

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
RED HILL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10  
LAWRENCE AND CRAWFORD COUNTIES, ILLINOIS**

**MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 2020**

The Board of Education of Red Hill Community Unit School District No. 10, Lawrence and Crawford Counties, Illinois, met in a special session on Monday, August 10, 2020. The meeting was held at Red Hill Jr/Sr High School, 908 Church Street, Bridgeport, Illinois. President Bob Christy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Bob Christy  
Trent Masterson  
Dixie Purcell  
Chad Hill  
John Phipps  
Cathy Gray  
Bruce Jones

Visitors present: Kristi Christy, Jean Hammel, Derek Meadows, Brad Purcell

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Chad Hill made the motion to approve the Agenda of the Special Board Meeting to be held Monday, August 10, 2020. Upon said motion being seconded by Trent Masterson, the voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**APPROVE RED HILL GUIDE TO REOPENING SCHOOL PLAN**

The plan has been approved by the Lawrence County Health Department. Jakie Walker highlighted several items included in the plan: 6 feet apart for social distancing, masks will be worn by all attending, a COVID Nurse Practitioner will be assigned to the District, hand sanitizer stations will be set up, hand washing will be done frequently, health screening will be done for students and staff (parents can use Skyward to self evaluate their students), transportation will have a paraprofessional on buses to help with

temperatures until we get into a routine, and visitation will be restricted. Chad Hill asked if that would pertain to Board Members also? Mr. Walker said they would have to be cleared first. Mr. Walker then turned the meeting over to each of the Principals (Mr. Gross, Mr. Tiffany, Mr. Gaither) to highlight things expected in the buildings. Mr. Gross - masks will be worn, hand sanitizer will be available, desks will be 6 feet apart, supplies cannot be shared, custodians will sanitize rooms daily, lunch will have the same three lunch periods but not more than 50 in each area (cafeteria, north gym, south gym), tables will be sanitized after each use, cooks will place silverware and milk on the trays, there will be no microwaves, coolers or pop machine available, breakfast will also be limited to 50 in an area, study hall students can leave with parental permission, no equipment will be shared in PE, outside and the track will be used as weather permits, street clothes will be used for PE, no lockers will be available - backpacks will need to be used, remote learning can participate in sports, JH Softball and Baseball, HS Cross Country and Golf are starting, other sports are on hold, when student is done eating they will be moved to a different area, grades will be included like in person for remote learning - it will not work like last Spring. Mr. Tiffany - Their building will work similar to the Jr/Sr High School except the students will be kept in their classrooms all day long other than PE (they will still be in the same groups) - they will try to be outside as much as possible using social distancing so masks can be removed for a short time, teachers will move and sanitize, breakfast will open up at the same time to allow students time to eat before getting on the bus, social distancing for breakfast will apply and 2 more classrooms will be used for overflow, students getting off the bus will go directly to their classrooms, an extra lunch period has been added and they will be fed in the classroom, students will be dismissed by bus number - this will take longer but kids won't be in the hallway at the same time, kids will be held in the gym instead of the usual cafeteria area since it will already be cleaned by the end of the day, custodians will have backpacks with disinfectant, restroom breaks will be at scheduled times and will be disinfected in between times, water fountains will be turned off, looking into purchasing water bottles with names on them, a bank donated lanyards so little ones won't be dropping their masks, 5th/6th basketball is on hold until approved to have, supplies are hard to get in, custodian backpacks are in but other things are not, disinfectant will be put in bottles for teachers. Bob Christy said the staff survey indicated cleaning supplies are a concern. Mr. Walker said he is looking at CARES money to cover the expense. Mr. Gaither - Things will be similar to what has already been relayed. BGS is the hub for transportation. Their doors will open at 7:30 a.m. for those who ride the bus shuttle and 7:45 or 7:50 for those who will attend BGS and are dropped off. Shuttle children who ride to SAC will go to the gym. Those remaining at BGS will go to the cafeteria for breakfast or directly to the classroom. Pre-K will enter and exit through the southeast corner door. There will be two dismissal times - K & 2nd will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. and 1st and 3rd will dismiss about 5 minutes later. The bus shuttle to SAC will dismiss at 2:00 p.m. Approximately 5 minutes later, the rest of the

bus students will be released. Lunch will be similar. There will not be added lunch periods but they will add classrooms to spread the students out. Lunch boxes will be kept in the classroom in their backpacks. Music and library will happen in the classrooms. Mr. Walker - There will be a limit of 29 students on buses. They will do social distancing by families. As the school is open, administrators will monitor it daily to see if there needs to be any changes. If parents or teachers can not help with technology, [helpdesk@cusd10.org](mailto:helpdesk@cusd10.org) will need to be contacted. Bob Christy asked about students refusing to wear a mask. BGS will be constantly reminding their students about wearing their masks. If a student refuses to wear a mask, their parents will be contacted and the student will be moved to remote learning. Chad Hill said he did not like that and we should not be doing that. Mr. Walker said the teachers felt confident the students needed to wear the mask. Bruce Jones moved that the Board of Education approve the Red Hill Guide to Reopening School Plan. Said motion was seconded by Trent Masterson. Chad Hill asked to read the following statement: "Before we as a board vote on the reopen plan we need to ask ourselves are there any parts of this document that infringes on the civil liberties of our students, staff, and parents. As duly elected members by the residents of the Red Hill School District we are a government body and are the voice of our constituents, a government by the people and of the people. We have a responsibility to make decisions and policy that does not infringe on US and Illinois constitutional rights and freedoms of our citizens. I feel the requirement or mandate of wearing a mask violates such freedoms. As a US citizen we have the freedom of choice. The government which is us, has taken that choice away from our constituents. Healthy individuals should not be forced to wear masks, and those who want to wear a mask should not be chastised for it either. In recent months there has been a rise in pleurisy and other throat and sinus infections due to wearing face coverings for an extended length of time. These individuals are wearing cloth and medical face coverings. Are we going to make healthy students and staff sick from another type of virus instead of Covid19? You may be asking yourself, then why are private businesses requiring masks, because they can. It's their choice to enforce or not, but as customers we have the choice to go elsewhere. As a government we can not take away that choice. Teachers and staff if provided with the necessary PPE for their protection should have the choice of wearing PPE or not. As long as the school provides PPE, employees should not have a grievance of an unsafe working environment. Earlier this year when 60% of our students were sick with flu and respiratory illness, the state and school did not shut down and require masks and other PPE and when SARS and H1N1 was at its peak, same situation, no mask or shutdowns. If our staff or students have underlying conditions and are at risk we can work on alternate teaching and working environments for those affected, but not disrupt all staff and students. After much thought and consideration, I (Chad Hill) make a motion to amend the reopening document and remove words "required" and "mandated" regarding mask/face coverings and replace them with "recommended". This gives our

constituents a choice.” Upon said amended motion being seconded by John Phipps, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

YES: Chad Hill	NO: Bob Christy
John Phipps	Trent Masterson
Bruce Jones	Dixie Purcell
	Cathy Gray

The motion failed(3-4).

John Phipps said he has a disagreement with the original motion. He does not agree with the State. He is okay with the Administrators and will support them.

Derek Meadows, parent, mentioned the app, e-learning, and sports participation clarification. He also would like to see the Board set a meeting to reevaluate the plan/situation. Bob Christy said the Board meets every month and they can call a special meeting if needed. Mr. Walker said there will be an update every month. Mr. Meadows wanted to know who drives the decision in regard to the mask. Kids should not have to wear masks. It is not good for their health or mental health. He has contacted the Governor’s office and they said they would get back with him, but they have not. Sometimes the numbers are not right. The Governor says to wear masks but goes out to protest activities without one. It was mentioned if the plan needs modified before school starts, they will call a special meeting.

Chad Hill then made a motion that the Board of Education add language in the reopening plan to not punish or send home any staff or students who refuse to wear a face covering. Upon said motion being seconded by John Phipps, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

YES: Chad Hill	NO: Bob Christy
John Phipps	Trent Masterson
Bruce Jones	Dixie Purcell
	Cathy Gray

The motion failed (3-4).

The President then went back to the original motion and second to approve the Red Hill Guide to Reopening School Plan as presented.

YES: Bob Christy	NO: Chad Hill
Trent Masterson	John Phipps
Dixie Purcell	Bruce Jones
Cathy Gray	

The motion carried (4-3).

APPROVE AMENDING THE FY21 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Chad Hill moved that the Board of Education approve amending the FY2021 school calendar to show May 24, 2021 as the last student attendance day and June 1, 2021 as the last day for the 2020-2021 school year. Upon said motion being seconded by Bruce Jones, the President put the question and the roll being called, the following members voted:

YES: Bob Christy  
Trent Masterson  
Dixie Purcell  
Chad Hill  
John Phipps  
Cathy Gray  
Bruce Jones

NO: None

The motion carried (7-0).

**ADJOURNMENT**

John Phipps moved to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Jones seconded. The voice vote was taken and the motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

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Bob Christy, President  
Board of Education  
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Dixie Purcell, Secretary  
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