

Board of Education
Howards Grove School District
High School Library
March 15, 2021

President Dave Loomis called the regular monthly meeting of the School District of Howards Grove to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Loomis noted that the meeting had been posted as prescribed by law and the news media notified.

Board members present: Mrs. Bramstedt, Mr. Loomis, Mr. Pahl, Mrs. Siemers, and Mr. Stoeckigt. Advisory Board Members present (virtually): Jeff Grunewald, Allison Kunze, and Kim Tess. Administrators present: Tracy Bandt, Jason Cole, Scott Fritz, Chris Peterson, Josh Swanson; and Heather Zizis. Also present: Lisa Schultz, Chris Woller. Approximately 20 staff and community members viewed the meeting by remote access technology.

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to approve the agenda as printed. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Siemers, to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2021 Special Board Meeting and the February 15, 2021 Regular Board Meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Bramstedt, second by Mr. Pahl, to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Mrs. Siemers, noting a date correction on the printed report, along with the following vouchers payable for the month of February:

#10 - General Fund	}	\$ 918,654.21
#27 - Special Education Fund		
#50 - Food Service Fund		
#30 - Debt Service Fund		\$ 0.00

Motion carried, 5-0.

There were no amendments to the 2020-21 adopted budget this month.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Wed., March 17: Open House/Tour of Middle School Facilities, 6:00-7:00 pm

Thurs.-Sat., March 18-20: High School Performance of *The Great All American Musical Disaster*,
HGCA Auditorium, 7:00 pm (Tickets available on-line or at the door)

Mon., March 22: Referendum Informational Meeting, HGCA Auditorium, 5:30 pm and streamed live
on HGCA YouTube Channel

The Board acknowledged and extended their gratitude and appreciation to the following individuals and/or organizations for their support of the school district and the students through their generosity of the following donations:

Millersville Rec Association and the Howards Grove Athletic Association each donated \$880 toward the cost of a coach bus for the Girls basketball team to travel to the State Basketball Tournament.

ACTION ITEMS

1. Motion by Mr. Stoeckigt, second by Mr. Pahl, to return to a regular daily & weekly schedule at all three buildings beginning Monday, April 5th, with Wednesday's returning to a normal early release day. Motion carried, 5-0.
2. Motion by Mr. Stoeckigt, second by Mr. Pahl, to appoint Lisa Schultz and Chris Peterson as district canvassers of the results of the spring school board election, to be supervised by Kari Bramstedt, Board Clerk. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to approve the summer school course offerings for 2021 as recommended. Motion carried, 5-0.
4. Motion by Mr. Stoeckigt, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to accept the letter of resignation from Mrs. Heather Zizis, with great regret. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to change the date of the April special school board meeting to April 12, 2021. Motion carried, 5-0.

OTHER REPORTS**1. Building Reports****Northview Elementary – Submitted by Jason Cole, Principal**

- AIMSweb Spring assessments for Kindergarten through 4th grade occurring the week before Spring Break.
- Preparation for Forward Exam is in full swing. 3rd and 4th graders will be taking the Forward Exam in the month of April. We'll be using Chromebooks in classrooms.
 - Thank you Amanda O'Connell for leading test administrating set-up with staff
- Red Nose Day
 - Joke-Ha-Thon in April
 - National Red Nose Day is in May

Pupil Services – Submitted by Tracy Bandt, Special Education Coordinator & School Psychologist

- I'd like to call attention to Mental Health America, a local agency that provides a number of supports for families throughout our community (from support groups around a variety of topics, mindfulness tools and strategies, community events, and connections to area therapists, etc.) and would like to encourage you to go to their website: <https://mhasheboygan.org>
- Thank you to Jessica Luecke who has served as our DAC this school year. Thank you David Hickmann, Jessica Luecke, Krista Neave, and Miranda Lorenz, for all their preparation and organization of our ACT testing this past week.
- Thank you to our staff for all their support for their colleagues, students, and families as people have been dealing with difficult situations. The power of that connection is strong and can make all the difference in the world.

Middle School – Submitted by Heather Zizis, Principal

- At the Middle School we are in the middle of our volleyball and wrestling season. Planning is well underway for the MS track season which will begin in the beginning of April. Thank you to Ann Parnitzke and Gary Kalk for their ongoing work to plan and organize Middle School athletics.
- Planning for the Forward exam has begun. Middle School students will be taking the exam the last week of April and first week in May. Thank you, Jessica Luecke, for serving as the District Assessment Coordinator and our School Assessment Coordinator on top of her regular job responsibilities as school counselor.
- Middle School staff will have the opportunity to participate in the Mindful Educator Series, professional development provided by Mental Health America in April. This is an 8-hour training which will result in staff understanding mindfulness, its benefits, and a plan for implementation at the Middle School. This initiative is one I feel very strong about after seeing my own children benefit greatly from Mindfulness at Northview. Thank you, Jessica Luecke, for working with MHA to organize.

High School – Submitted by Scott Fritz, Principal

- Make up exams for the ACT and Pre-ACT are being scheduled and will be completed soon.
- Plans for the Forward exam and Aspire Exams have started. The exams are being scheduled in their test window for the end of April and early May. Students will use their chrome books for these exams.
- Spring sports seasons will be beginning soon. The AD's met last week to discuss the WIAA spring recommendations. The Big East principal's will be meeting to discuss this week.
- The play "The Great All-American Musical Disaster" will be this Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 7:00 PM - each cast member was given the opportunity to sell 4 tickets for each show to limit crowd size. Thank you to all the hard work of the performers, stage crew and directors - Sara Bornheimer and Zach Holzer.

Business Office – Submitted by Josh Swanson, Business Manager

- Analytic of the Month: Last month we discussed district expenses compared to other districts. This month focuses on what revenue we are able to generate by statute (revenue cap) and total revenue per student. The comparisons provided were done to both, the peer group and to other local school districts.
- Tax Collection: The district has received \$3,442,882.90 of property tax collections through February, leaving \$1,254,308.10 remaining to be collected. A small portion is expected in April (lottery credit), but the majority of the remaining balance will not be received until mid to late August. We have received 73% of our total tax levy, which is comparable to amounts collected last year.
- Education Stabilization Funding:
 - CARES Act (March 2020) provided the first round of funding, which was \$40,000. Through February we have spent \$101,478. The CRRSA Act (December 2020) will provide at least \$100,000. This can be applied for in April or May, with immediate reimbursement expected for costs already incurred. An additional portion is expected either in the summer or fall, with the final allocation to be determined based on in-person instruction hours. This funding can be used to safely reopen schools, and assessing and addressing learning loss.
 - ESSER III funding was just approved. Round 3 is even larger than round 2 (\$122.88 vs \$828 for K-12 schools), but has come with additional restrictions such as at least a 20% reserve to address learning loss and provide equitable participation (private school share). DPI is currently reviewing the language and will provide information about allocations and allowable costs as soon as possible.

District – Submitted by Chris Peterson, Superintendent

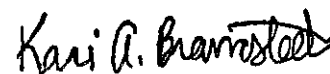
- I am happy to report that Harms Bus Company has repaired 4 of the 6 busses that were vandalized last week. Special thanks to Kobussen Bus Company for their loaner busses while Harms repaired their fleet.
- Open Enrollment Season is in full swing. We have received 21 open enrollment applications requesting to transfer-in to the Howards Grove School District. 14 of those applications are for “new” students who have never attended Howards Grove; and 4 of those applications are for siblings of currently open enrolled students. We also have 13 applications requesting to transfer out of the district. Five of these applicants are currently attending our district; and of those, 2 are applying to a virtual school.
 - Next month we will be bringing to the Board our recommendations for initial staffing for the 2021-2022 school years based off our enrollment projections.
 - Please know that enrollment fluctuates significantly over the next several months due to open enrollment.
- Vaccination for district staff has been going well. Just today we received our information from Aurora regarding vaccinations. Many of our staff had had the opportunity to get vaccinated through Prevea, the county, or other venues, but now Aurora adds one more opportunity.
- We have our next Insurance Center meeting coming up April 13th. We will be meeting with a representative from Pareto (a consortium for partial self-funded districts). I will be getting more information out to each of you in the coming weeks.

2. Referendum Update

- An informational meeting will be held in the Howards Grove Center for the Arts Auditorium on Monday, March 22 from 5:30-6:30 pm. The meeting can also be viewed on the Howards Grove Center for the Arts YouTube page.
- Open Houses at the Middle School will be held on March 17 and 24, from 6:00-7:00 pm. Tours will be semi-guided and will provide an opportunity to see the current conditions of the Middle School. Masks and social distancing will be required at all meetings.
- Three separate mailings are planned before the April 6 vote.
 - The district newsletter should be arriving in mailboxes this week.
 - A flyer is scheduled to be mailed before Spring Break
 - The final mailing (prior to April 6) will be a simple postcard reminder
- A Zoom informational meeting is being considered. The date is yet to be determined.
- See district website for updated information www.hgsd.k12.wi.us

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to convene into closed session as set forth in Section 19.85 (1) (c),(e) of the Wisconsin Statutes to deliberate the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of employee(s), for conducting other specified public business whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session, and for discussion related to negotiations. Vote by the Board: Bramstedt, aye; Stoeckigt, aye; Siemers, aye; Pahl, aye; Loomis, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Siemers, to adjourn at 9:23 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.



Kari Bramstedt, Board Clerk