

CLARK COUNTY R-1
REGULAR MEETING—OPEN SESSION
September 9, 2020

The Clark County R-1 Board of Education met in regular session on September 9, 2020 at 6:00 pm at the High School Library at 680 East Main St. Kahoka, MO 63445. Jason Acklie, Vice President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members present: Doug James, Charles West, Jason Acklie, Craig Hunziker, Kevin Ross and Heather Weber. Mark Plenge absent.

Administration present: Dr. Ritchie Kracht, Superintendent, Jason Harper, Jason Church, Kartin Nixon, Megan Wendling, Betsy Parrish and Ethan Allen (arrived at 6:32), Principals.

Guests: Mike Scott, The Media, Cheyanne Loebach, Jana Zinnert, Ardith Harmon, Brian and Dena Ferrel, and Evelena Sutterfield.

The following consent agenda was discussed:

1. Approve Agenda
2. Approve Prior Meeting Minutes
 - a. August 5, 2020
3. Approve Financial Reports as presented by Superintendent
4. Program, committee, informational reports, and other business
 - a. ADA
 - b. MACC Dual Credit Contract
 - c. Iowa Wesleyan Student Teaching Agreement
 - d. Pre-K activity account signatures - remove Katrina Nixon and add Laura Plenge as signature on account.

Motion made by Kevin Ross, seconded by Charles West to approve consent agenda.

Aye 6. Nay 0.

Brad and Dena Ferrel requested to speak to the Board about allowing their son to do online learning and to be able to play football. Administration shared the current policy which states that our students who participate in extracurriculars must be in school 7 out of 8 school periods. MSHSAA policy states that students must be in the classroom for 2 periods to participate in sports. Mr. Church surveyed area schools and 13 out of 17 schools had the same policy as our policy including all the Clarence Cannon Conference schools. After much discussion no motion was made to change our current policy.

Dr. Kracht shared that he felt that the District has done well with our COVID planning and actions on how things have been handled. He thanked District Nurse Ardith Harmon for all of her help and extra time she has spent on getting all of the new procedures in place and for her help with contact tracing on the two student cases we have had. He also thanked Evelena Sutterfield and the health department for their support and communication through all of this. Dr. Kracht and the Administration team recognized the teachers and staff have done a great job with seating charts and keeping students separated in their classrooms. Dr. Kracht asked the Board if they had heard any concerns from the public, and they all felt that the response has been positive and felt the district is doing its best in the current situation.

Dr. Kracht spoke to the Board about the possibility of considering the Middle School and the High School going to level orange, which would be students in school every other day. This is something that may have to be considered for the future if we have more cases at those grade levels. By going every other day it will help to limit the number of students who may have to be quarantined at one time. The elementary levels would be able to continue to be every day due to the cohort model in those buildings unless we have a lot of staff who may be unable to be at school. The District is desperately short on subs and that could be a reason why the elementary would have to consider going every other day. The board agreed to amend the reentry plan to allow either the middle school or high school building to go to orange status and not the entire district if needed.

Mr. Harper shared that with the social distancing guidelines, we will not be a way to hold a homecoming dance at school. They will still have the dress up days and have the crowning of the Queen and King, but there will be no pep assembly for all the grades to attend as there has been in the past. The elementary and middle school students will make banners to hang in the high school.

Dr. Kracht was happy to share that Clark County has been approved for a grant which allows us to offer free breakfast and lunch to all in person K-12 students. This went into effect on September 9 and will go until December 31 or when money runs out.

Mrs. Wendling reported that she is working on getting some COVID grant money that will help us to purchase items such as iPads and Chromebooks for our lower elementary students.

Motion made by Kevin Ross, seconded by Charles West to set the date for the October meeting to Wednesday, October 7 at 7:00 pm.

Aye 6. Nay 0.

Motion made by Kevin Ross, seconded by Charles West to enter into closed session with a closed record and closed vote as allowed pursuant to section RSMO 610.021,

1. Section 1 (legal)
2. Section 3 and 13 (personnel)
3. Section 6 and 14 (student)

(re-enter open session)

Motion made by Charles West, seconded by Doug James to adjourn the meeting.

Aye 6. Nay 0.