

North Boone Community Unit School District No. 200

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the
Board of Education

North Boone High School

Commons / Cafeteria

17823 Poplar Grove Road, Poplar Grove, IL 61065

Tuesday, October 6, 2020

6:30 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Joe Haverly.

Present: Brian Haselhorst, President Joe Haverly, Vice President Tom Kinser (via phone), Lisa Leden, Secretary Mary Maxey, Ed Mulholland and Carl Rudy.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made by Mrs. Maxey and seconded by Mr. Haselhorst to approve the Agenda as presented.

The motion was carried by unanimous roll call.

AUDIENCE TO VISITORS

Mrs. Katie Wendelborn addressed the Board asking why we were waiting to bring students back when we need to start adapting around Covid. She felt the District was not holding up their partnership per their mission statement and policies.

Mr. Haverly read a letter from Breanne Lessard, a sophomore at NBHS. She felt the decision to e-learn was unpopular, her peers do not like it, and they felt safe enough to return to in-person learning. She is now concerned about reaching her collegiate goals. She would like the voices of the people to be heard and return to in-person learning.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Modified Re-Entry Plan

Dr. Greenlee recommended the Board pass Phase I of the Modified Re-Entry Plan. Dates were adjusted for all four phases. Phase I will add students in Pre-K, kindergarten, and special education in grades five through 8. All dates presented are tentative pending favorable health metrics. He also noted information was added to the presentation to address the concerns and protocols from nursing, PPE supply inventory and custodial procedures. New metrics from the Boone County Health Department will be used to help pinpoint the timing that phases can be added. Phases II, III and IV will be presented at a later time, after they have been reviewed and discussed through a Board committee.

October 19 would begin the Modified Phase I Plan with 5th-8th IEP students on an A/B schedule, Pre-K A/B cohorts by week and ½ day kindergarten four days per week.

Dr. Greenlee encouraged the Board to focus on the plan. After approval, the Administrators would then have the flexibility to review the metrics to ensure we can proceed.

Mrs. Neri noted if we went to full days in K-4, we would have to assign remote teachers. She stated 26 of 110 kindergarteners wished to stay full remote, therefore 40 kindergarteners would need to have a new teacher. PE, art, music and library would all remain virtual. Mr. Rudy said we seemed to be burdening families with overlapping or different schedules. Mrs. Neri said they could explore an A/B schedule with K-4, but students may have a new teacher. Mr. Mulholland asked how we would manage the current outbreak if students were in person. Dr. Greenlee stated we would enforce distancing from the affected individual, and manage quarantines. Ms. Sager said the BCHD would evaluate on a case by case basis.

Dr. Greenlee said the new committee could vet Phases II, III and IV. Mr. Rudy asked where the concern was to bring back high school, as it wasn't following the same timeline as the lower grades. He wondered if there were reasons we couldn't accommodate these other age groups, and noted the high school would basically be empty until January. Dr. Greenlee said they tried to prioritize on logic and need. Mrs. Neri added they could be more aggressive in bringing back some of these groups if the Board wished. She did add that there are many high school specialty classes which would lead to a lot of movement.

A motion was made by Mr. Haselhorst and seconded by Mr. Rudy to approve Phase I of the Modified Re-Entry Plan as presented.

Mr. Haverly asked for discussion. Mr. Mulholland asked if we were committed enough as a community to make changes, as it seems like we could just be managing quarantines.

Ayes: Mr. Haselhorst, Mr. Haverly, Mr. Kinser, Mrs. Leden, Mr. Mulholland and
Mr. Rudy

Nays: Mrs. Maxey

The motion passed 6-1 with no abstentions.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Board Committee Formation

Mr. Haverly addressed the desire for a Return to School Board Level Committee. He requested Principals invite a staff member and parent from each building to serve on the Committee. He would like to have the first meeting next Wednesday, October 14, 2020.

OTHER ITEMS

(none)

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Mr. Haselhorst and seconded by Mrs. Maxey to adjourn at 7:37 p.m.
The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

PRESIDENT _____

SECRETARY _____

APPROVED: