

CLARK COUNTY R -1
SPECIAL MEETING—OPEN SESSION
February 3, 2021

The Clark County R-1 Board of Education met in Special Session on Wednesday, February 3, at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Library located at 680 East Main Street, Kahoka, Missouri. Mark Plenge, President, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Members present: Mark Plenge, President, Craig Hunziker (via phone) Treasurer, Doug James, Charles West, Jason Acklie, Kevin Ross (via Zoom) and Heather Webster, members.

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

Guests: Mike Scott, The Media, Ardith Harmon, Carolyn Schaller

Dr. Kracht asked District Nurse Ardith Harmon to give a current update on the COVID stats for the district. She reported that the number of quarantined students is lower right now than at the beginning of the year. Numbers look good in the community as well.

Dr. Kracht then went over the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) guidelines for returning to class everyday with everyone wearing a mask. This would mean that in a school setting, if the person diagnosed with COVID-19 and the close contacts were both wearing masks appropriately during the time of exposure in the school setting, the close contact would be allowed to come to school but will have to quarantine for everything else including extracurricular activities outside of the school setting.

The Board discussed the positives and negatives of going back to school everyday with the requirement of everyone wearing a mask in the grades 6-12.

Motion made by Jason Acklie, seconded by Heather Webster to start grades 6-12 going back to school everyday, starting the week of Monday, February 8, 2021

Aye 5.

Aye 2.

Dr. Kracht presented a plan for bus snow routes which could allow us to go to school on days when our main highways are mostly clear and our lettered roads are not safe for our buses to travel on. These routes will be on 136, 27, and 81 with regular stops in Wayland, St. Francisville and Alexandria. This will not be ideal for some and those that cannot make it to bus stops or to

school will have an excused absence from school and teachers will work with them to get their assignments.

Board members agreed this plan will help to get a majority of the students to school and gave consent for the administrative team to move forward with implementing snow bus routes.

Motion made by Chalres West, seconded by Heather Webster to adjourn the meeting.

Aye 7

Nay 0.

Dates Read and Approved

Mark Plenge, Board President

Wendy Johnson, Board Secretary