

Special Meeting
Howards Grove School District
Board of Education
March 1, 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. Approximately 19 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.

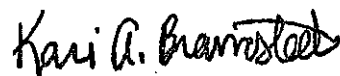
2. The Board and administrators discussed COVID-19 updates related to student and staff attendance. Overall the number of absences has remained consistent; however, a slight increase in absences has been noted at the Middle School. Everything at the high school went smoothly today-the first day with all students in person. Small pockets of absences are expected to pop up, but the numbers will be monitored over the next several weeks. Superintendent Peterson commended the principals for contacting the families of the virtual students who have decided to return to in person learning.

3. Chris Peterson reported that plans for the middle school referendum are moving forward as discussed. The design for the high school entry has been modified to include the high school office only and not guidance or athletics. Informational meetings for community members will be held on March 2 and March 22; tours of the middle school will be provided on March 3, 10, 17, and 24. Information will be provided in the next district newsletter as well as on the district website.

4. Josh Swanson and Chris Peterson shared Forecast 5 analysis information on the district's enrollment, staffing, and expenditures. The trend over the last ten years indicates positive consistency in those three categories. The Board commended Mr. Swanson and asked for analysis of additional categories at future meetings.

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to convene in closed session as set forth in Section 19.85(1)(c)(f) of the Wisconsin Statutes to consider the 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; Siemers, aye; Pahl, aye; Loomis, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mr. Stoeckigt, to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.



Kari Bramstedt, Board Clerk