

**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
WINNECONNE COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

MONDAY JULY 27, 2020 at 6:30PM
WINNECONNE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY
400 N 9th AVENUE, WINNECONNE, WI

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 doors and/or in the vestibules of district buildings.

BOARD MEMBER ROLL CALL

Board members present: Bob Ronk, Donna Hanson, Mark Kunde, Becky La Due, Jill Verich, Corey Zeller, Jaci Stelzner

RECOGNIZE ADMINISTRATIVE TEAM, VISITORS RECOGNITION AND OPEN FORUM

District Administrator, Margaret Larson
High School Principal, Leah Michaud
Director of Technology, David Jerabek
Director of Facilities, Steve Cady

VISITORS: See sign in sheet on file with approved minutes

OPEN FORUM

President Ronk asked if there was anyone who had any item to bring forth to the board that either is on the agenda or would like to see on the agenda. If there is anyone wanting to ask questions on the reopening school plan, there would be a chance at the time the agenda item is discussed.

OPEN SESSION

CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Recommendation of Elementary Interventionist
- B. Recommendation of Elementary/Middle School Interventionist
- C. Recommendation of Speech/Language Pathologist
- D. Resignation of ES Special Education Aide, Kayla Lenz

REOPENING PLAN FOR THE 2020/2021 SCHOOL YEAR

President Bob Ronk presented the reopening plan for the 2020/2021 school year. The presentation that was presented to the public was put together by a committee of Parents, Students, Staff, Board of Education and Administration. The plan illustrates the importance of commitments toward safety, flexibility, and Instruction.

SAFETY is a top priority. Plans will reflect guidance from the CDC, State, and Winnebago Health Department. FLEXIBILITY will be developed to allow for a fluid response keeping in mind staff, student and parent capacity, coupled with financial resources of the District. INSTRUCTION will reflect a preference for traditional classroom learning and focus on creation conditions to safely open schools. Alternative instructional models will include Blended/E-learning options for PK-12 in the event that traditional classroom learning cannot occur. TRADITIONAL CLASSROOM LEARNING would be students and staff returning to the classroom practicing procedures to reduce the spread of COVID-19. BLENDED LEARNING would reduce numbers in a building or space necessary, this would be determined by current cases of COVID-19 in our District, County and State. There would be a schedule of Cohort learning in class and E-Learning. E-LEARNING would be used when health and safety clearly are at risk and/or mandated by the County and /or State. Further review of each grade level school building and plan will be determined by more discussion to come. Implementation of guidelines based on Center for Disease Control and Winnebago County Health Department guidance. This plan is intended to mitigate risk, not eliminate risk.

After the presentation of the Reopening plan options President Ronk opened up the meeting for the visitors to ask questions. The questions surrounded all age groups of children attending WCSD with the majority of preference is to get our children in front of our professional staff for learning and instruction.

Motion made by Hanson, second by La Due to approve the reopening plan presented with the Option 1. Traditional classroom learning, Option 2. Blended E learning, and Option 3. E-Learning.

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

PROPOSED CHANGES TO 2020-21 CALENDAR

The proposal is to have all early dismissal days scheduled during the 2020-21 school year changed to full days of staff development (no students) with Nov. 25th as early dismissal for 9-month staff, teachers and students. The ER will allow teachers some additional time for professional development and the faculty team additional time to deep clean/ sanitize without children in the buildings. This will also help with alternative transportation requests, as we are trying to keep the same students on the same bus. Hanson expressed the concern to make sure we have the students as much as possible in front of the teaching staff for instructional and learning purposes. Kunde expressed the concern of being within the minutes needed for instructional time determined by the Department of Instruction, as well attendance for full day professional development is expected.

Motion made by La Due, Second by Kunde to accept the proposed changes of Early Release for the 2020-21 calendar school year.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion Made by Kunde, second by Hanson to go into Executive Session under 19.85 (1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility for purposes of consideration of approval of support staff employee and compensation. The board will move into open session and may take action on items discussed in closed session.

Roll Call: La Due, Kunde, Hanson, Verich, Stelzner, Zeller, Ronk

Motion Passed, 7-0

6:50 pm

Just prior to going into closed session President Ronk took some time to talk with visitors because of concern shown on the plans adopted to reopen schools. President Ronk said to the visitors if when the Board of Education comes out of closed session, the Board would allow some question and answer time.

The Board of Education is out of closed session at 7:15 pm, open forum on allowing question and answer sessions resumed on the item of reopening school plan.

Further questions focused on overall Mental Health, Social activities, wearing of masks at what safety level for all grades, Special Education needs, eye to eye contact by student and teacher, support needed for learning levels and abilities, find a balance for working families, instruction and the importance of academics, setting the foundation for learning at a young age, staff accountability, graduation requirements and grading, operation of school lunch program, athletics, Phy-ED, Opt in- Out, offering of Apex Learning. Cleaning procedures, sanitation, chemicals used, MSDS followed, deep concern for what are our priorities, education and learning.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hanson, second by Verich to adjourn meeting, voice vote

Motion passed, Voice vote all ayes

Mark D. Kunde

WCSD Clerk

8:35pm