

Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School  
Governing Board Meeting  
November 9, 2020

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:01p.m. by David Clapp.

Roll call: Robert Danner, John Petersen, Steve Lane and David Clapp. Jeremy Deck, Tricia Hagley and Cheryl Brumett were also in attendance via Zoom meeting. Also present Brent Rademacher, Phil Benjamin, Scott Watson – Superintendent for BHRA and Dr. Crystal Johnson – superintendent for Rossville-Alvin.

A motion was made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by Robert Danner to approve the agenda for tonight meeting. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded by Robert Danner to approve the October 13, 2020 minutes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded by Steve Lane to approve paying the bills for this month. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed.

Guests:

Jim Ribbe, Janie Ray, Sherry Decker, Ray Hughes, Mike Meidel, Lisa Miller, Jason Miller, Clint McCool, Eric Taylor, Audrey Taylor, Mason Hackman, Asa Ray, Elijah Tidwell, Michael Hackman, Braden Sackett, Ethan Edwards, Brody Sexton, Noah Gomez, Gary Tidwell, Heather Meidel, Brett Meidel, Kari Taylor, Michelle Hackman, Jamie Elson, Hayden Rice, Nichole Rice, Cade Howie, Murad Abbed, K.J. Brown, Jodie Krout, Brooke Edington, Fred Mikalik and Stephanie Tidwell.

Girls and Boys Basketball Season:

The IDPH and Governor Pritzker moved Basketball this season is to the high-risk category with the pandemic. High-risk sports are not allowed to be played under current Covid conditions. The IHSA however does not agree and has provided evidence that suggests that students need to be involved in athletics and can safely participate in basketball. This effectively puts the decisions on each individual district. Working with our legal team they have advised us to follow guidelines of the governor and the IDPH, because the school and school board members could be held personally responsible.

Some of the parents spoke on the issues. They feel kids should be able to play with masks, how could they prove if anyone got Covid from playing basketball. It is safer to play at school with safety procedures rather than a group of kids playing basketball on their own time. The impact it is having on the kids is very stressful, they just want to play, the seniors hate to miss out on their last year of playing high school basketball. The question was brought up about insurance covering any Covid cases that could happen while playing basketball. Insurance companies do not offer this. Mr. Watson has talked with a lot of state representatives, and the state health department who will not return his phone calls. Coach Tidwell did a lot of research on the cases of Covid the data does not show a huge risk. More teens are suffering from depression because of canceling sport programs. We should not live in fear but live by faith. Our neighboring states have been able to play their sport seasons, our kids just want to play.

The kids that spoke say this is so hard on them, it is depressing, nothing to look forward to. The teams are like their families and they just love playing basketball.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to go into closed session at 5:48p.m. Discussion was held over the basketball season.

A motion was made by Steve Lane and seconded by John Petersen to go to open session at 6:12p.m.

A motion was made by Cheryl Brumett and Steve Lane to follow IDPH guidelines. Motion passed. Jim Ribbe asked the board if the players could at least practice against one another in practice instead of just conditioning. They would wear masks and use hand sanitizer.

A motion was made by John Petersen and Robert Danner to allow basketball to practice with full contact & review in 30 days. Motion failed.

Fall Sports reports:

Cross Country: Boys team finished first in the VVC, and were also county champions. The girl's team finished second in County.

Eli Monjonner finished third in regional and 3<sup>rd</sup> in sectional and 18<sup>th</sup> in the unofficial state meet. Gabi Moreman finished 1<sup>st</sup> in county, 1<sup>st</sup> in VVC 3<sup>rd</sup> in regional 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> in unofficial State meet.

The golf team was the VVC Champs and the varsity record was 16-7.

A motion was made Steve Lane and seconded by Robert Danner to accept Stephanie Mathis resignation as girls P.E. teacher. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Danner and seconded by Cheryl Brumett to grant Jolyn Clapp maternity leave starting April 5. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Danner and seconded by John Petersen to extend Brent Rademacher-principal contract for 5 years. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Robert Danner and seconded by John Petersen to extend Phil Benjamin, assistant principal contract. Motion passed.

A motion was made by John Petersen and Steve Lane to adjourn the meeting at 6:46p.m. Motion passed.

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