

SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
DISTRICT #63-240 COUNTIES OF
OAKLAND, LIVINGSTON AND WASHTENAW
HELD VIRTUALLY IN SOUTH LYON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT**

CALL TO ORDER

President Hanshaw called the September 21, 2020 regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Anthony Abbate, Randy Clark, Craig Dashner, Carrie Hanshaw, Eric Kennedy, Dan Schwegler, Jennifer Urtel

Absent: None

Administration Present: Steve Archibald, Superintendent, Lisa Kudwa, Asst. Superintendent, Stacy Witt, Asst. Superintendent

Administration Absent: None

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board, administration and the audience joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2019-20 TEACHERS OF THE YEAR PRESENTATION

President Hanshaw explained that because the last school year was cut short, the 2019-20 Teachers of the Year will be honored this evening.

Mr. Archibald started the process of recognizing the 2019-20 Teachers of the Year at this evening's virtual meeting. He indicated that there are many outstanding teachers in the district and is pleased to have the opportunity this evening to acknowledge three of them who have been selected by a district committee as the 2019-20 Teachers of the Year. They include Nancy Weiss (Hardy Elementary), Emily Parris (Centennial Middle School) and Matthew Smith (South Lyon East High School Band Director). Emily Testani, Brian Toth and Karen Fisher each summarized their winning teacher's achievements, highlighted activities that the teacher in their building has been involved in and shared comments from their students and colleagues. Mr. Archibald again offered his congratulations to all three teachers and noted that the common theme among them is going 'above and beyond' every day. They all help students reach their potential. An engraved crystal apple award will be hand delivered by Mr. Archibald next week to each nominee in appreciation for their outstanding contributions to our schools and for their inspiration to students every day.

Mr. Dashner congratulated all of the teachers and extended his appreciation for all their hard work. On behalf of the Board, President Hanshaw offered her thanks and congratulations to the honored teachers and acknowledged that it is the teachers in South Lyon that make us the district we are.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Hanshaw reminded the public of the new updated rules relative to our public comments policy. Public comments are limited to three minutes. Comments will require a first and last name. No comments with anonymous or fake names will be read. Written comments are limited to a maximum of 500 characters.

Ms. Hanshaw offered an opportunity for public comments. The following comments were received and read by President Hanshaw.

- *Dane Jackson* – shared his struggles with the “180” taken on the Elementary School Reopen Plan. He felt the Board is bowing to pressure instead of focusing on safety. After only 2 weeks in, the kids will switch to an 80% in-person plan. There is still a pandemic and asked the Board to vote no.
- *Evan Reigle* – commented on improving communication from the district, or lack thereof. Correct, clear, concise and consistent communication would reduce the rumors and distrust.
- *Paul Walters* – wanted to know what the plan will be for secondary age kids when they aren’t in the classroom. He expressed his concern on how a teacher is supposed to teach students in person just one day a week. How will they learn the other four days?
- *Stavros Bezas* – expressed his disappointment that the School Board has not waited the full asymptomatic incubation period to observe the impacts other districts have to push for a full in-person instruction. There are numerous examples of schools being forced to shut down across the country and even across the road in Novi. Even if we don’t currently have a big infection rate in our community, this plan will create a tinderbox that will light up with just one careless or unaware case.
- *Michelle Tomei (represents the South Lyon Educational Foundation)* - The South Lyon Educational Foundation recognized the generous donation of \$1,000 by each of the following business and community members:
 - *Vibe Credit Union*
 - Retired SLCS educator, Sandra Stewart
 - Frederic & Kathleen StricklandMs. Tomei thanked them for supporting the teachers, staff and students of SLCS!
- *Evelyn Krieger* – felt disheartened to hear the district has decided to force parents to choose either VLP or Face to Face for the rest of the year in the next week. She felt it was unfair and a bait and switch on the part of the school board and advisory committee.
- *Janet Hamilton* – asked the Board to vote to move forward with the proposed plan to send students back to school for full days. They are missing the social aspects of school with getting to know their teachers and classmates.
- *Christopher Abermanis* – is concerned with social distancing when there are 100% of students in a classroom. He also questioned how much instructional time will be impacted when teachers have to clean 28 workspaces as opposed to 14. Will there be a cap on the number of students assigned to a classroom?

- *Nicole Lynn* – expressed her concern if students will have 6 feet social distancing between them when they eat breakfast, snack and lunch. She also inquired if the elementary classrooms will continue to be cleaned by custodial staff every day or every other night.
- *PJ Szewczyk* – shared his appreciation for the work on getting elementary school kids back. He would also like to see the secondary schools return face to face soon.
- *Cathy* – agreed with the secondary students returning in October, but strongly disagrees with the elementary children returning 4 days at 100%. This will not allow for social distancing, and the parents were told NO 100% until Phase 5. She wants the Board to vote all schools to return back at 25%/50% because it will offer distancing.
- *Karen Mikola* called in and seconded the award to Mr. Matt Smith from SLEHS. She indicated that he is an awesome instructor. She questioned if administration is making any changes in their largest class section for each classroom relative to individual seating or switching a room where the proximity of students is close. She had heard that 6 feet will not be maintained even at a 50% level. She is not expecting perfection but would hope that the building administration would buy into the seating arrangement for the highest capacity or volume classroom. She also questioned if there would be a minimum standard for wearing masks. She asked if the district could provide a clear roadmap including phone numbers as to the steps that parents will have to take when their child is sick or when their child gets wrapped up in isolation because they sat next to somebody who happened to be a COVID positive case. She asked for an explanation of a statement in Enclosure 7 on the Extended Learning Plan for the secondary remote start when students are unable to attend synchronous instruction, lessons will be recorded and posted for students to view asynchronously. She thanked the Board for putting in the effort to try to make this work and making changes as we go.
- *John Martyka* asked the Board to support getting our students back into the classroom as soon as possible! Data supports that it is SAFE.
- *Jessica McCarthy* called in and spoke regarding students returning back to in-person school with resources.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

President Hanshaw asked the Board to approve the agenda as presented, unless they had any additions or deletions.

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Mr. Schwegler to approve the agenda as presented.

Roll Call: Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Clark-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Mr. Clark to approve the following minutes:

- August 17, 2020 Regular Meeting

Roll Call: Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

Moved by Mr. Dashner, supported by Mr. Kennedy to approve the following bills:

- August 2020 Prepays
- September 2020 AP Bill Run
- September 2020 Bond Bills
- August 2020 Wires & ACH Transactions
- August 2020 Cash Receipts Report

Roll Call: Mr. Clark, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

TEACHER RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HIRE

Mr. Archibald explained to the Board that resignations and retirements require the hiring of new teaching staff for the 2020-21 school year. In addition to welcoming them to the districts, he asked the Board to approve the hiring of the educators as listed.

Hannah	Barnes	1	Hardy	Speech/Language Pathologist	August 25, 2020
Alyssa	Breen	0.6	MMS	School Social Worker	August 25, 2020
Christina	Giovanni	1	SLEHS	GeoPhy/Chemistry Teacher	August 25, 2020
Katherine	Michaels	1	ECC/Brummer/Bartlett	School Social Worker	August 25, 2020
Emily	Nelson	1	SLHS	Counselor	August 25, 2020
Stephanie	Wegner	1	ECC/ECSE	Speech/Language Pathologist	August 25, 2020
Jennifer	Myslinski	1	Sayre/Dolsen/Salem	ELD Teacher	August 31, 2020
Christopher	Knapp	1	CMS/MMS	Music	Sept. 2, 2020
Jennilee	Smith	1	Sayre	Resource Room	Sept. 2, 2020
Alexandra	Theys	1	Kent Lake/Sayre	Virtual	Sept. 3, 2020
Emily	Hocking	1	Bartlett	4 th grade	Sept. 8, 2020
Meghan	DeWitt	1	Brummer/Salem	Virtual	Sept. 9, 2020
Lauren	McDaniel	1	Dolsen	Speech/Language Pathologist	Sept. 14, 2020
Sandra	Maes	1	CMS	Cognitive Impairment	Sept. 22, 2020

Moved by Mr. Abbate, supported by Mr. Kennedy to approve the hiring of the educators listed above with effective dates as noted.

Roll Call: Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTS

Pearson Elementary received plantings of 19 Norway Spruce trees near the west lot of the school from Scott Krystoff valued at \$2,610.00.

Gifts of money to assist SLCS students in need of school meals was received from Community Choice Credit Union. The donation is valued at \$4,974.12.

A gift of an Applied Imaging Copier MP9003 was donated to Hardy Elementary. The donation is from the Hardy PTO and is valued at \$11,842.00.

Mr. Archibald asked the Board to accept the gifts in accordance with Policy 7003 as presented.

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Ms. Urtel to accept the gifts with thanks in accordance with Policy 7003 as presented.

Roll Call: Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE

Mr. Archibald stated that the following educators have requested a leave of absence for the 2020-21 school year. He added that the leaves are consistent with the bargaining agreements.

- *Julie Eddy*
- *Brittany Monfette*
- *Melinda Towns*

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Ms. Urtel to approve the leaves of absence for the three educators for the 2020-21 school year as presented.

Roll Call: Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Clark-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE

Ms. Stacy Witt stated that South Lyon Community Schools staff are facing work environments that require flexible options for services and instruction. Mobile devices can play a key role in facilitating efficient delivery of services under various conditions that standard desktops cannot. The mobile nature of laptops will enable the staff members to utilize and move their digital connectivity platform to alternate locations with a minimum of effort. Whether that is from classroom to classroom, building to building or district facility to remote location the staff member will have a device that is ready to provide their services to the learning community. Therefore, it is proposed to begin the project of replacing the staff desktop workstation with a mobile laptop solution. Current desktops will be used to replace workstations that are due for replacement in the 2021/2022 school year. Ms. Witt noted that if approved by the Board, they will use the Cares Funding to purchase these laptops. The recommended approval for purchase is Sehi computer products for 1,100 of the HP Chromebook ProBook 450 G7 15" laptops with accessories in the amount of \$805,243.00. She asked the Board to approve the technology purchase as presented.

Moved by Mr. Abbate, supported by Ms. Urtel to purchase the Sehi computer products for 1,100 of the HP Chromebook ProBook 450 G7 15" laptops with accessories in the amount of \$805,243.00 using CARES funding as presented.

Mr. Schwegler asked if there was any information on the specs of the computers that would indicate how long they would last. Mr. Cox informed the Board that at the most, they could probably get six years out of them before replacement would be needed. Mr. Cox noted that funding is built within the bond that is set aside for workstations that would need to be replaced at least once within the bond cycle. He added that this model is actually a durable model. Mr. Schwegler also had questions on processing speed & monitors.

Roll Call: Mr. Dashner-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Clark-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

REVISED COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN

Superintendent Archibald explained that the Covid-19 Preparedness and Response Plan is the plan that was presented to the Board and approved on August 10. It was a requirement of Executive Order 142. It essentially had two parts. It described the alternative modes of instruction if our region was in Phases 1, 2 or 3 and the Michigan Safe Start Plan. It also described the safety mitigation measures that we would implement for in-person instruction, and these were guided by the Return to School roadmap. They were reviewed in detail at meetings in July and August. They were with respect to facial coverings, hygiene, cleaning, student transportation and athletics. The COVID-19 Learning Plan and this plan are two totally distinct plans. They are still following the school roadmap with regard to all of those things. He stated that we will continue to train and teach our students and our staff when they come back to work in person. Specific procedures with regard to arrival, dismissal, recess, lunch, how to handle students who become ill at school, and passing time at the secondary level. These items are not specifically in the Preparedness Plan, but things that processes will be developed for. They will be shared out before the students return. Several of them which are specific to elementary may be included in tomorrow's communication that will be sent to families regarding making a choice if it becomes an option to move between Pathways. The reason this plan has to be revisited this evening, is that information has been included in our Preparedness Plan specific to returning students to in-person instruction in Phase 4 or above.

The Covid-19 Preparedness Plan is being revised at the elementary level. All elementary students will return to a hybrid model of in-person instruction four full days per week with one day per week remaining as a remote learning day. This model provides the opportunity for students to receive more in-person instruction and still maintain the skills necessary for remote learning in the event that a classroom, building or a district needs to return to remote learning at any point during the school year. Families will have the opportunity to move between in person and the virtual pathway. They will be offered this now in lieu of at the first trimester.

Any change to the Preparedness Plan needs to be approved by the Board. Mr. Archibald stated that the Board won't be hearing much different with respect to the elementary change in the COVID-19 Learning Plan and gave them the option to go through the COVID-19 Learning Plan presentation before voting on this. Ms. Hanshaw asked the Board if they had a motion to approve regarding the revised COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan at this time.

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Mr. Abbate to move the vote regarding the Revised COVID-19 Preparedness Plan to follow Item 12A: SLCS Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan presentation.

Roll Call: Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

Ms. Hanshaw offered an opportunity for the Board to asked questions before they moved on.

Q: *Mr. Clark expressed concerns he has received from parents regarding the PPE requirements both for the students and teachers in the elementary as they accelerate to a start on October 12. He asked for a quick outline.*

A: *Mr. Archibald stated that as in the Preparedness Plan all students and staff will be required to wear a mask. This also refers to riding on a bus. Students will not be required to wear a mask while they are eating nor while they are at recess. If possible, we are looking at trying to schedule in some ways to do mask breaks at the elementary level throughout the day.*

Q: *Mr. Clark asked if the kids will be able to hear the teachers if they are behind a mask shield. Has the district experimented with this?*

A: *Mr. Archibald noted that he anticipates it will certainly pose some challenges, but he felt our teachers will be able to communicate effectively as we all learn to adapt and to adjust.*

Q: *Mr. Dashner asked Mr. Archibald if there have been any elementary closures in neighboring districts due to COVID in our general vicinity including Livingston County?*

A: *Mr. Archibald stated that the only one he was aware of was an elementary school that was closed and that was actually a staff-related issue prior to students ever showing up on campus. He thought it was related to their professional development day.*

Q: *Mr. Clark recognizes and acknowledges that the Administration has looked at how important it is for us to get the elementary kids back into the classrooms. Have they looked at possibly accelerating the secondary schools and bringing the dates a little bit forward to begin the hybrid?*

A: *Mr. Archibald stated that they did explore moving up the secondary timeline but decided to put more emphasis and planning at the elementary level. A majority of issues that we are seeing in and around us are occurring at the secondary level, particularly at the high school level. The exposure or positivity rate in the high school age demographic is higher from information we receive from Oakland County on a weekly basis.*

Q: *Ms. Hanshaw indicated that she had read somewhere that we have updated our filters and asked if they have been updated in all buildings?*

A: *Ms. Witt stated that all older HVAC systems that used the Marv 11 filters have been upgraded to the Marv 13 filters that are recommended by the state for this pandemic. The only buildings that we did not upgrade those filters already have more updated current HVAC systems that have an airflow and a circulation bringing air in from the outside.*

Ms. Hanshaw stated that according to the National Air Filters Association, the Marv 13 is the highest you can put in a building.

SLCS EXTENDED COVID-19 LEARNING PLAN

Mr. Archibald and Ms. Kudwa shared the South Lyon Community Schools Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan with the Board and community. Mr. Archibald began the presentation by explaining that they will cover the main components of the plan. On August 20 Governor Whitmer signed into law Public Acts 147, 148 and 149. These are the Return to Learn legislation pieces. As part of this recently adopted legislation, districts are required to develop extended coverage learning. Mr. Archibald emphasized that this plan is different than the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan that was required under Executive Order 142. The Preparedness Plan focuses on the mitigation measures that will be implemented to resume in-person instruction. The Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan focuses on elements that are more closely associated with instruction and learning.

The District's Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan describes the reading and math growth goals the district plans to achieve by the end of the school year, as measured by the NWEA MAP Growth assessment. The plan also addresses equity, the assurances required by the State of Michigan, the mode of instruction, the academic standards being met, and how students will be graded and assessed.

Details of the components were shared with the Board. Notification of the Extended Plan must be submitted to Oakland Schools for approval and posted on the transparency reporting link on the District website by October 1, 2020. Every 30 days thereafter, the district must re-confirm our instructional delivery model (in-person, remote, virtual) and share attendance rates for the district with Oakland Schools. In January and June 2021, the district will share information related to the progress made in meeting educational goals.

Any changes to the COVID-19 Preparedness & Response Plan that were approved by the Board of Education on August 10, 2020 require the SLCS Board of Education approval.

Mr. Archibald then shared the timelines for phasing a return to in-person instruction at the elementary and secondary levels.

There were questions from the Board regarding special education services, precautionary changes in the buildings, PPE supplies and substitute staffing in the buildings.

Mr. Archibald updated the Board on steps that have been taken to assure the Board that there are enough PPE supplies and guest teachers, sub custodians etc. to cover absences. They will keep evaluating and stay on top with staffing and supplies. Transportation has finished their routing, and there will be assigned seating on the buses according to their bus stops as well as an unloading and loading process for the students boarding and leaving the buses. Food Service is doing a 100% distribution. When kids come back in the elementary, the plan is that they will move to serving those kids lunch during the school day while still doing a distribution for the secondary that are in hybrid because they are only going to be attending one day a week. We still need to provide them with five meals per week. Their plan for the elementary is that when the kids leave for the day on Tuesday, they will have their Wednesday breakfast and lunch available for them to take home with them for the day they won't be reporting to school. They are still working through the scheduling on the specifics of the lunch day for the elementary. They are feeling very good at where they are at with the supplies and being able to handle bringing kids back. They also spoke to the social distancing challenges in the typical classroom relative to using plexiglass barriers.

Mr. Archibald complimented the staff who have been working hard to put things in place. He knows everything won't be perfect in every area, but they have a very good start.

There were additional questions from the Board regarding precautions being taken for students and staff.

Mr. Archibald took this opportunity to thank Oakland County for allocating CARES money to provide two nurses to each of the 28 districts in the county. They are available to us as full-time nurses.

RETURN TO ITEM 11a - VOTE ON APPROVAL OF THE REVISED COVID-19 PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE PLAN

Moved by Mr. Kennedy, supported by Mr. Clark to approve the Revised COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan as presented earlier. Mr. Clark also asked administration to consider accelerating the secondary school timeline if it is at all feasible. Our families want their kids back in the buildings. Mr. Dashner agreed with Mr. Clark is getting secondary kids back in school sooner. Ms. Hanshaw added that the Board wants to get all the kids back in school as soon as possible.

Roll Call: Ms. Hanshaw-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Clark-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

COVID REVENUES/EXPENSES TO DATE

Ms. Witt reported that the accompanying document in their board packet identifies all the COVID year-to-date revenues and expenditures as of September 21, 2020. The expenses are listed below.

- \$81,727.00 in PPE supplies (hand sanitizers, face masks, disposable gloves, face shields and signage)
- \$34,885 spent in plexiglass barriers for offices, teachers and student tables
- \$114,957 on remote learning software
- \$30,679 for webcams
- \$1,274,260 for chrome books
- also, the \$805,000 of teacher mobile laptops that was approved by the Board today.

Ms. Witt noted that without the laptops that were approved today, the total expenses on COVID related items are \$1,536,508.

The total additional COVID Revenues as of September 21, 2020 from the Federal Government include:

- \$3,066,000 CARES Funding
- \$165,000 in ESSER Funding

Ms. Witt noted the COVID Revenues as of September 21, 2020 come to a total of \$3,231,000.

Ms. Hanshaw congratulated Ms. Witt and her team for maintaining our Aa3 bond rating. It is a great thing for our district.

LEGISLATION

Mr. Archibald noted that there is no new legislation, and he hopes to have a budget soon.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ms. Hanshaw acknowledged the following board committee reports:

- **Legislative** – Mr. Clark stated that there has been a promise from the legislature to have a budget in place by the end of the month. It looks like it will be good numbers for us.
- **Policy** – The policy on gifts has been changed, and the Board only needs to vote on anything valued at \$500 or above. The Board was in agreement to also acknowledge gifts at each board meeting that are valued below \$500. The committee also discussed SAT requirements. It will be optional just for this year for seniors because they did not have the opportunity to take it in the Spring.
- **Finance** – A couple weeks ago they looked at revising the budget with the goal of freeing up dollars that they had cut but are still moving forward in a conservative manner because they don't know what next year will bring.
- **Facilities & Grounds** – They had a kickoff meeting after the bond vote with the committee, IDS and Barton Malow. They discussed the ground rules and set up how they will move forward with their meetings which will be monthly. They are moving forward with some design projects at this point meeting with stakeholders and buildings creating the list of the phasing projects. Certain projects will happen in Phase 1 and other projects in Phase 2 which keeps the bond money so they are not raising taxes on anybody, but still be able to do the full breadth of projects to the tune of \$97 million, which was the total Bond. They are starting to kick off, get some design and meetings going with stakeholder input and moving forward with some projects that hopefully will be seeing some shovel in the ground from spring to summer.
- **Curriculum & Communications** – Their next meeting is scheduled on October 8.
- **Oakland Schools Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee** – This new committee will meet once a month on Wednesdays. Their next meeting is scheduled next Wednesday. Carrie will attend. They will be discussing a tool kit that Oakland ISD has provided to schools. It is a newer tool kit to help schools with their Equity Inclusion and Diversity.

OTHER

There was no other information.

REPORTS

South Lyon Educational Foundation – Mr. Abbate stated that the leadership is looking forward to getting back to fundraising for the benefit of all of our students despite the pandemic challenges that are out there.

Technology Report - September 2020 – Ms. Hanshaw highlighted that the district has already distributed 2,900 chrome books and 50 hot spots. They still have another 200 to distribute. The Technology Department has created a direct phone line, email address and a service form that they are answering on a daily basis. They have already supported over 200 requests.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Hanshaw offered a second opportunity for public comments.

- *David Price* – Ms. Hanshaw mentioned that Mr. Price questioned how the Board can approve 100% student return at the elementary schools when they themselves are not willing to hold a board meeting in person with 12 people in a room that easily holds 10 times that.
- *Cara J.* – Ms. Hanshaw noted that Ms. J is concerned that the Board is meeting virtual, yet they are expecting to put 30 kids in a classroom.
- *Sarah* – Ms. Hanshaw stated that Cheryl Stockwell Elementary School is closed due to COVID.
- *Patti Miles* – Ms. Hanshaw stated that Ms. Miles thanked all the staff for a great online program. Her kids are enjoying it. She has a concern regarding the suggested plan for return. She supports a return to school, but in a smaller more manageable format. Reducing class size seems really important right now and wanted the Board to consider a way to do this.
- *Maureen M.* – Ms. Hanshaw indicated that Ms. M. stated that Bartlett does not have sinks in the classrooms. She wasn't sure if that was the case in all of the schools but does know many of them have access sinks for handwashing. She wanted to know how this will be made equitable for all students.
- *John Martyka* – Ms. Hanshaw mentioned that Mr. Martyka wanted to thank the Board and Administration for an excellent discussion this evening. He noted it was the best discussion he has heard that was based on science and data to date.
- *Mrs. Harold* – Ms. Hanshaw noted that Mrs. Harold felt that elementary parents are asked to make a decision with very little time. She would like the district to provide very clear information so that parents can make an educated decision. She asked the Board to address the following for parents to make a decision: lunch & recess, (children can play on playground structures that are never cleaned, but can't kick a ball? Sinks (soap/water) for schools without classroom sinks; will the kids have computers to use at school if they are all signed out?

Ms. Hanshaw reminded the community that they must use their first and last name to be acknowledged in public comments moving forward.

CORRESPONDENCE

Ms. Hanshaw acknowledged the following correspondence:

- Resignations
 - *Angela Drolet (Salem Elementary 2nd grade teacher)*
 - *Madison Skupin (CMS Special Education teacher)*
 - *Paige Young (Brummer 1st grade teacher)*

MEETING DATES

Ms. Hanshaw noted the following meeting dates.

- October 5, 2020, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- October 19, 2020, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- November 2, 2020, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- November 16, 2020, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- December 7, 2020, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- January 19, 2021, (Tuesday) Organizational/Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- February 1, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- March 1, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- March 15, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- April 19, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 3, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- May 17, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- June 7, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- June 21, 2021, Regular Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

BOARD COMMENTS

- *Mr. Schwegler* congratulated the Teachers of the Year and thanked them for the amazing service to the district. The COVID-19 Preparedness and Remote plan is a good first step. He trusts going forward after these last 4-5 weeks that they will continue to look at this moving target and continue to do what is best for the staff and students. He looks forward to seeing what they come up with next month when it has to be addressed again because the Board must meet and discuss this monthly. He thanked everyone who was involved in tonight's decision.
- *Ms. Urtel* also congratulated the three Teachers of the Year. The district as a whole has great teachers. In response to the COVID-19 decisions made, the Board and administration went into it with open minds listening to everyone. It is difficult for families. The plan now is excellent moving forward and getting kids in the classroom.
- *Mr. Clark* congratulated the three Teachers of the Year. He is excited getting the kids back to school. He noted there will be bumps in the road and protocol to follow. Remain patient and be calm.
- *Mr. Dashner* also congratulated the three Teachers of the Year. He welcomed the new teachers to the district. The teachers, administration and Board have the best for children in mind. In response to virtual meetings vs in-person, emergency orders limit indoor gatherings to 10 people and makes it difficult for the Board to have in-person meetings.
- *Mr. Kennedy* stated that the Board does strive to be able to conduct meetings in person again. He congratulated the three Teachers of the Year. He thanked the rest of the staff for helping the district get through something we've never done before. He asked for everyone's patience and flexibility to make it work.

- *Mr. Abbate* also offered his congratulations to the Teachers of the Year. He thanked everyone for their service. He also thanked all the teachers, administration and staff for responding to the enormous pressure with grace and skill. He stated that six members of the Board have kids in our schools. They range from preschool to seniors in high school and represent every level and type of education. He stated the Board is also feeling the concern and uncertainty that the community feels. We as a community can't be divided. We all want success and safety for our students. Assume the Board and Administration have the best intentions. He thanked everyone for their patience and noted they will do everything they can to keep our kids safe and make this year successful.
- *Ms. Hanshaw* congratulated the Teachers of the Year. She asked Mr. Archibald to get some pictures when he is delivering them so they can be posted on the website. She gave a shout out to the elementary secretaries and high school and middle school counselors who worked very hard the last week before school started. She also thanked Food Service for the phenomenal job they are doing. She noted that thanks to the USDA, all meals are free for all of our students who are 18 or under and or special needs students who are 26 or under. Lastly, she recognized the teachers who have gone above and beyond to make the start of school feel as real and normal as possible for her special needs child. She looks forward to getting the students back in October.

ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Clark, supported by Ms. Urtel to adjourn the meeting at 9:26 p.m.

Roll Call: Mr. Clark-yes, Ms. Urtel-yes, Mr. Schwegler-yes, Mr. Dashner-yes, Mr. Abbate-yes, Mr. Kennedy-yes, Ms. Hanshaw-yes. Motion carries 7 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,



Anthony Abbate, Secretary
Board of Education