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**Special Board Meeting**  
**Zoom Link**

**Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021**  
**4:00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**BOARD MEMBERS AND OTHERS PRESENT**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Board Chair-Josh Thompson, Board Vice-Chair-Carol Mitchell, Howard Fetz, Melissa Huntley, Rob Miles, and Joan Stark

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Tamarra Ferguson

**ADMIN PRESENT:** Ryan Wraught, Jim Hull, and Aimee Hovis

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Robin Austin, Candy Barnett, Mary Beechler, Aimee Bell, Kathy Benson, Marcy Brown, Heather Carter, Tonya Duling, Heidi Gibson, Jorma Henson, Megan Henson, Krista Howell, Shelly Iverson, Necia Jackson, Paul Koerschgen, Sandra Knight, Josh Kurtz, Torie Packard, Crystal Penanec, Marni Maleyft, Claudette McAllister, Jade McCoy, Gretchen McCoy, Sheri Olson, Cindy Shirley, Lisa Silvey, Jamie Sowell, JC Udey, Rose Udey, Emilie Williamson

**1. CALL TO ORDER at 4:03 PM.**

**2. BOARD DISCUSSION**

Item A:

Reopening Plan and Liability: Superintendent Ryan Wraught presented slide show explaining risks and liabilities of reopening. He presented timeline of what has happened with ODE guidance and options that the school board could take for reopening.

Joan Stark suggested that we distance kids and have kids individually at their desks to provide spacing needed.

Carol Mitchell asked if we could take the less conservative route to help kids get back into school due to how many kids are struggling with grades, social interaction, and mental health.

**3. COMMENTS FROM AUDIENCE ABOUT AGENDA/NON-AGENDA ITEMS**

Shelly Iverson: Asked if the district could have families sign a liability release form.

Rob Miles: Explained that the liability form will not hold up in court if the school is sued.

Candy Barnett: Asked if Safe Harbor has been extended so school can reopen.

Ryan Wraught: Safe Harbor has expired.

Torie Packard: Asked how is it going to affect kids who are coming in tutoring support now.

Ryan Wraught: Stated that tutoring will still continue for students that are distance learning.

Paul Koerschgen: Asked will there be multiple bus routes to provide social distancing?

Ryan Wraught: Yes, there will be one bus route for K-6 and a second bus route that will be for 7<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> grade that starts two hours later. This keeps the cohorts where they need to be. K-6<sup>th</sup> school day is from 8 am to 2pm. 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> school day is from 10am-4pm.

Sandra Knight: Stated that she wants kids to come back to school but I don't want school to start until it is safe. I also recommend not starting until the 25<sup>th</sup> due to how the semester calendar is.

Marni Maleyft: Expressed that she is concerned on the most recent grade check. Kids say it is hard to do school at home due to motivation and other barriers. Can we have community study groups to help kids?

Candy Barnett: Shared that it has been over 300 days since her child has been in school.

Heather Carter: Explained it is hard to plan for students when we flip and flop between distance and in class instruction. Teachers need more notice because a couple days' notice isn't enough to get things planned.

#### **4. BOARD ACTION ITEMS**

A. Reopening Plan and Liability

**MOTION:** Rob Miles moved to have the school district take the less conservative reopen plan to have K-8<sup>th</sup> grade start in class instruction on January 11<sup>th</sup> and high school start on January 19<sup>th</sup>.

**SECOND:** Melissa Huntley

**VOTING:** Passed unanimously

#### **5. ADJOURNMENT OF REGULAR MEETING at 4:48 PM.**

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