

Special School Board Meeting

District Office Board Meeting Room 1110 Park Street

Friday, October 1, 2021 5:45 PM Central

Boscobel, WI 53805

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

1. Call To Order - Proof of Public Notice-Todd Miller, Board President. Called the meet to order at 5:52pm.

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call- Miller-Yes, Stitzer-Yes, Trumm-Yes, Mueller-Yes, Woodke-Yes, Updike-Yes, Knoble-Yes

4. Approval of Agenda

Roger arrived at 5:54pm

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

Peg Kenny spoke in favor of masks on behalf of the vulnerable population. She mentioned OSHA and health departments and how these agencies make laws to protect us.

Crystal Peer questioned why we have not tried universal masking yet in the district. She is concerned about students not being able to learn virtually. Would like to see them remain in person.

Sheila Davis-spoke in support of Suzanne. Is concerned for the health of some children who cannot wear the masks. Would like to keep the kids safe and keep the kids in school. Because they do not necessarily get the same education at home.

Chris Bloyer- spoke in favor of KN95 masks. Feels the district should provide them for students. Also, spoke to the board about keeping non-educational material out of the classroom.

Greg and Julie Loos expressed concern who the school nurse is representing as his kid was quarantined due to contact outside of school.

Clark Jillson- spoke in support of bringing in mask requirement to maintain in person learning.

Motion by Mueller, second Trumm to extend community comments by 8 minutes. Motion carried.

Nikki Steele- spoke in support of masking being parent decision.

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Cheryl Knowles spoke in support of in person learning. If we do go virtual, she hopes we have a plan for student's food services as this is the only meal some kids get in a day.

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.

6. Pandemic Updates and Protocols- Board discussed further on current positive cases in Grant County and Boscobel.

Suzanne Brinkman- spoke in regards to flattening the curve and in support for universal masking. She explained that we are in this situation because we did not start the school year based on the recommendation of public health experts. She clarified she only contact traces positive cases for students and staff. Any discrepancies she refers to Grant County for assistance. Trumm mentioned all mitigation strategies need to be used including sanitation.

Motion by Stitzer, second by Woodke to modify metric to require PCR test day 6 or after following last date of exposure. Motion carried.

Motion by Stitzer, second by Mueller to require mask at all time with no exceptions or exemptions during the time from early release quarantine. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by Stitzer to modify metrics for ECH-12.

Transmission Level

1. Low
2. Moderate
3. Substantial
4. High

Motion carried 4 to 3

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

Motion by Miller to allow virtual learning until October 11. Motion withdrawn.

Motion by Stitzer, second by Trumm to update metric to require mask when indoors based on transmission level. Clarification that mask breaks can be given, if a 6-foot distance can be maintained. Motion carried 6 to 1.

Motion by Miller, second by Updike to allow administration to make the decision to pivot to virtual learning if unable to staff facilities. Further clarification sent for parents that students would remain in person on Monday. Motion carried.

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7. Adjourn- Motion by Stitzer, second by Updike to adjourn at 7:42 pm. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Woodke, Clerk

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