

Bismarck-Henning Rossville-Alvin Cooperative High School  
Governing Board Meeting  
Special Meeting  
August 16, 2021

The Board meeting was called to order at 5:02p.m. by Dave Clapp.

Roll call: Robert Danner, John Petersen, Steve Lane, Jeremy Deck, Meredith Hearnley, Dave Clapp, and Cheryl Brumett. Also present Brent Rademacher, Phil Benjamin, Kelly Meeker, Jim Ribbe, Mr. Ward, Scott Watson – Superintendent for BHRA and Dr. Crystal Johnson Maden – Superintendent for Rossville.

A motion was made by Meredith Hearnley and seconded by Steve Lane to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. Motion passed.

Special Board Meeting tonight included the BHRA board members, Rossville-Alvin board members and the Bismarck-Henning board members.

Guests: Chelsey Claypool, Lisa Ribbe, Chelsea Wagoner, Tracy Grissom, Jamie Schultz, Tim Schultz, Dan Potter, Amanda Potter, Heather Meidel, Mary McCool, Michelle Schaumburg, Aurora Kruse, Kevin Thomas, Troy Mitchell, Janet Leigh, Greg Leigh, Brittney Hagley, Zach Hagley, Chad Hearnley, Josh Campbell, Logan Leigh, Luke Cahill, Jenny Coon, Jen Siddens, Eric S., Katie Garza, Leslie Thomason, Stephanie Tidwell, Gary Tidwell, Callan Masti, Andrew Masterson, Nathalie Pelletier, McKenzie Hiser, Jeremy Hiser, Melissa Leigh, Landon Leigh, Amanda Potter, Lindsay Heidrick, Kami Russell, Megan Thomas, Rick White, Leanne Bright, Tim Bright, Haileigh Bright, Ned Hill, Emily Hill, Kari Taylor, Tom F., Carrie Mackiewicz, Brian Mackiewicz, Kendra Ziemmisky, Chris Ziemmisky, Eric Nesbitt, Amanda Tull and Tabitha Thatcher.

Troy Mitchell signed up to speak at this meeting. He was in support of making masks optional to come to school, hoping the board would vote in favor of this.

Mr. Rademacher read the Return to school plans for the 2021-2022 school year, following IDPH rules.

Mr. Watson also said the school is required to follow the states guidelines.

Dr. Crystal Johnson-Maden also said why it is important to follow the states guidelines.

There was discussions from individual board members. Cheryl Brumett stated that following the states guidelines would be beneficial for the school with rising Covid cases. She also appreciates everyone's concerns in this matter.

Emily Gernand stated how masks are hard on the children especially small children who depend on seeing the teacher and being able to see their faces to help with learning and some who depend on lip reading. As a parent, board member (BHHS) and a teacher she sees the children struggling to learn with masks on.

Justin Watts, board member (BHHS) who is Captain of the Fire Dept. spoke about how he sees things happening on the front line with more mental health issues and more drug use. He read some statistics, Executive order by Govenor requiring everyone over age 2 to wear masks while indoors in schools.

Aug. 4: CDC recommends wearing masks indoors in schools.

Also the CDC is to supplement not to replace local and state laws for schools and school boards.

He also talked to Vermilion Co. Health Dept.

The testing being done has no way to tell if it is the flu or Covid.

A motion was made by John Petersen and seconded by Meredith Hearnley to accept the Return to School Plan for 2021-2022 and to follow the state guidelines. Roll call vote was taken. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

The BHHS board also did roll call vote. Motion passed with 5-yes vote and 2-no votes.

The Rossville-Alvin also did roll call vote. Motion passed unanimous vote.

A motion was made by Cheryl Brumett and seconded by John Petersen to adjourn the meeting at 5:32p.m. Motion passed.

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Secretary