

THE HARRIS-LAKE PARK COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION MET IN THE COMMONS OF THE MIDDLE/HIGH SCHOOL ON OCTOBER 20th, 2020 AT 6:00 P.M. FOR THE PURPOSE OF HOLDING THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING. PRESENT WERE THE FOLLOWING PERSONS: Directors Goodell, Hibma, Stahly and Elser; Superintendent Irwin, Principal Hiemstra and Secretary Gunderson. Visitors were: Evan Bensley, Steph Jacobsma and Daryl 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 as printed. Motion carried 4-0.

Daryl Meyer commented on the COVID-19 mitigation. He urged the Board to keep looking at the mask mandate. This could stop large quarantine situations.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Elser, that the Board approve the bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$298,206.28, bills from the Activity Fund in the amount of \$6,915.28 from the Capital Projects Fund in the amount of \$323.25, from the Management Fund in the amount of \$101.18 and from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$17,840.09 and also approve the minutes, Secretary's Reports, Activity and Food Service Reports. Ayes: Elser, Goodell, Stahly and Hibma. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Evan Bensley was interviewed by the board to fill a vacancy for Director District #5.

Elementary Principal Andy Irwin reported conferences will be held all of next week. We did offer a virtual option but most parents opted for in person. Parents were urged to keep kids at home and limit numbers at the conference. Social distancing will be in place. Due to the change in evaluations Mr. Irwin has been in the classrooms more and has seen a lot of good lessons that focus on our vision. The elementary has started a "Batting for Books" challenge. Due to mitigation efforts we will cancel Grandparents day this year.

Mr. Hiemstra reported on conferences next week as well. This year all teachers will be in their classrooms. Parents can request a virtual conference or a phone call. Conferences will be the same hours as previous years. SAT (Student Assistance Team) will begin on October 28th. SAT has been trending in the right direction in reducing failing grades for students. Wolves Den has been added to the morning for advisory time and to check grades. Also added is a time for teachers to meet during SAT to collaborate. Due to mitigation efforts we will not have project 60 this year.

Superintendent Irwin reported the Board will meet on November 2nd at 5:00 for the facilities study. There will be a short special meeting prior to the facilities board workshop. We will buy 2 pushers and lease a skid loader from John Deere for snow removal this year. We can now count virtual snow days as a school day. There are also snows days built into the schedule. Superintendent Irwin discussed a trial run for a virtual day. He would like student contact days and teacher contract days to align at the end of the school year. Professional Development will be held in November to help teachers prepare for virtual snow days.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Goodell to approve the DLT Team contract for Sarah deVries. Motion carried 4-0.

The Board discussed COVID-19 mitigation at length. Mr. Irwin reported a COVID-19 tab has been added to our website. Today we have 6 on line students. To date 34 students have been quarantined. 1 teacher was quarantined today and we have had 3 other teachers quarantined due to contact tracing. To date we have had zero positive cases in our buildings. In reviewing the updated guidelines, if everyone is wearing a mask, only the positive case has to quarantine. The other close contacts will self monitor. Mr. Hiemstra reported on MS/HS mitigation. The scheduled

PD day was all about enhanced mitigation. A contact tracing case study was given to the board. New seating charts are put in place based on alphabetical order in efforts for students to sit by the same 4-5 students throughout the day. Seating charts are in place at lunch. We will social distance in rooms whenever possible. Teachers are cleaning during their prep periods. Superintendent Irwin is recommending a mask mandate. This will keep the most kids in school under the new guidance. There will be times students could take off their masks when social distancing is possible. It is tough for students to be successful when taking classes on line. We must be aware that without a mask mandate, large numbers of students could be quarantined. Rapid testing is now available in Dickinson County. We will continue with mitigation efforts and improved communication.

The certified enrollment has increased by 3 students from 292 in 2019 to 295 in 2020. 295 will be the student count we use to prepare our budget Open enrollment out has remained the same at 30 students. Open enrollment in has increased from 26 students to 33 students.

Director Hibma made a motion, seconded by Elser to appoint Evan Bensley to Director District #5. A roll call vote was taken. Motion carried 4-0.

President Stahly adjourned the meeting @ 7:32 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Monday, November 16th, 2020 @ 6:00pm in the commons of the MS/HS building.

Mindy Gunderson
Board Secretary

Doug Stahly
President, Board of Education