

October School Board Meeting Synopsis
October 20th, 2020

Order was called with the Pledge of Allegiance (Justin Enfield was absent, Gary Spellbring arrived late)

-There were no additions made to the agenda.

-There were no visitors to the meeting:

-Approved the Agenda, Minutes and Financial Reports.

-Superintendent Siemsen reported the following:

End of the first quarter of school was October 16th. As of Thursday, October 15, 2020, we do not have any positive cases of COVID-19 in our building (staff or student). We will continue to provide updates on this as we move forward. Along with the masks, sanitizers and partitions we have implemented with funds allocated to our district, we will also be purchasing new cafeteria tables to aid with distancing, classroom projectors for those that need replacing or installing in the first place, and some new computers where needed. Football and Volleyball seasons are winding towards post season play. If we host a home football playoff game, it will be in Wessington Springs this year, and at SC next year. Thank you to Laura Conrad in getting the necessary paperwork in order so that our students can take advantage of the benefits of federally sponsored meals, for however long the program is sustained. This began on October 12th and will continue throughout the school year, or until the funding has run out. Many school districts have been making adjustments to the recommendations pertaining to potential contacts and the time associated with quarantining (many are moving away from the DOH recommended 14-day). We are not intending to move from the initial plan at this time. We have been working with the Sanborn County Task Force, including the Woonsocket School District, to maintain continuity. If any changes become necessary, we will visit this further and consider potential board action if deemed necessary. The DOE is offering COVID-19 tests to schools for internally testing. We will discuss our desire to participate or not. I am not in favor of any school official administering a test. Thank you to the office staff for recognizing "Boss's Day" on Thursday... I appreciate your efforts and enjoyed the creative gift!

-Mrs. Vermeulen reported the following:

Great Plains Zoo is presenting a mobile zoo for the PreK-8 students. Report Cards will go out on Friday, October 23.

-Approved Hiring Adriana Salas as an elementary aide (Pre-K).

-Approved Jonathan Linke as Co-Advisor for the FFA.

-Adjournment at 7:52 pm

-Next scheduled meeting will take place on November 9th at 7:00 pm

