

WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
MONDAY, AUGUST 3, 2020
Winneconne High School
Winneconne Community Arts Center (WCAC)
100 Wolf Run, Winneconne WI 54986

AGENDA (AMENDED)

1. Meeting called to order by Board president
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Board Members Roll Call
4. Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum

CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board President, Bob Ronk called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. Meeting notices were sent to members of the press, members of the school board and were posted on the front and/or in the vestibules of the district buildings.

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL: Robert Ronk, Donna Hanson, Mark Kunde, Jill Verich, Becky La Due, Corey Zeller and Jaci Stelzner

Administrative Team and Visitor Recognition and Open Forum

District Administrator, Peggy Larson, Director of Business Services, Monika Knapp, High School Principal Leah Michaud, Middle School Principal, Todd Schroeder, Elementary Principal, Lisa Hughes, Director of Technology, Dave Jerabek, Director of Pupil Services, Lauren Dodd, Director of Facilities, Steve Cady, Curriculum Director, Don Smith, Food Service Director, Diane Agrell

VISITORS: See Copy of Visitors on file

OPEN FORUM

Board President Bob Ronk started discussion of the open forum with a deep apology for any inconvenience or disrespect to anyone in attendance at the July 27, 2020 special Meeting of the Board of Education. If there was a feeling of not being allowed to voice your opinions that most certainly was not done with any intent. Truly we are all together with the decision process on the plan of opening our school buildings, there was at no time a clear-cut direction made by the board of education. Together we as a community will make a decision in which we feel is in the best interest of safety and educational style or needs of all children.

President Ronk also spoke on the procedure and method of how the meeting will be ran, at what point when open up the meeting for the purpose of questions, each individual will state their name, address and have 2-3 minutes to speak on a the subject of the 2020/2021 Model to re-open schools. (See attached copy from question and answer period of open forum from public meeting)

OPEN SESSION

5. CONSENT ITEMS:

- A. District Checks# 10010058 to #10010113 in the Amount of \$742,515.1
- B. Student Activities Checks #914464 to #914467 in the Amount of \$1987.20
- C. Recommendation of Network Engineer and Computer Support Specialist
- D. Acknowledge \$180.00 donation to the WES VEX from Lori Sall via Dollars for doing Program.

6. 2020/2021 Model to be used to open Schools

Knowing face to face learning is critical to our students' development and a key piece of their educational experience, our two most important and simultaneous goals are to bring students back into our buildings while also keeping students and staff as safe as possible, which in turn keeps families and our community members safe. The goals of this recommendation are not only to get our students back in our buildings, but also keep our students in our buildings.

After careful consideration, The Winneconne Community School District Administrative Team came up with the following recommendations.

District Administrator Peggy Larson, and buildings Principals presented each Building plan with supportive evidence and was available as questions arose in Public open forum, which was opened for discussion after each building plan was presented.

ELEMENTARY RECOMMENDATION:

The Administrative Teams' recommendation is our Traditional Model of Learning for the WES. This means all students in our elementary buildings five days a week (unless calendar dictates otherwise). We will continue to implement all strategies to the best of our abilities found in our re-opening plan. The Board of Education will re-evaluate mid-October. Any change would begin November 9, 2020. Additionally, if a change is warranted earlier, advanced notice will be given.

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL RECOMMENDATION:

There are two options being proposed for Middle School and High School. We are asking families to select one of the two proposed options, **Virtual Learning experience** that will likely be overseen by an outside alternative educational agency. Families who choose this option will work directly with the agency, and a **Blended Learning Model**, which includes face to face instruction, as well as continued learning from home each week. This model allows us to practice solid physical distancing and reduce the numbers of students in the buildings. The blended model reduces risk, exposure, and will allow us to better manage contact tracing. The board will re-evaluate in mid-October. Any change in how learning is delivered would begin November 9, 2020. Additionally, if a change is warranted earlier, advanced notice will be given.

Motion by Hanson, second by La Due to approve the WCS D Administrative Teams recommendation for 2020/2021 Model used to Reopen our Schools.

Board Member Kunde, spoke the fact that, “We Do Care”, and for sure interested in the safe haven of our student learning environment, as well the importance for their academics, social and emotional state for all grade levels and levels of leaning abilities. Plans will be evaluated, based on CDC, Winnebago County Health, American Pediatric Guidelines and the State of Wisconsin. We understand that there is no perfect scenario but plan to have consistency, support and accountability for all staff and students.

Board Member Verich stated her concern of having the school district ask for the stakeholders input thru a survey of preference of learning , then tell the parents they must decide on an option for sending their children to school which doesn't reflect the survey results. Certainly appreciating the time and efforts put into having a safe opening plan, and all the information from the committee, but does not support the re-opening options because we usually follow to some degree what the survey results are when we survey our community.

Board Member Stelzner expressed her concern as well on having the school tell the parents they must decide on an option for sending their children to school. Stelzner also directed a question to Dr. Zeller pointing out, how can you have children going in and out of there homes moving around the community and with there friends and say your going to control the pandemic at school. Zeller response, what we are saying is we are going to mitigate the risks by safe practices, but we are not going to eliminate risk. A very tough decision to have to make.

Board member Hanson pointed out how the time and efforts that were put in by the Administrative Team was well thought out keeping in mind the safety for all the students, staff and anyone coming into our buildings. Most importantly keeping in mind the learning environment and the different levels of leaning abilities across all grade levels. We are her for the safety and wellbeing of our children and want to do what best for our school district with the information we are given.

Board member Ronk pointed out how he supported much of what was said by other board members, and as well the time and efforts put in by the Administrative Team. The recommendations for ES, MS, and HS represent models that practice possible ways of limiting contact yet allowing students to have all face to face, some face to face, as well E-Learning at home. These recommendations will be evaluated and may at any time change for the better dependent on guidelines at the time of evaluation. Recognizing this is not perfect but trying to maintain the safest environment for our student learning.

Roll Call: Verich- No, Stelzner-No, Zeller-Yes, La Due-Yes, Kunde-Yes, Hanson-Yes, Ronk-Yes

Motion Passed- 5-2

7. Title IX Policy; Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

This is a new policy for the purpose of implementing the recent Title IX regulations promulgated by the Department of Education. This is a stand-alone policy intentionally kept separate from existing school district policies regarding other forms of discrimination, harassment, or bullying, as well separate from Policy 5517- Student Anti- Harassment, which shall continue to apply to claims reviewed under state law. Title IX Coordinator(s) will be Director of Learning, Don Smith, and Director of Pupil Services/Special Education, Laurin Dodd. Training will take place for all employees, students, and District Title IX Team.

Motion by Kunde, second by Verich, to accept the Title IX Policy Nondiscrimination on the basis of Sex in Education Programs or Activities.

Roll Call: Stelzner, Zeller, La Due, Kunde, Hanson, Verich, Ronk
Motion Passed-7-0

8. 2020/21 Student Academic Standards

Winneconne Community School District will implement the Wisconsin Academic Standards through a target-based system under section 118.30(1g) (a) of the state statutes for the 2020/21 school year. Details of these academic standards and learning targets can be viewed on our District website at <http://www.winneconne.k12.wi.us/district/cdlt>.

Winneconne is focused on providing a quality education to all the students within our district. In addition to the traditional, high quality education offered within our classrooms WCSD seeks to provide educational options to meet the diverse needs and interests of its students.

Motion made by Verich, second by Hanson to approve the 2020/21 Winneconne Community School District Student Academic Standards.

Roll Call: Zeller, La Due, Kunde, Hanson, Verich, Stelzner, Ronk
Motion Passed- 7-0

9. Administrative Reports

Administrative Reports from building principals and director of learning will focus on four areas/ goals.

- A. Educator Effectiveness- no new updates
- B. District literacy goal-no new updates
- C. Grading and Reporting- no new updates
- D. PLC/RTI in Action Process- no new updates

Pupil Services/Special Education

Working on a flexible plan for students returning to school, reaching out to all families to ensure a transition back to school is accommodating for all students. The school district has hired a new Speech and Language Pathologist. Mrs. Katie Hansen

Facility Management

Summer cleaning/ waxing in all building is running on schedule. All district vehicles have had their safety checks. Working on putting together COVID cleaning kits, each classroom will get a cleaning kit. Cement pad poured for new press box at baseball field. Thank to all who helped put on a beautiful graduation ceremony

Technology Update

Replacement of all servers and local data storage systems has taken place, also updated all of the network switches, and back up emergency power supplies. 270 of the HP faulty desk top computers have been returned. Steam Labs have the latest 2021 editions pf CAD and software programs. The beginning of installing additional high-resolution outdoor security cameras to monitor athletic fields and areas around the buildings is being done.

Food Service

New Menus will be posted on Winneconne's food service website.

Business Office- No current updates

Athletic Director's Monthly

WIAA Board of Controls considered a number of season schedule models and resolved to maintain a fall interscholastic opportunity with a delayed start, as well as an alternative opportunity for schools unable to start and administer the traditional fall season. Girls golf, tennis swimming and diving, and boys/girls cross country will start practice with prescribed protocol Monday August 17th, practice date for football, boys' soccer, boys/girls volleyball will be September 7th. The first competition will be August 20th golf, August 21st, girl's tennis and August 25th cross country. The earliest permissible date for boys' soccer, boys/girls' volleyball will be September 23rd. The Board also approved an initiative to promote safe practices to mitigate the spread of COVID 19

Elementary School

New teachers getting settled, mentors trained, getting ready for back to school 2020

Middle School

Open house for 7th and 8th graders- August 25th, from 5-7pm (Subject to change due to COVID)

Open house for 6th grade- August 26th from 5-7pm

Summer school update- Running a much-scaled back version of summer school this year.

High School

Currently working on scheduling and cohorting high school students.

HS 101- scheduled for August 24th counselors will run through a condensed version (30 Minutes) of a normal 2-hour time frame in small groups throughout the day.

High School Dean of Students

Working with Lamers on transportation for upcoming year, with COVID safety in mind. Sending out survey for families to let us know if they can self-transport. Split routes may be needed.

Graduation was held June 16th, thanks to all involved. Currently working with Lifetouch to get ID's with Barcodes for students and staff district wide to allow Food Service to use contactless check out and scan barcodes at mealtimes.

SRO- No new updates at this time

Motion made by Verich, second by Hanson to Adjourn meeting of the WCSD Board of Education.

Motion passed- All Ayes

Mark D. Kunde
WCSD- Clerk
9:00pm