

Special School Board Meeting
Monday, August 30, 2021 6:30 PM Central

Bulldog Cafe
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 6:36 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

3. Roll Call

4. Approval of Agenda

5. School Board Oath of Office- Caleb Mueller read the oath of office.

6. Pandemic Protocols Decisions-

Part I: Lisa Wallin-Kapinus went over the two options for metrics. These metrics would be used for confirmed positive cases, not close contacts. Families would be considered one case, not multiple cases. Discussion regarding the metric system and how often we would have had to mask last year.

Suzanne Brinkman commented on the lack of illness (colds, flu, etc) in the district in the 2020-2021 school year. Boscobel School District's area has had 17 confirmed cases in the last 7 days as of Friday (8/27). We're currently considered high transmission. Suzanne Brinkman stands with the recommendations of the Grant County Health Department, DHS, etc. of masking and social distancing. Currently, children account for about 22% of current COVID cases. Suzanne went over the effectiveness of masks. Discussion regarding the number of cases that were positive after someone was quarantined due to being a close contact.

Todd Miller spoke that the last time he looked, Boscobel had the highest number of cases in the area with 15 cases, next is Fennimore with 8, Iowa-Grant with 6, etc.

Suzanne said the quarantine rules would be 10 days as a positive case and 14 days as a close contact (same as last year). If someone is vaccinated and they are identified as a close contact, they would be able to return to school and they would be able to return to sports, however, they would have to wear a mask. Any vaccinated or unvaccinated people would have to be isolated if they are symptomatic. They would be allowed to return with the results of the negative test. We plan to be able to test on site. If students are between 3-6 feet apart and properly masked then they would not need to quarantine. There will be no virtual option for students unless the student met certain criteria and then we could do a 504 plan. Students who are excluded by either us or DHS they would have a virtual option while they are excluded/quarantined.

Discussion regarding how information would be communicated. Lisa responded that Skylert's would be sent out to all families if we would need to switch to masks.

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Wendi Stitzer wanted to remind everyone that parents need to remind students that they need to be respectful of other's choices. Parents reminded the board that staff needs to not-mask shame as well.

Suzanne wanted to make it known that if a student is symptomatic, they would be required to mask until the student leaves the building as that is the same process we have had in the past.

Motion by Stitzer to go with Option #2 as presented, second by Knoble to approve. Clarify that families would be counted as one case per building (example if 4 students are in a family and 2 are at the elementary school and 2 at the middle/high school, it counts as one case at the elementary school and the middle/high school.)

Casey Updike wanted to comment that he's been the most outspoken to not wear masks, especially in the elementary school, but he can be favor of this because it makes sense. It gives administration guidance rather than a guessing game. Todd Miller agrees that by having this chart we give administrators control.

Motion carried.

Part II: Lisa asked the board how they would like to proceed with staff who have to quarantine. Vaccinated individual would not need to be quarantined unless symptomatic, however, they would have to wear a mask for 14 days after exposure. Discussion regarding the ability to work from home.

Motion by Stitzer for a one-time paid leave of up to 5 days for COVID issues for the 21-22 school year, second by Woodke. Discussion regarding working from home and giving administrators control of who can work from home (case by case basis). Motion carried with Kim Trumm abstaining.

Suzanne clarified that masking recommendations is now 2 and older. Motion by Updike to exempt 4K and younger classrooms from the masking requirement, second by Trumm. Motion carried.

7. September Regular Board Meeting Schedule Change- Todd Miller asked the board to change. Change of the time of the board meeting to 5:30 PM on the 13th.

8. Contracted Service- Gundersen Health System- Motion by Kim Trumm, second by Woodke to approve the contract as presented. Motion carried with Wendi Stitzer abstaining.

Motion by Miller, second by Woodke to go into closed session at 8:21 PM. Motion carried.

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

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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 Stitzer, second by Woodke to reconvene into open session at 9:01 PM. Motion carried.

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

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

11.A) Retirement/Resignation(s)- Motion by Knoble, second by Updike to approve Denise Thompson's resignation. Motion carried.

11.B) Employment(s)

11.B)1) District Office Secretary- Motion by Updike, second by Stitzer to approve candidate with the current offer and if they don't accept it, to move to the next candidate. Motion carried.

11.B)2) MS/HS Second Shift Custodian- Motion by Updike, second by Stitzer to approve Emerald Faulkner as the second shift custodian at the middle/high school. Motion carried.

11.B)3) Elementary Special Education Teacher- Early Childhood- Motion by Trumm, second by Stitzer to approve Sheila Davis as temporary coverage for the Elementary Special Education teacher for 4K/5K for up to 45 days at a rate of \$25.01 per hour. Motion carried.

11.B)4) Special Education Paraprofessional- Motion by Stitzer, second by Woodke to approve the posting for the special education positions as presented. Motion carried.

11.B)5) Paraprofessional- Limited Term- Motion by Knoble, second by Trumm to approve Julie Rosauer as the paraprofessional for the school nurse for a one year term. Motion carried.

11.C) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s)- Motion by Stitzer, second by Woodke to approve all outgoing and incoming alternative open enrollment applications. Motion carried.

12. Adjourn- Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to adjourn at 9:11 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Woodke, Clerk