

Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School
Special Board Meeting
October 9, 2020

The special meeting of the Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School Governing Board was called to order by: Dave Clapp at 5:00 p.m. in the multi purpose gym. The following members were in attendance: Dave Clapp, Cheryl Brumett, Robert Danner, Jeremy Deck, Steve Lane, John Petersen, and Tricia Hagley. Also in attendance was Brent Rademacher, Scott Watson, BH superintendent and Dr. Crystal Johnson, Rossville-Alvin superintendent.

A motion was made by Robert Danner and second by Jeremy Deck to approve the agenda for the meeting. Motion passed.

Guests: Tom Johnson, Jim Ribbe, Phil Benjamin, Kim Darby, Gary Tidwell, Stephanie Tidwell, Monique Lusk, Cara Garmon Bracewell, Jill Bryant, Jason Miller, Justin Thorlton, Todd Moreman, and Nate Mojonnier.

Comments:

Monique Lusk would like the board reconsider the vote on not letting golf and cross country to continue due to school being closed for students for the next two weeks. She would like to see them be able to finish their seasons. Kim Darby agreed with the comment. Cara Garmon Bracewell also was in favor for athletes to finish their seasons. Jason Miller felt like it should be voted on when the entire Cooperative school board could be there to vote. He is in favor also since these are low risk sports and all guidelines would be followed. Justin Thorlton is also in favor if finishing the season. He commented how hard the kids have practiced. Stephanie Tidwell is also in favor of finishing the season. These two sports are not high risk to children. She stated that suicide is more of a risk for children than covid-19. She felt like sports is what is keeping some of these children going and that we need to consider the kids in this vote.

Dave Clapp said he puts education first and sports second. His feelings are if we can't be in school we shouldn't participate in sports.

Cheryl Brumett read a letter to the parents and the board members. She feels we are responsible for keeping the children safe. She feels we are sending wrong message by saying the kids can't go to school where they are wearing mask and social distancing, but they can participate in sports. She also said that social media shows athletes are not always practicing social distancing and no masks during their athletic events.

Jeremy Deck and Robert Danner does not want to take the end of season away from these athletes.

John Petersen is in favor of letting athletes to finish their season. He feels the athletics help kids to do better in school.

Steve Lane also agrees to let kids finish their season.

Tricia Hagley made comment that we were not forced to close the school, that we did as a precautionary measure. We are letting Dr. Ed. Continue and opening school for those students who are

struggling to come in and get extra help during this shut down. We will also have students come in to take the PSAT and SAT tests. So she is in favor of letting athletes continue their season.

Mr. Rademacher said we are doing our best to follow all of the covid-19 criteria. We might be overacting to shut down school, but felt like it would help with the cases we have and the ones who are in quarantine. We are trying to follow all of the guidelines in place at this time.

David Clapp reminded everyone that we vote for things as a board and it doesn't matter how many are there to vote as long as there is a quorum to vote.

A motion was made by Robert Danner and seconded by John Petersen to overturn the vote and let the golf and cross country team to finish their season. Roll call vote was taken. Motion carried with a 5-2 vote.

A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded by Robert Danner to adjourn meeting at 5:42 p.m. Motion passed.

President

Secretary