

Special Meeting
Howards Grove School District
Board of Education
December 7, 2020

Having been duly noticed, the special meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Dave Loomis. Board members present: Mrs. Bramstedt, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Pahl, Mrs. Siemers, and Mr. Stoeckigt. Administrators present: Tracy Bandt, Jason Cole, Chris Peterson; Josh Swanson, and Heather Zizis. Also present: Kate Elder, Abby Hawkinson, Al Meyer, Lisa Schultz, and Chris Woller. Approximately 43 staff and community members viewed the meeting by remote access technology.

1. Public Input:

Al Meyer addressed the School Board with regard to COVID-19 making a request for more time for in person student learning. Mr. Meyer thanked the teachers, school board, and administration for their efforts on behalf of the students and families, and asked the board to support the administration in the work that they are doing.

Kate Elder acknowledged all of the work the administration and teachers are doing to continue in person student learning, and presented numerous statistics and data related to the current pandemic situation.

2. The Board and administration discussed COVID-19 updates, protocols and options. The district, in cooperation with the Sheboygan County Health Department, is reviewing the new quarantine guidelines for exposure. The district is also working on a plan to bring back all co-curricular activities.

3. Amber Drewieske, representing the CLA auditing firm, and Josh Swanson presented the financial statements and audit report for the 2019-2020 school year. It was noted that the district rated fairly in all material aspects, and has a very healthy fund balance.

4. The Board reviewed and discussed draft copies of the 2021-2022 and the 2022-2023 school year calendars.

Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Siemers, to convene in closed session as set forth in Section 19.85 (1)(b),(c),(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the discipline, employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of employee(s); and to consider personal history as it relates to a specific person(s).
Vote by the Board: Bramstedt, aye; Stoeckigt, aye; Pahl, aye; Siemers, aye; Loomis, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to reconvene in open session for possible action on items discussed in closed session.

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to approve the resignation agreement with Ben Gasper effective December 8, 2020. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Siemers, to adjourn at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.



Kari Bramstedt, Board Clerk