

**Joseph K. Lumsden Bahweting Anishnabe  
Public School Academy Board of Directors  
Special Meeting  
Wednesday, December 30, 2020 12:15 p.m.**

**MINUTES**

*This meeting is a meeting of the Board of Education in public for the purpose of conducting the School's business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is a time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda.*

**A. CALL TO ORDER-** Meeting called to order by Board President, Norma Castro at 12:15 pm.

**B. OPENING**

**C. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**D. MISSION**

JKL Bahweting Anishnabe School, in cooperation with parents and community provides an educational program that develops each student's individual abilities. We are committed to providing educational excellence through rigorous and relevant programs within a safe, nurturing, and culturally rich environment with specific emphasis on the Anishinaabe traditions and language.

**E. ROLL CALL-** Batho- Present, Castro- Present, Habusta- Present, Murdock- Present, Roe- Present, Strahan- Present

**F. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion by Habusta supported by Roe to approve the Agenda.

Ayes: Batho, Castro, Habusta, Murdock, Roe, Strahan

Nays: none.

Motion Carried

**G. INFORMATION ITEMS**

1. COVID -19 statistics for Chippewa County as of Wednesday, December 30, 2020

**H. NEW BUSINESS & ACTION ITEMS**

1. Approval of Resolution Revising the JKL Reopening Plan (**Attachment H1**)  
Motion by Strahan and supported by Batho for the approval the Resolution Revising the Reopening Plan.  
Roll Call Vote: Batho-Yes, Castro-No, Habusta-Yes, Murdock-No, Roe-No, Strahan-Yes  
Motion Failed.

2. Approval of Reopening Plan Override to Allow Hybrid Instruction(**Attachment H2**)

Motion by Batho and supported by Strahan for the approval of Reopening Plan Override to Hybrid Instruction. .

Roll Call Vote: Batho- Yes, Castro-No, Habusta- Abstain, Murdock- No, Roe-No, Strahan-Yes

Motion Failed.

Mr. Habusta feels that due to the research that the students are safest at school. It was his understanding that it is the Tribal Health Department's recommendation that students remain in virtual learning.

Mr. Roe stated that the board does not make these decisions lightly.

Kallstrom advised that the positivity rate has been monitored daily and the plan is working as it is written.

Ms. Batho requested that the board revisit this issue.

**I. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS & SCHEDULING OF SPECIAL MEETINGS:**

**J. PUBLIC COMMENT-** Solomon- thanked the Board for their decision.

Innerebner- shared that she feels online is going very well and feels she is closed to her students now than while students were in face to face. Testing is going well. She feels hybrid is the worst case scenario for students as it will be hard for students to go back and forth between the learning formats. She requests that the board and administration be consistent for the students.

Knight- asked if teachers/staff will be reimbursed for the added expenses of teaching from home. She stated she would prefer to teach from the school.

McKerchie- commented she was opposed the virtual in the beginning but that it is going well now and feels the hybrid format would be too confusing for the students.

Bouschour- appreciates the decision made by the Board; she feels we need to revisit the positivity rate next week. She further commented that some students are struggling and research shows COVID-19 doesn't spread as much among young kids.

Strahan (Parent Comment-) stated her students are at safe at home with her mother-in-law while she is working. She is concerned about students who do not have a safe environment, child abuse cases are down, but they are not under control, students are not receiving the same support from staff and need peer to peer interactions. Strahan expressed disappointment.

Carr - stated we need to get the students back into face to face instruction. She inquired about the 14 day positivity rate and thanked the teachers.

**K. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned by Norma Castro at 12:37 p.m.

*Norma Castro*  
School Board President

*Todd Rice*  
School Board Secretary