

**RIVERDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
July 27, 2020**

The July 27, 2020 special meeting of the Riverdale School Board was called to order by President Bill Tracy at 6:00 p.m. in the commons of the Riverdale Elementary School, located in the Village of Muscoda. Present from the Board were Bill Tracy Jr., Nick Stitzer, Stacy Hach, Dave McHenry, Veronica Harris, Travis Hudson, Marc Couey, and Gary Stanek. Chad Williamson attended virtually.

Motion by Stanek and second by Hach to approve the proof of publication of this meeting. Motion carried. Roll call vote 9-0

District Administrator Jon Schmidt, principals Jeff Campbell and Shari Hougan gave a report on opening schools for the 2020-2021 school year.

Mr. Schmidt first summarized the surveys conducted with parents and staff on reopening school. These questions were about safety, internet accessibility and face coverings. The plan options were presented for each school building, elementary and junior/senior high.

Ms Hougan presented the elementary plans. One plan is to have face to face school 4 1/2 a week with early dismissal on Wednesdays. There would be a virtual only option also with this plan for parents not feeling comfortable sending their students to school. Distance learning would take place with desk or tables placed 5 to 6 feet apart. Breakfast and lunch would be in the class rooms except for 4K and recesses would be divided. Many other details are being worked out to try and keep staff and students safe.

Mr. Campbell said there are several options that were looked at for the junior and senior high level. One option is a blended schedule with 2 days a week face to face, 2 1/2 days a week virtual with early release on Wednesdays. This would limit the size of classes and movement in the halls. Another plan is 4 1/2 days a week face to face instruction with early release on Wednesdays. Plans on having smaller size classes and altering lunches are among the details being worked out. There would also be the option for all virtual for parents that do not feel safe sending their children to school.

Ms Gehrke told the board about some of the virtual software that would be used for the virtual learning part of the school year.

Several staff members spoke to the board on their concerns for opening school.

Motion by Couey and second by Stanek to require face coverings for all employees and students at all times except when eating breakfast or lunch. Motion carried. Roll call vote 9-0 Students with anxiety or medical reasons for not wearing mask would need a note from a medical professional.

Motion by Stitzer and second by Harris to have face to face instruction for students grades 4K through 6 for 4 1/2 days a week with early release on Wednesdays and a virtual option for parents that do not feel safe sending their children to school. Motion carried. Roll call vote 9-0

Motion by Hach to have the junior high and high school start school with the blended option. There was not a second to this motion.

Motion by Hudson and second by Couey to open the junior high and senior high for 4 ½ days a week face to face instruction with an early release day on Wednesdays and a virtual option for parents that do not feel safe sending their children to school. Motion carried. Roll Call vote 8-1 with Hach voting no

Mr. Schmidt told the board that WIAA had met and at this time were pushing back volleyball and football practice to start August 7th. They are meeting again and will have more information in the future.

Motion by McHenry and second by Stitzer to approve the 2020-2021 district fees. The only fee increasing will be the school lunch by \$.10. Our prices are below the federal requirement and they recommend raising the cost \$.10 a year to get closer to the federal price. Motion carried. Roll call vote. 9-0

Motion by Hach and second by Travis to set the annual meeting date to Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. Motion carried

Motion by McHenry and second by Stanek to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Dave McHenry
Riverdale School District
Board Clerk