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Special School Board Meeting

December 3, 2020, 6:30 p.m.

Carlisle School District Board Room

In-Person Live Stream Viewing available in the Carlisle Elementary School Media Center

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The Carlisle School Board will follow CDC and Iowa Department of Public Health guidelines on physical distancing. The district will provide in-person live stream viewing in the Carlisle Elementary School Media Center for individuals who want to attend the school board meeting. The live stream will also be available at [ccsd.live](https://www.carlislecsd.org/ccsd-live). Patrons who want to participate in public comment can do so in person in the school board room and then view the board meeting proceedings in the Carlisle Elementary School Media Center.

President Hill called to order the December 3 special school board meeting at 6:30 p.m.

Directors Present: Art Hill, President
Mindy Donovan, Vice President
Jeramie Eginoire
Samantha Fett
Hillary Gardner

Also Present: Bryce Amos, Superintendent
Jean Flaws, Board Secretary/Business Manager

Motion by Eginoire to approve the agenda. Seconded by Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

A. Board Communication – The District received notification from the City of Carlisle regarding a public hearing for amendment no. 3 to the Gateway Urban Renewal Plan.

UPDATES/INFORMATION

A. District Metrics – Mr. Amos reviewed county positivity data by zip code. There is a slight decline overall. The number of positive cases as of Dec. 2 is 5 for staff and 8 for students. The number of quarantines are 2 for staff and 56 for students. Projected cases as of Dec. 7 are 2 staff and 1 student. Projected quarantines are 1 staff and 14 students.

B. School Learning Plan Updates – The principals shared updates for each of their buildings. They all expressed appreciation from the teachers for the extended break and two work days. In the elementary, there are cohorted specials, recess and lunch for students with one class from each grade level eating in the lunchroom. Professional development for staff includes self-care strategies and building stronger brains. There is a self-care committee for teachers as part of the Culture & Climate committee. Students are beginning to be pulled for reading intervention and special ed groups from various classrooms. Some specials classes are held in the specials teacher's classroom while some are still held in the students' classrooms. At Hartford there is spaced seating, designated recess areas, lunch in classrooms (but will look at using additional areas for lunch to spread students out and reduce student quarantines), and professional development for staff on social, emotional, behavior and mental health. The middle school has two passing times per period, roundabouts with one way hallways, no locker access and 6 lunch blocks (looking to add more lunch blocks to minimize close contacts/quarantined students), continued professional development around PLC, Systemness and healthy culture. For unfilled teaching positions, the middle school is looking to consolidate classes in larger spaces with asynchronous learning if possible. There is a continued emphasis

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on the healthy culture and self-care. The high school has implemented block scheduling, staggered passing, open lunch block with academic support built in on Tuesdays/Fridays, a 9th grade transition program along with professional development on self-care strategies. The lunch block will need to be tightened up for those students who remain on campus as the outdoors can no longer be used due to cooler temperatures. They all expressed that remote learning and temporary remote learning does have its challenges that will continue to be addressed. The goal would be to increase the number of students moving from remote to on-site learning while providing assistance to those who continue to do remote learning. Ongoing communication with staff, students and parents is key to guiding leadership action. Keeping staff and students safe and having parents feel their students are safe at school is a priority.

C. CDC Guidance on Quarantine Timeline for Close Contacts – The CDC has updated quarantine guidelines for close contacts. For close contact with a positive case, quarantine can end after day 10 without testing if no symptoms were reported during daily monitoring or after 7 days with no symptoms during daily monitoring and a negative specimen test within 48 hours before the time of planned end of quarantine (earliest is day 5). In both cases, continued symptom monitoring and wearing masks must be done upon returning. Warren County Health Dept. will be adopting the new guidance. They are still working on protocols for the new guidance.

BUSINESS/ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of District Learning Plan Recommendation

Mr. Amos is recommending to continue with the on-site and remote learning plan Dec. 7 – 22 with the adoption of the new CDC guidance on close contact quarantine timelines. Next steps for the District include looking at implementing scheduled teacher work days, extending scheduled student breaks and ways to increase the substitute pool for teachers and paraprofessionals.

Motion by Eginore to approve the district learning plan recommendation as presented. Seconded by Gardner. Motion carried unanimously.

FUTURE MEETINGS

A. December 14, 2020 Regular School Board Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Carlisle Community School Board Room

Motion by Fett to adjourn the December 3 special school board meeting. Seconded by Donovan. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Art Hill, Board President

Attest: Jean Flaws, Board Secretary/Business Manager

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These minutes will be presented at the December 14 regular school board meeting for approval.

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