

# Minutes of Emergency Meeting

## The Board of Education Mahtomedi Public Schools

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An **Emergency Meeting** of the Board of Education of Mahtomedi Public Schools was held **Monday, November 16, 2020**, beginning at 7:00 PM in the Mahtomedi District Education Center - Community Room, 1520 Mahtomedi Avenue, Mahtomedi, Minnesota 55115

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Due to the declared health pandemic and declared state of emergency this school board meeting will be held by conference call or interactive technology in accordance with Minnesota State Statute 13D.021. This meeting will be live streamed and recorded.

Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Chair Lucy Payne.

### 2. ROLL CALL OF ATTENDANCE

Present: Kevin Donovan; Julie McGraw; Lucy Payne; Judy Schwartz; Stacey Stout; and Superintendent Barbara Duffrin, ex-officio.

### 3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Donovan moved, McGraw seconded, approval of agenda. Roll Call Vote: Donovan-Aye, McGraw-Aye, Payne-Aye, Schwartz-Aye, Stout-Aye. Carried 5-0.

### 4. ACTION ITEMS

#### A. Approval of a Learning Model Change

Superintendent Barbara Duffrin reviewed the learning model change process and reported the 14-day case rate per 10,000 residents in Washington County for October 11-24 was 39.30 and for October 18-31 was 59.57, (this count does not include the correctional facility case numbers in the county). The guidance from the MN Department of Health (MDH)/MN Department of Education (MDE) is to go to all Distance Learning for all students when case numbers are 50 or more. The current number of students and staff that have tested positive this school year is 44, with 144 students and 12 staff quarantined this week due to close contact or a positive test. The district has a COVID-19 Dashboard that is updated each Friday on its website. The MDH's statewide Pre K-12 Dashboard includes schools with five or more confirmed cases of COVID-19 in students or staff who were in a school building while infectious during a two-week reporting period. Duffrin stated this is another indicator for us to understand increased community spread in our schools. On October 30 Mahtomedi High School was added and on November 19 Mahtomedi Middle School will be added to MDH's website. Superintendent Duffrin explained the importance of accurate reporting of student and staff symptoms and testing

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results to be able to isolate and prevent greater spread. The district nursing staff has seen an increase in contact tracing. Superintendent Duffrin met with the Regional Support Team (MDH, MDE and other local public health officials) and the District Incident Command Team. Mahtomedi's Regional Support Team (RST) recommendation today was to plan to transition Wildwood Elementary, O.H. Anderson Elementary and Mahtomedi Middle School to Distance Learning with concerns for increased cases due to the coming holidays. Mahtomedi Middle School will move to Distance Learning on November 30 (November 23 and 24 will be teacher planning days). The Elementary Schools will move to Distance Learning on December 2 (November 30 and December 1 will be teacher planning days). Support for high needs special education students and students requiring academic or social/emotional intervention, such as in-person learning groups will start on December 7. Duffrin reviewed the operational improvements for Distance Learning 2.0 and the goals for teacher planning days. Building principals highlighted the supports for students at each of their buildings. Tony Pierce, Director of Student Support Services, reported an increase in staff using the debriefing support program and Duffrin reported Salvia Testing for staff will start next Wednesday. One change to Tier I free childcare is both parents in a household must be considered essential Tier I workers. More guidance from the Governor and MDH is expected and Duffrin will give an update on the Learning Model Plan(s) at the December 10 School Board Meeting. McGraw moved, Schwartz seconded, approval of the recommendation to move Wildwood Elementary, O.H. Anderson Elementary and Mahtomedi Middle School to Distance Learning on the recommended dates. Roll Call Vote: Donovan-Aye, McGraw-Aye, Payne-Aye, Stout-Aye, Schwartz-Aye. Carried 5-0. The above changes will be communicated to all families. The board members thanked Superintendent Duffrin, the administration and staff for all of their work during these challenging times and families/community members for their support.

#### 5. ADJOURNMENT

Schwartz moved, Donovan seconded, adjournment. Roll Call Vote: Donovan-Aye, McGraw-Aye, Payne-Aye, Schwartz-Aye, Stout-Aye. Carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

JULIE MCGRAW, CLERK