presented. Motion carried.
8. Pandemic Protocols and Metrics

Motion by Updike, second by Woodke to approve Covid cases are counted as actual numbers of cases and masking would be determined accordingly. Motion carried.

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Lisa asked how we want to deal with people that refuse to mask at school sponsored events. How would you like us to uphold the Board Policies? Discussed further on scenarios. There was a discussion about parents/spectators bringing a copy of their medical exemption from masking so they do not have to wear a mask at events.

Motion by Miller and seconded by Trumm to ask individuals to comply with our requirements of masking. If they refuse we will ask that they leave the premises immediately. If they choose not to comply, we will contact law enforcement to enforce trespassing laws. Motion carried 6-1.

Motion by Miller to require masks in the Middle/High School until November 1st. Lisa informed the Board that masks are in place at the Middle/High School until November 3rd. Miller retracted motion.

Motion by Miller, second by Updike to remove cough as a single symptom and move it to the 2 or more symptom list for exclusion. Motion carried.

Casey referenced an article about Covid-19 and how herd immunity is more effective (see next page).

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On October 19, 2021, 'The American Academy of Pediatrics, The American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and The Children's hospital association have declared a national emergency in children's mental health, citing the serious toll of the COVID-19 pandemic on top of existing challenges. They are urging policy makers to take action swiftly to address the crisis.'

At the last meeting, I briefly mentioned the Israeli study in reference to natural immunity as it relates to COVID. In late August, an Israeli study released important information which requires attention. I would like to read just a short part of an article that was written by Marty Makary, a professor at Johns Hopkins School of Medicine and Bloomberg School of Public Health, editor-in-chief of Medpage today, and author of "The Price We Pay: What broke American Health Care -- And How to Fix it." This was published on September 15, 2021.

'It's okay to have an incorrect scientific hypothesis. But when new data proves it wrong, you have to adapt. Unfortunately, many elected leaders and public health officials have held on far too long to the hypothesis that natural immunity offers unreliable protection against covid-19 — a contention that is being rapidly debunked by science.'

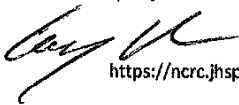
More than 15 studies have demonstrated the power of immunity acquired by previously having the virus. A 700,000-person study from Israel two weeks ago found that those who had experienced prior infections were 27 times less likely to get a second symptomatic covid infection than those who were vaccinated. This affirmed a June Cleveland Clinic study of health-care workers (who are often exposed to the virus), in which none who had previously tested positive for the coronavirus got reinfected. The study authors concluded that "individuals who have had SARS-CoV-2 infection are unlikely to benefit from covid-19 vaccination." And in May, a Washington University study found that even a mild covid infection resulted in long-lasting immunity. So, the emerging science suggests that natural immunity is as good as or better than vaccine-induced immunity.'

Evidence from Israeli study showing natural immunity having longer, stronger protection than 2 dose pfizer vaccine alone. Moreover, the best protection was shown through natural immunity plus at least 1 dose of vaccine.

Excessive quarantines causes children to fall behind educationally and cuts at-risk kids off from an important support system. We all should understand that zero-risk is unobtainable and that an effort to drive case numbers to zero can have unintended negative effects.

Respectfully,

Casey Updike



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<https://fee.org/articles/harvard-epidemiologist-says-the-case-for-covid-vaccine-passports-was-just-demolished/>

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Roger asked if we are keeping track of COVID counts. Lisa stated we have 89 positives in our school this year and last year there was a total of 67 counting both students and staff.

Motion by Updike, second by Mueller to approve if a student/staff member is able to provide a previously documented SARS-CoV-2 positive test result that was obtained through a government/clinic/hospital/FDA/EUA FDA approved test, this student or staff member shall be treated the same as a vaccinated student/staff member for quarantining purposes. If a student/staff member is able to provide positive SARS-CoV-2 antibody test through an EUA FDA approved or FDA approved/hospital/clinic SARS-CoV-2 serology test, this student or staff member shall be treated the same as a vaccinated student/staff member for quarantining. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Updike- Yes, Miller- Yes, Stitzer – Yes, Knoble – Yes, Trumm – No, Mueller – Yes, Woodke- Yes

Motion by Updike, second by Miller to approve if a student/ staff member is being excluded from school due to symptoms only, that student/ staff member shall be the only one excluded, not to include family members who reside in the same household who are non-symptomatic; however, these family members must wear a mask for 14 days regardless of current mask policy. Motion carried.

Motion by Trumm, second by Stitzer to go into closed session at 8:05pm. Motion carried.

Roll Call: Mueller – Yes, Woodke- Yes, Updike- Yes, Miller- Yes, Stitzer – Yes, Knoble – Yes, Trumm – Yes

9. 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; to discuss and take action, if appropriate, concerning: A) Retirement/Resignation(s); B) Employment, and C) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s)

10. Return to and reconvene in open session – Motion by Updike, second by Stitzer to reconvene into open session at 8:22 pm. Motion carried.

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

12. Retirement/Resignation(s)- Motion by Stitzer, second by Trumm to approve Doug Post's resignation from Bus Driving. Motion carried. 13. Employment(s)

13.A) Long Term Substitute-Middle School Social Studies

Motion by Stitzer, second by Woodke to approve Andrea Koumouganh- Ngahlem. Motion carried.13.B) Winter Coaches

Motion by Trumm, second by Stitzer to approve as presented. Motion carried with Casey Updike abstaining.

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14. Alternative Open Enrollment(s)

Motion by Stitzer, second by Trumm to approve the open enrollment out application. Motion carried.

15. Adjourn

Motion by Woodke, second by Stitzer to adjourn at 8:27pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Woodke, Clerk