

Special School Board Meeting
Monday, August 3, 2020 6:00 PM Central

District Office Board Meeting Room
1110 Park Street
Boscobel, WI 53805

1. Call To Order - Proof of Public Notice Todd Miller, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:00pm

2. Roll Call

Todd Miller, Derek Zimpel, Tim Haines, Wendi Stitzer, Kim Trumm, Kelly Trumm (via zoom), Roger Knoble

3. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

4. Approval of Agenda

Motion to go into closed session at 6:02pm made by Kim Trumm, second by Zimpel. Roll Call Todd Miller, Derek Zimpel, Tim Haines, Wendi Stitzer, Kim Trumm, Kelly Trumm (via zoom), Roger Knoble all yes.

5. 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, C) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s); and D) Credit Reimbursement Approval

6. Return to and reconvene in open session

Motion to go to open session at 6:16pm made by Haines, second by Stitzer. Roll Call Todd Miller, Derek Zimpel, Tim Haines, Wendi Stitzer, Kim Trumm, Kelly Trumm (via zoom), Roger Knoble all yes.

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

7.A) Retirement/Resignation(s)

None

7.B) Employment

7.B)1) Elementary Custodian 1st Shift

Motion by Zimpel, second by Stitzer to approve Theresa Pendleton as presented. Motion carried.

7.C) Alternative Open Enrollment

Four applicants approved to go out of school district.

Motion to approve by Stitzer, second by Haines. Motion carried

7.D) Credit Reimbursement Approval

Approved by Greg Bell previously, no action needed.

8. Re-opening Plan

Todd explained the recommendations for the different levels of risk. The medium risk plan is what the administrative team is recommending. In school two days and online three days. Early

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Childhood, 4k and Kindergarten would be four days a week. October 5th is a target date to re-assess the schedule. The Wednesdays will help the teachers get more prep time that they will be losing through the rest of the week. Zimpel asked about outside space for learning and Danelle Schmid said yes they are keeping their options open to use outdoor space.

Wally Byrne explains that at the MS/HS the teacher will be doing virtual live for students at home. Haines wanted to say he appreciates everyone's work on these, but ask how and why we are considered to be at medium risk. Suzanne Brinkman replied that she has been looking at the grant county website and many other factors. She is also watching the surrounding counties. She is also watching hospitalizations and wants to keep watching the same resources to keep consistent. Kim Trumm asked if they could see results by community or only by county and Suzanne responded that it is by county. A parent asked if Suzanne had numbers on the ages of the people who currently have an outbreak. Suzanne answered no she does not have an age breakdown. Suzanne also stated that she wants to monitor how well the kids are complying with the mask requirement. Mrs. Cheryl Knowles stated she talked to the Tomah schools principal today who have school year round and they have had kids out to get tested for COVID but no one has been positive yet. She wants the board to listen to the community and not the health department numbers that are county wide.

Miller mentioned that the administrative team met with Sarah Ashmore-Oler today and she has concerns about social distancing in the kitchen. Miller states they are taking into consideration all the data, including the teacher survey that was done. Danelle added that the way the buildings are configured makes the social distancing piece a little more difficult than other schools. Zimpel asks if there are families that want virtual learning can they come back in to the building at any point. Danelle answered that at elementary level they can come back at the beginning of the quarters. Miller mentioned the school has Wi-Fi hot spots that could be utilized in the evening. Kim Trumm said they need to have a strong plan in place if there will be any virtual learning. Miller said there would be staff available at other times of the day than just normal school hours. Knoble asked why the switch with the days in attendance, previously they had mentioned Monday, Tuesday in with Wednesday, Thursday, Friday off and Danelle answered for better communication with the students and parents. Knoble asked about the transportation end of things and John Paetz responded that he feels confident that they will be able to figure routes out. Knoble stated he was more thinking about multiple drop off sites on each day and John said they deal with that on a normal year also. Kelly Trumm asked is there a number of cases that would shut down the schools. Suzanne said that the health department recommended that if we cannot staff the school or if there were multiple kids out at the same time to shut down. Suzanne said she would be working with the health department.

It was brought up for the flu it was 20 percent of kids or not enough staff. Stitzer asked Suzanne if she is mostly going off the stoplight that grant county post on their Facebook page. Suzanne said yes she is watching multiple sites. Stitzer recommended another site that breaks the numbers down by community. Belinda commented that she was informed there were only 6 in this area right now.

Clark Jillson thanked the board for the work and wanted to share his thoughts. He thinks the best plan is to go 4 days a week. He says area schools are going in 5 days a week he wants everyone to look around and consider the students who are looking for something positive to do. Clark stated that 1 in 3 students are depressed (he heard on the radio) and he wants that to be considered in the decision.

Discussion of whether a mask will be required was talked about and Laurie Genz Prein stated that she is going to try to have early childhood wear mask also. The governor's mandate stated 5 years old and up. Suzanne stated that studies are showing children seem to be less symptomatic but a few have more of a viral load. Clark mentioned that a doctor talked at a WIAA convention and he stated that the children should be all in at school.

Cheryl Knowles asked if anyone had considered cutting specials. The answer was no, not at this point. Someone asked if all virtual is an option for the high school and Wally responded Yes, it would be an option. Sally Schweiger asked if anyone has checked with our subs and asked if they would sub in a classroom that is virtual. Danelle responded that she plans to reach out to the subs who have returned their letters. Ashley Randall asked what is the difference of children going to a crowded daycare versus coming to school. Miller responded that the difference is our civil liability as a district. Miller mentioned most of the districts going in all 5 days have more room in their facilities then we do at Boscobel. Danelle mentioned that when kids come back it will not be normal. They have to social distance and wash their hands right away entering the school all these things are also to be considered. Stitzer stated that she heard from a lot of parents and they want them to be in the classroom. Penny Grassel stated that she heard a lot of schools are leaving it as parent choice. She wants to know if parents want to send MS/HS kids more than two days a week will that be an option. Miller responded that it has not been discussed yet but could possibly be considered moving forward.

Mr. Calabria asked about staff who have children that may not have a daycare and Miller responded there is federal guidance on this issue and it would be considered case by case. A parent asked about registration and Miller informed them registration is online this year and information will be sent home in letters.

Administration is recommending kids go Monday/Thursday in class or Tuesday/Friday in class and the other 3 days would be virtual.

Knoble asked if there was any recommendation for taking temperatures as kids enter the school. Suzanne responded the CDC does not recommend it at this time. There would be home screening, asking that parents monitor their children and staff do not come in if they do not feel well.

A parent asked if there would be meals delivered to the children who choose to attend virtual. That has not been determined yet. Miller reviewed the administrative recommendations. Kim Trumm stated that she would like to see us start with four days a week. Miller disagreed that the four weeks of a softer start would give us time to see what works. Knoble feels like the virtual learning does not work well for a lot of students. Miller stated he will not be voting since he was in on the planning stages with the administrative team. Haines likes the different stages from low, medium, and high risk status. Stitzer wanted to add that one of the hard things is if we do not go back four days a week, the teachers do not know each kids learning styles. Danelle wanted to say that Administration does want kids to come back to school, but they also want to keep everyone safe. Haines stated he hears valid arguments on both sides and that is what makes this decision so hard.

Motion to adopt the plan with the stages by Zimpel, second by Stitzer. Kim Trumm opposed, the motion carried.

Haines would like to say, could we acknowledge we are at medium risk, but have a trial period to start at the low risk stage?

Knoble made a motion to start at the low risk status at four days a week. Second by Kim Trumm. Knoble yes, Zimpel yes, Haines yes with the review at October 5. Kelly Trumm Yes, Kim Trumm Yes, Stitzer Yes, Miller abstained from voting.

9. Face Covering Recommendation

The governor mandated that anyone 5 years of age and over wear a mask. Suzanne would recommend that if the mandate was overturned she would like to keep the same wording from that mandate. If kids are outside then they could either social distance or wear the mask. Motion to follow the state mandate as it is written right now until the board can meet again made by Zimpel, second by Stitzer. Motion carried.

10. Fall Sport Decisions

Rob Scherrer described the risk status that each sport was placed in by WIAA and when the practices will start. The WIAA wants the conference to come up with a plan. Rob went over the list and gave his opinions and then asked the board for their guidance. Miller stated that he agrees with Rob's recommendations for page 1

Stitzer made a motion to approve option 1 second by Kim Trumm. Motion carried to follow WIAA start dates for the fall schedule to allow for state tournament competition.

Motion for volleyball to stay conference only made by Haines, second by Kelly Trumm. Motion carried

Cross Country, motion to do as much as possible made by Stitzer, second by Haines. Motion carried.

Football motion to have conference only made by Stitzer, second by Kim Trumm. (7 games total) Motion carried.

Scrimmages would be eliminated motion by Haines, second by Stitzer. Motion carried.

Fans – motion for option 3 by Kim Trumm, second by Stitzer. Motion carried.

Masks covered with the previous policy.

Concessions – Option 2, motion by Miller, second by Stitzer, Motion carried.

There was additional conversation about masks. Parent is asking whom do they have to disclose their medical condition to when they do not wear a mask. Suzanne responded it would be to her, confidentially.

11. Adjourn - motion by Stitzer, second by Kim Trumm at 9:24PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Tim Haines