

Board of Education
Howards Grove School District
High School Library
August 16, 2021

President David Loomis called the regular monthly Board meeting of the School District of Howards Grove to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Loomis noted that the meeting had been posted as prescribed by law and the news media notified.

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

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 deliberate the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of employees, and to consider personal history as it relates to a specific person(s). Roll Call Vote, motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to reconvene in open session for possible action on items discussed in closed session and to conduct the regular monthly meeting. Motion carried, 4-0.

President David Loomis called the regular monthly Board meeting of the School District of Howards Grove to order at 7:03 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. Administrators present: Sarah Ellinger, Jon Hess, Angie Houston, Shannon Kilton, Tracy Mueller, and Brian Walters. Advisory Board Members in attendance: Jeff Grunewald and Allison Kunze. Also in attendance: Adrienne Barnoski, Amber Casadonte, Angela Denhof, Kim Kalk, Stephen & Melissa Lamontagne, Michelle Paarmann, Dennis & Tanya Robinson, Joost & Anna Sanders, Lisa Schultz, and Bill Swearingen. Approximately 29 staff and community members viewed the meeting by remote access technology.

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

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to approve the minutes of the July 19, 2021, Regular Board Meeting and the July 7 Special Board Meeting. Motion carried, 5-0.

Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the treasurer's report as presented by Mrs. Siemers. Motion carried, 5-0.

There were no amendments to the 2020-2021 adopted budget this month.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

The Board discussed continuing with the scheduled regular monthly board meetings held on the 3rd Monday of each month. A Committee of the Whole Board Meeting will be held on the 1st Monday of each month (except September) beginning at 6:00 pm. These meetings will be for discussion items and/or working sessions for the board.

Additionally, the agenda format will be changing and the regular monthly meetings will begin with the closed session at 6:00 pm, followed by open session beginning at 7:00 pm. The agenda will include a consent

agenda, along with action items and reports to showcase school activities and events. Mrs. Bramstedt asked if Student Council reports would also be included.

Superintendent Kilton also suggested the use of Board Docs for future Board agendas and meetings, and the corresponding documentation. A training session will be conducted at the September 13th Board meeting.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Motion by Mr. Stoeckigt, second by Mrs. Siemers, to open the school year with masking optional for students and staff, and to follow other mitigation strategies as outlined in the superintendent's plan. Motion carried 4-1-0.
2. Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Siemers, to approve the issuance of teacher contracts to Mary Galm, Bob Jacques, and Kevin Parker; and a contract to Nathan Taylor (IT Tech) for the 2021-22 school year as presented. Motion carried, 5-0.
3. No action was taken on this item.
4. Motion by Mr. Pahl, second by Mrs. Siemers, to approve the Early Graduation applications received from Karissa Kaminski and Myka Roethel. Motion carried, 5-0.
5. Motion by Mr. Stoeckigt, second by Mrs. Bramstedt, to approve the middle school student fund raising activities for the 2021-22 school year as presented. Motion carried, 5-0

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:

Superintendent Kilton reported that there were no incidents of seclusion or restraint that occurred during the 2020-21 school year.

Ms. Kilton shared the schedule and information related to new teacher orientation and the beginning of the school year activities to welcome back students and staff.

CALENDAR REMINDERS:

- Wed., Sept. 1: First Day of School
- Fri., Sept. 3: First Day of Classes for JK
- Mon., Sept. 6: NO SCHOOL – Labor Day Holiday
- Mon., Sept. 13: Committee of the Whole Board Meeting
- Fri., Sept. 24: NO SCHOOL – Ryder Cup

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

Cap Gun Circuit donated \$1000 to the Cross Country program.

Viand Hospitality dba Parker Johns & Log Cabin donated \$500 to the Cross Country Program.

Howards Grove Family Dental donated \$100 to the Cross Country program.

The Howards Grove Athletic Association donated \$400 to the Cross Country Program.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Board acknowledged a thank you note received from Lisa Gartman and the family of John Simon.


ADVISORY MEMBER REPORTS:

Jeff Grunewald noted that all of the dead trees have been cut down along the service road to the high school. Mr. Grunewald also gave an update on the status of the ATC power line project. He indicated that an extension of the substation to the east would not affect the school. All easements will be redone making them narrower but there will be more poles. The project is in the hand of the public safety committee.

STUDENT LEARNING PRESENTATION/STUDENT ADVISORY REPORTS:

There were no Student Learning Presentations or Student Advisory Reports this month.

Motion by Mrs. Siemers, second by Mr. Pahl, to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. Motion carried, 5-0.



Kari Bramstedt, Board Clerk