

Special Meeting
Howards Grove School District
Board of Education
April 12, 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, and Josh Swanson. Also present: Lisa Schultz. Approximately 16 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. Josh Swanson provided the Board with projection information related to the 2021-22 budget, indicating there are a number of unknown variables such as the state's budget, summer school enrollment and the 3rd Friday student count that will all have an effect on the revenue limit and tax levy portions of the budget. He also indicated that there may be another opportunity to pay down some debt (Fund 38) before June 30th using left over end of the year funds, or fund balance monies.

3. Chris Peterson reported on the following topics:

Mask Mandate: Based on the recommendation of the Sheboygan County Health Department and the positive attendance trend, the administration recommends continuing with the mask requirement currently in place.

Insurance Committee: There will be a meeting with the Insurance Center on Tuesday, April 13 to discuss the district's participation in a partially self-funded consortium for health insurance. A timeline was shared with the Board.

Job Postings for Middle School Principal and Business Manager: The district has received 25 applications for the Middle School Principal job posting. Four applications have been received for the Business Manager position.

Election/Referendum: Congratulations to Janina Siemers and Dave Loomis on being re-elected to the School Board. The results of the referendum vote are as follows: 735 yes; 885 no. It was suggested that listening sessions/town hall sessions be organized to collect feedback from the community.

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to convene in closed session as set forth in Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(c) related to the employment, promotion, compensation or performance evaluation data of employee(s); Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) to consider the personal history data of specific person(s) regarding a student matter; Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(e) and Wis. Stat. § 19.85(1)(f) related to negotiations with a consulting search firm for provision of services to the District regarding staffing vacancies and strategic discussions regarding specific staffing decisions for open positions throughout the District. Vote by the Board: Bramstedt, aye; Stoeckigt, aye; Siemers, aye; Pahl, aye; Loomis, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to reconvene in open session for possible action on matters discussed in previous closed session. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Siemers, to approve the Wisconsin Association of School Boards (WASB) search services contract. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Siemers, to adjourn at 7:09 p.m. Motion carried 5-0.



Kari Bramstedt, Board Clerk