

## **November 2, 2020 Special Session**

The Unified Board of Trustees met in special session on Monday, November 2, 2020 in the High School Library. Vice-Chairman, Amber Saylor called the meeting to order at 5:01 p.m.

### **PRESENT**

Members present: Vice-Chairman, Amber Saylor, Beth Murnion, Matthew Bliss, and Harold Erlenbusch. Also present were: Superintendent, Nathan Olson; Clerk, Anna Guesanburu; Judy Billing, Barb Clark, Bob Stephenson, Katie Shawver, Becky Maetzold, Toni Murnion, Shawna Erlenbusch, Cortani Martin, Marisa O'Connor, Dale Kreider, Layne Murnion, Heather Gibson, Amanda Anderson, Beth Lawrence, Tracy Kamerman, Rod Lawrence, Rick Lawrence, Diane Colvin, Jodi McWilliams, Ed Kreider, Megan Kreider, Dan Muniak, Sherlie Hains, Earline Lawrence, Sarah Nordlund, and Kelly Witt. Rex Phipps was present via Zoom.

### **ABSENT**

Members absent: Bryan Phipps

### **COVID-19 QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS**

Vice-Chairman, Amber Saylor opened the meeting by stating that 2020 has been a very challenging year and as we go forth with this meeting please keep in mind we all have good intentions. As members of the Board we are here to make a decision that works with our school and community that is the safest for everyone. Vice-Chairman Saylor asked for public comment at this time. School Counselor, Katie Shawver spoke of her concerns about the mental health of students who are being quarantined all the time and not able to attend school. Mrs. Shawver asks that we please take into consideration the affect this has on students socially and emotionally. Earline Lawrence handed the Board a pamphlet on information of "rapid testing" and informed them of whom she had spoken with on this testing.

Several concerns, questions, and suggestions during public comment included: How can you have a quarantine student at home around their siblings but still allow the siblings to go to school? Mandates are not laws, stress and such is not good for the body, stop living in fear of the pandemic. Having to take students out of school every other two weeks is not good for them. How is the contact tracing handled? Students are going to fall through the cracks if they are not in the school. How can you ask an underage student to pick people for contact tracing, what if the student has enemies and says they were in contact, what if the student wants their best friends out of school and says they were in contact? When did the health board have meetings and where were they held and where are the minutes? Allow the Superintendent and teachers to help with the contact tracing. Seating charts should be in every classroom to help with contact tracing. Nobody ever wishes their family to go through this and be attacked by it.

Dan Muniak spoke about the disease and mentioned some things people don't think about. He has to follow the guidelines from the State and CDC. He feels we have worked well through this pandemic since the beginning of March. He informed the Board that they can set as many policies as they would like but the State can still come in and shut you down.

Sherlie Hains spoke that her guidelines she has received are though the CDFE and she has followed them during all of this.

Superintendent Olson asked Sherlie Hains if the school can work with her on the contact tracing and the rapid testing of students affected by the coronavirus. Sherlie Hains agreed they could come up with something to work together.

### **RECESS**

The Board recessed at 6:34 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 6:44 p.m.

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### COVID-19 QUARANTINE PROTOCOLS (cont.)

Trustee Erlenbusch informed the Board of his concerns with the liability of the matter and by not following the State and the health department the school could have a lawsuit on their hands.

Motion was made by Amber, seconded by Bliss to amend current procedures to quarantine for seven days and be able to return to school after a negative rapid test. Saylor votes yes, Bliss votes yes, Murnion votes yes, Olson, proxies for Phipps, votes yes, Erlenbusch votes no. Motion carries.

### ADJOURN

Motion was made by Erlenbusch to adjourn at 7:02 p.m.

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Anna Guesanburu, Clerk

Date

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Amber Saylor, Vice-Chairman

Date