

THE HARRIS-LAKE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MET IN THE COMMONS OF THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ON NOVEMBER 16TH, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE ORGANIZATIONAL/REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Directors Goodell, Hibma, Stahly, Elser and Bensley; Superintendent Irwin, Principal Hiemstra and Secretary Gunderson. The following persons were in attendance and spoke to the Board regarding Covid 19 Mitigation: Tracy Anderson, Shirley Taylor, Stan Anderson, Kayla Aeikens, Kathy Greve, Amy Osler, Julie Christenson, Sarah Prevot, Ed Jones, TC Ingham and Shakira Meyer. Also in attendance were: Craig Jacobsma, Grace Heikens, Kathy Winters, Katie Goodell, Neal Luitjens, Rebecca Luitjens, Ashley Hibma, Kim Renken, Jamie Renken, Rachel Tanner, Steph Jacobsma, Terryn Christensen, Carol Rowe, Taylor Hummel, Ashley Delaney, Becca Matthiesen, Lori Murphy, Lacy Wittrock, Melissa Irwin, Landon Greve, Dylan Meyer and Devin Meyer.

The Board began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The regular meeting was called to order by President Stahly at 6:00pm.

A motion was made by Director Elser, seconded by Goodell to approve the agenda, items 3-5 as printed. Motion carried 5-0.

The first 30 minutes of the meeting the Board heard comments from citizens about COVID-19 mitigation.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Bensley, that the Board approve the bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$259,375.17, bills from the Activity Fund in the amount of \$3,438.49 from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$623.25 from the Management Fund in the amount of \$197.00 and from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$17,584.02 and also approve the Minutes, Secretary's Reports, Activity and Food Service Reports. Motion carried 5-0.

(The bills are listed at the end of this document and by this mention become a part hereof.)

The Board discussed Covid-19 Mitigation at length. Superintendent Irwin reported today the County Positivity Rate is 21.5%. Mr. Irwin discussed our current COVID numbers and absentee rates. After much discussion, Director Bensley made a motion to mandate masks until the next regular meeting. That motion died due to lack of a second. Director Elser made a motion to require face masks for grades 6-12 where a child cannot social distance 6 feet or more and is around another child for more than 15 minutes. She would ask that administration work with teachers to allow kids to social distance in their classes when possible. This would allow the kids to remove their masks as often as possible. Hopefully with these steps our district can continue our education with face to face instruction and not have to take the next step. The mitigation process should continue to be placed on the agenda monthly as things are constantly changing. This will allow the Board to reevaluate things regularly. A second was made by Director Goodell. Motion carried 5-0.

The Board took a ten minute recess.

The Organizational meeting was called to order by Superintendent Irwin at 7:25pm.

Superintendent Irwin called for nominations for Board President. Director Hibma nominated Director Elser. Paper ballots were given to Mr. Irwin in favor of Director Arin Elser. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

Secretary Gunderson administered the oath of office to President Elser.

President Elser called for nominations for Board Vice-President. Director Stahly nominated Director Hibma. Director Hibma nominated director Stahly. Paper ballots were given to President Elser in favor of Director Stahly. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 5-0.

Secretary Gunderson administered the oath of office to Vice-President Stahly.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Stahly to hold regular monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month at 6:00pm in room 9B of the Middle/High School Building. Motion carried 5-0.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Goodell to adopt Roberts Rule of Order to conduct School Board Meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

President Elser adjourned the Organizational Meeting at 7:35pm.

The Board entered into the new business of the meeting.

Director Stahly made a motion, seconded by Bensley to approve agenda items 10-13. Motion carried 5-0.

Elementary Principal, Andy Irwin, reported he would have brought a teacher back as an essential worker but now he is not comfortable with that due to no mask mandate at the elementary. He also may have to consider closing the preschool until Thanksgiving. Grandparents Day was canceled at the elementary but students are working on a video to send a message to all grandparents.

Secondary Principal, Greg Hiemstra, reported this is our 3rd year of doing late starts for professional development. The October PD was used to put in more mitigation efforts. Last Monday the teachers had a choice between technology, personalization or giving choice. Teachers could also receive renewal credits.

Superintendent Irwin reported we will have a conversation with Piper Sandler regarding financing for facility's needs. With no mask mandates at the elementary, large numbers will have to quarantine with a positive case. Social distancing is impossible on the buses. We have two staff members at the elementary with spouses who are positive. Their quarantine doesn't start until their spouse is in the clear. Mr. Irwin will have to review everything at the elementary.

Director Goodell made a motion, seconded by Bensely to approve the first reading of the following Board policies: 503.5-Student Activity Program, 503.6-Interscholastic Competition, 503.7-Student Conduct Rule, 503.8-Student Attendance at Events Outside of School, 503.9-Student Honors and Awards and 503.10 Fines-Fees-Charges, Motion carried 5-0.

President Elser adjourned the meeting @ 7:50 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, December 21st, 2020 @ 6:00pm in the commons of the MS/HS building.

Mindy Gunderson
Board Secretary

Arin Elser
President, Board of Education