

Special Meeting
Howards Grove School District
Board of Education
January 11, 2021

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. Pahl, Mr. Loomis, Mrs. Siemers, Mr. Stoeckigt. Administrators present: Tracy Bandt, Jason Cole, Scott Fritz, Chris Peterson; Josh Swanson, and Heather Zizis. Also present: Lisa Schultz; and Jody Andres, Rob Koehler, and Kim Eparvier representing Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction. Approximately 17 staff and community members viewed the meeting by remote access technology.

1. Public Input: There was no one registered for the public input session of this meeting.

2. The Board and administration discussed COVID-19 updates related to student and staff attendance since the winter break. As compared to this time frame one year ago, the attendance numbers are relatively the same and are tracking pretty well. The administration will monitor the numbers for another week with hope the Board will make a decision on January 18 to continue with the hybrid dual platform of teaching, or return to all-in person classes. The CDC's new quarantine guidelines were also discussed. The district will continue using the 14 day quarantine guideline.

3. Representatives from Hoffman Planning, Design & Construction addressed the Board regarding the potential construction of a new middle school and other capital improvements at the high school and the elementary school. Mr. Peterson shared that the community survey data will be available later this week. The Board will be considering all of the information relative to a Spring referendum.

4. Due to the expiration of the federal FFCRA employee leave options, Josh Swanson and Chris Peterson presented policy considerations for the Board to review related to employee COVID leave.

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

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to adjourn at 7:02 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.



Kari Bramstedt, Board Clerk