



## **Barneveld School District**

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August 26, 2021

To: Students, Staff, Families, and Community Members

From: Joseph Price, Superintendent

### **Re: Summary of Special Board Meeting on 8/25/21**

Good Day Barneveld Families,

As we draw closer to the start of the school year in just a few short days, we would like to provide you with updates and a summary of the Special Board Meeting from August 25, 2021. On behalf of the Board of Education and administration, I would first like to thank you for taking the time to express your thoughts and concerns regarding the start of the school year. Between community survey information, correspondence, and those who came to the meeting last night to speak, we were able to have a civil discussion and make informed decisions. As we have learned, things change rather quickly and we will revisit these topics at our next Board meeting on September 8, 2021.

Below is a summary of the decisions made at last night's meeting:

#### **Approval of Start and End of School:**

The school day will begin at 8:10 am and dismissal will be at 3:15 pm. All student arrival and departure will take place in the main entry. Students will be allowed into the building starting at 7:55.

#### **School Fees - No Changes:**

#### **Lunch Program:**

For the 2021/2022 school year, the Barneveld School District will be partnering with [Taher](#). Taher Inc. works with 60 school districts throughout the state of Wisconsin to provide food services. Students will experience a greater variety in menu options and as was the case last year, all student lunches will be free for the 2021/2022 school year. Please note that this does not include Ala Carte items. Students will be going through the lunch line and eating in the lunchroom. Lunch will no longer be preordered.

#### **New Hires:**

Please join us in welcoming Jana Helgeson for Middle School Science, Kristina Olafsson for Elementary Special Education, and Ashley Handrick for 1st Grade. Carrine McGowan will be serving as our new Reading Specialist and Chelsea Olday is now our full-time nurse. We are also happy to announce that Chris Thousand,

Ashley Meudt, and Pam Clerkin will be joining us in support roles as Paraprofessionals. Becky Hurlbert has also joined our central office.

**Request by Board Member to rescind mandatory masking decision on 8/11/21:**

Motion failed. Mandatory masking is still in effect for all students, staff, and adults in the building. This also applies to co-curricular activities held indoors. A federal mandate is still in place for public transportation. Students and staff are required to wear a mask while on the school bus - this includes co-curricular activities as well.

Co-Curricular activities will have limited capacity and each athlete/participant will be provided with six tickets for events hosted at Barneveld. We will also continue to live-stream events through our Youtube channel for those who are unable to attend. Spectators are expected to wear face coverings while attending events here at Barneveld.

**Virtual Learning:**

Barneveld will not have a virtual learning option for the 2021/2022 school year. Barneveld School District will be offering safe, in-person instruction. If your child will not be attending school in-person, please contact Erin Eslinger for information on local virtual school options and resources.

Sincerely,

Joseph Price  
Superintendent