

Regular School Board Meeting
Monday, August 9, 2021 6:30 PM Central

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

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

1. Call To Order - Proof of Public Notice- Wendi Stitzer, Board Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Agenda

4. Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence

5. **INFORMATION ITEMS**

5.A) Administrative Reports

5.A)1) District Administrator Report – Lisa Wallin- Kapinus informed the board that the admin team went to the Summit for Inspirational Leadership in July and she gave a brief overview of the conference. Lisa also reported that she attended the WASDA First Year Superintendents Academy in August as part of the new superintendent program. She received a mentor who will work with other new superintendents in our area as well. Lisa informed the board of what the state budget is currently proposing, but reminded the board that the state budget has not been finalized yet.

5.A)1)a) e-Lighting Study – Presentation- Daniel Frering from e-Lighting gave a presentation explaining the study. Participation in the study is completely voluntary. Students would be emailed a questionnaire weekly and they would be asked questions regarding their quality of sleep and how they felt during the day.

5.A)2) Athletic Director Report – Rob Scherrer informed the board that they had a nice turnout for the athletic code meeting on August 2nd. Homecoming has been moved due to a scheduling conflict with cross country. Rob reported that the gym looks great so far and he's excited to see the final product once the bleachers are in. He also informed the board that we are looking at coach's pay and the middle school official pay, so they will be on board meeting in September.

5.A)2)a) Track and Field State Team- Rob introduced Matt Fritz, who is the Head Track Coach, and mentioned the coaches who couldn't make it. Before Matt introduced the students, he wanted to say thank you to Wendi Stitzer for taking so many pictures throughout the year. He also wanted to thank Rob Scherrer for working with him with the number of track meets we hosted and helping him have a successful first year. Matt introduced the students who ran at the state track meet. 14 students went on behalf of Boscobel and we brought home 14 medals.

5.A)3) Special Education Report – Laurie Genz Prien informed the board that a number of teachers and admin attended the inclusion conference virtually and she shared some of the comments from our staff. Laurie also informed the board that the paraprofessionals have been given an opportunity to go to a training at CESA 3 on August 24th.

5.A)4) Elementary Principal Report – Danelle Schmid reported that we have approximately 70 students attending the summer jump start session, which is a great number. Summer cleaning projects have kept the custodians and summer help busy trying to get ready for the school year. The gym will be painted the week of August 9th. Danelle informed the board that we need to take down a few trees to make sure the playground is completely safe. So far we have 286 students have been registered, but we are anticipating about 350 students.

5.A)5) MS/HS Principal Report – Wally Byrne reported that there are 5 students currently attending the credit recovery summer school. He reported that summer projects are coming along nicely thanks to our custodians and summer help. Wally and Laurie hosted a Non-violent crisis intervention training that went well. They will be doing another one before school starts. He is currently looking at doing an open house for the middle/high school.

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

Lisa went through the ground rules of the public comments.

Clark Jillson- thanked the board for all they have been doing during the COVID situation. He does not believe we should be required to wear masks.

Nikki Steele- respectfully asking the board to let the families to make their own choices on masks.

JoAnna Glasbrenner – wanted to focus on the Pledge of Allegiance for a moment and how it speaks to COVID. She said truth should be leading us, not fear. She wants to let the children and families choose.

Chris Bloyer- e said not even N-95s stop the virus, unless they are properly fitted and not touched during the time the person is wearing them.

Penny Bohringer- wanted to remind everyone that her students (2nd grade) can't get vaccinated at this point, so wearing a mask and social distancing are their only protection. She informed everyone that last year she didn't have the typical winter cold go through her classroom and only went through one box of Kleenex.

Lance Wetter- doesn't want to wear masks. He did a mission trip and they didn't require masks and they were fine. We all made the choice to come to the meeting without wearing masks, so it would be hypocritical of us to require masks of students.

Deb Knowles- had sent an email to the board explaining why she thinks we should not require masks.

Greg Loos- wanted the board to think of us in grade/middle school and how much masks would play with our mental health during that time. He does not believe we should require masks.

Holly Jillson- wants to talk about the mental side of this- depression and possible suicide. She hopes it doesn't happen here.

Dawn Kvamme- believes it needs to be a parent's choice. As a parent, she's responsible for her child's medical decision, not the school.

Natasha Steele- has 3 kids, 2 kids have a medical concerns. She believes it should be a parent's choice whether or not to wear a mask as doctors won't write release for not wearing a masks.

Jason Sparrgrove- wanted to speak about the federal mandate regarding wearing masks on public transportation. Lisa responded insurance won't cover us if we don't require masks on school busses. He mentioned he did not appreciate that it was a robo-call.

JoAnna Glasbrenner- asked about parents driving students to the athletic events if we're requiring masks on the busses. Per the policy, students are not allowed to participate if they don't ride the team transportation unless it's preapproved. She also wanted to know with the transportation masking mandate, are there medical exemptions allowed that would waive that?

7. ACTION ITEMS - OLD BUSINESS

7.A) Board Minutes- Motion by Trumm, second by Knoble to approve the July 12, 2021 and July 27, 2021 board minutes as presented. Motion carried.

7.B) Budget Reports- Budget reports will be brought to the board next month.

7.C) Fuel Bids- Motion by Updike, second by Woodke to approve Kwik Trip as the primary fuel vendor. Motion carried.

8. ACTION ITEMS - NEW BUSINESS

8.A) Pandemic Protocols Decisions- The recommendation by administration is to make masking optional, but highly recommended, with changes being allowed by the school administration based on recommendations by public health officials. Changes in protocols would be communicated to students, parents, and staff through Skylert. Lisa went through the FAQs for COVID Protocols. There would be no virtual option for students unless they are quarantined. Suzanne Brinkman briefly explained the DHS recommendation, including that if you are vaccinated, you can avoid being quarantined, but you would be required to wear a mask for 14 days after exposure.

Clark Jillson said that the covid test cannot distinguish between COVID and the flu. Wendi will ask for more information to verify whether or not this is true.

Motion by Knoble to make masks optional including on the school buses and would like to see it stay that way until the board meets and decides to change it. Discussion regarding the time of outbreaks and how long contact tracing takes along with if you can have an emergency meeting.. Casey agrees with Roger. Todd said we could allow the administration to make the decision until the next board meeting.

Motion by Trumm to keep masks optional at this point, but to look at our sports policy and see whether or not parents are allowed to drive their students to activities.

Wendi asked John Paetz what his opinion is. John doesn't believe that we're in a position to second guess what the CDC is currently recommending.

Knoble amended his motion to state that the masks are optional and changes would need to be brought to the school board. Updike seconded that motion. Lisa said that we should state that

the meetings need to be within 24 hours of the determination of the outbreak. Discussion regarding Knoble amended his motion to state that the masks are optional and there will be no changes unless they are brought to the school board within 24 hours. He then amended the motion to state that board meetings need to be within 36 hours. Motion carried 5-1.

8.B) 2021-2022 Employee Handbook – Lisa explained that we are going through the handbook and we have received recommendations from our insurance company. We will bring the employee handbook back in September for approval.

8.C) Elementary Student Handbook- Danelle Schmid explained that there are small changes in the elementary student handbook which are shown by the highlighted version that was in the packet. Motion by Miller, second by Woodke to approve the handbook with making the necessary changes to remove 6th grade from the handbook. Motion carried.

8.D) Middle/High School Student Handbook- Wally Byrne informed the board that the middle/high school student handbook is the same as last year with just an update to the date and the district administrator. They need to make changes to the handbook by adding adding 6th grade to the middle school. Motion by Updike, second by Trumm to approve the handbook with the addition of the 6th grade. Motion carried.

8.E) School Bus Replacement- John Paetz explained that he believes that it would be more beneficial to the district to purchase a new route bus than to have the second handicap bus. Discussion regarding the number of students in wheelchairs we'd be able to transport. Motion by Updike, second by Knoble to approve as presented. Motion carried.

8.F) Bus Barn Parking Lot Use Request- Motion by Updike, second by Woodke to approve the fire department using the bus barn parking lot on either September 11th or September 25th. Motion carried.

8.G) Seclusion & Restraint Report for 2020-2021- Laurie informed the board that every year we need to share the seclusion and restraint report with the board. She briefly went over the report.. Motion by Trumm, second by Stitzer to accept the Seclusion & Restraint Report for 2020-2021. Motion carried.

8.H) Donation(s) – None

Motion by Woodke, second by Trumm to go into closed at 8:25 PM. Motion carried.

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

8.I) 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: 1) Retirement/Resignation(s); 2) Employment; 3) Alternative Open Enrollment Application(s); and 4) School Board Member Applications

8.J) Return to and reconvene in open session- Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to reconvene into open session at 9:01 PM. Motion carried.

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

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

8.K)1) Retirement/Resignation(s)- Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to accept Todd Fischer's resignation. Motion carried.

Motion by Miller, second by Knoble to accept Chelsi Stanek's resignation with her last day of employment as August 31st. Motion carried.

8.K)2) Employment(s)

8.K)2)a) Director of Facilities and Grounds- Motion by Trumm, second by Updike to approve Nate Copsey at a salary of \$59,000 that will be prorated the first year. Motion carried.

8.K)2)b) Middle School Special Education Teacher- Motion by Updike, second by Woodke to approve Katreena Swenke-Howell as presented. Motion carried.

8.K)2)c) Speech and Language Paraprofessional(s)- Motion by Trumm, second by Miller to approve Linda Dilley and Janet Mindham as speech and language paraprofessionals. Motion carried.

8.K)2)d) Co-Curricular Contracts- Motion by Woodke, second by Trumm to approve to accept the list of co-curricular contracts as presented. Motion carried.

8.K)2)e) Winter Coaches- Motion by Updike, second by Woodke to approve as presented. Motion carried with Todd Miller abstaining.

8.K)3) Alternative Open Enrollment(s)- Motion by Trumm, second by Stitzer to approve the outgoing alternative open enrollment applications.. Motions carried.

8.K)4) School Board Member Applications- Caleb Muller is the only applicant. Motion by Updike, second by Woodke to approve Caleb Muller as a school board member pending a background check and Caleb's acceptance. Motion carried.

9. Adjourn- Motion by Trumm, second by Woodke to adjourn at 9:09 PM. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted by Kaye Woodke, Clerk