

CLARK COUNTY R-1
SPECIAL MEETING - OPEN SESSION
May 4, 2020

The Clark County R-1 Board of Education met in a special session on May 4, 2020, at 6:00 pm in the High School Library at 680 East Main St, Kahoka, Missouri. Brad Sprague, Board President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Members Present: Brad Sprague, President, Mark Plenge, Charles West, Jason Acklie, Kari Bevans, Craig Hunziker, and Kevin Ross.

Administration present: Dr. Ritchie Kracht, Superintendent, Jason Harper, Jason Church, Megan Wendling, Betsy Parrish, Katrian Nixon, Principals, and Ethan Allen Assistant Principal.

Guests: Mike Scott, The Media

Dr. Kracht opened the meeting and started a discussion on graduation and how the Board would like to handle it with the current pandemic crisis. He shared with the board that Mr. Harper and himself think that there are really two options - hold the ceremony on May 17, outside at the football field or to postpone until a later time. In order to hold it on May 17, graduates will be limited to 6 guests each and social distancing must be observed by everyone at all times. The rain date would be set for Monday, May 18 at 7:00 pm.

Motion was made by Jason Acklie, seconded by Charles West to hold the graduation ceremony on May 17 at 3:00 pm at the football complex with a rain date of Monday, May 18 at 7:00 pm. Graduates will be allowed 6 guests each and everyone must follow social distancing guidelines. Aye 7. Nay 0.

Mr. Harper has spoken with the ministerial alliance about Baccalaureate. The Board members agreed that we would offer the ministerial alliance the use of the football field complex for Wednesday, May 13 at 7:00 p.m. with the same social distancing guidelines and guest limitations which are set for graduation.

Dr. Kracht discussed prom and how it seems very difficult to be able to hold this event with social distancing guidelines in place. He stated that if things change, we will try our best to have prom.

A discussion was held on establishing second semester grades in the fairest manner possible. The biggest concern was high school grades in which credits and grade point average towards

graduation, class rank, and postsecondary scholarships are at stake. Mr. Harper presented a plan that he believed would be the best in this situation, which is to continue with letter grades. His teachers have reached out to students that were in the failing range of 40-60%, and most have worked very hard to get grades into the passing range. He has asked all teachers to get their final grades in by May 13.

Motion made by Kevin Ross, seconded by Mark Plenge, to approve the letter grades for second semester as presented by Mr. Harper.

Aye 7. Nay 0.

Discussion was had on how to handle student awards, such as academic, fine arts, athletic, etc... The administrative team recommended to not have on campus student award nights to maintain social distancing. The board agreed to recognize the award winners on social media and in the local newspapers and not in person. A list of academic award winners will be included in the graduation program handed out to graduation attendees.

Mr. Church shared with the group how the athletic directors in the conference have agreed to handle letter winners for the spring sports that did not occur. It has always been tradition that all seniors earn a letter in their sport. However for those freshman, sophomores, and juniors they would be given a provisional letter for this year and if they earn a letter next year it would go back to this missed season and a letter would be awarded for this spring.

Mr. Church shared that sponsors have not decided yet on how to handle outstanding senior athlete and outstanding senior fine arts awards, he is going to talk to other schools to see how they are handling it and have a better idea for the regular meeting on May 14.

Principals are going to work with teachers to figure out the dates and times they can get into their classrooms to clean out their supplies and prepare their classrooms for summer cleaning. The administrative team is also working on dates and procedures for students to pick up supplies from their desks and lockers. Dates and times students are allowed in the building to retrieve personal supplies will be put on social media and sent via School Messenger to parents.

Dr. Kracht has a meeting this week with area superintendents and DESE officials to find out what options are available for summer school. He plans to have a discussion with the board at the May 14 meeting about if summer school is possible and in what format.

Dr. Kracht reported that we will be able to continue the food service program which we are currently doing through the end of June even if we do not have a traditional summer school.

Mr. Church has been in contact with MSHSAA pertaining to summer weightlifting and workout programs to prepare our student/athletes for the fall activities season. He will report back at future meetings when we receive more guidance.

Currently all campus facilities are completely shut down to the public and students with the exception of the graduation ceremony, baccalaureate, and the greenhouse. The board will reevaluate the shutdown in future meetings.

The greenhouse has a lot of great plants that are ready to be sold, Mr. Harper and Mr. Lemmon came up with a protocol to do this safely. Social distancing guidelines will be followed at all times.

Once there is a decision on summer school, the administrative team will have a plan for chromebook returns. Information will be sent out for Seniors on how to return their Chromebooks before graduation.

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

2. Section 3 and 13 (personnel)

Roll Call Vote - Aye 7. Mark Plenge, Charles West, Jason Acklie, Kari Bevans, Craig Hunziker, Kevin Ross and Brad Sprague.

Nay 0.

(Re-enter open session)

Motion made by Jason Aclie,, seconded by Kari Bevans to adjourn the meeting.

Aye 7. Nay 0.