

DRAFT Independent School District #256
Red Wing, MN 55066

Call to Order:

The Red Wing School Board held a Regular Board meeting on August 3, 2020. Board members Diercks, Jones, Christensen, Bryant, Farrar and Tauer, Superintendent Karsten Anderson, and staff were present by teleconferencing. Chair Roe was absent. Vice Chair Diercks called the meeting to order at 6:08p.m.

1. Agenda:

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Jones to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Christensen, Farrar, Bryant, Jones, Tauer and Diercks

Nay: None

2. Communications:

2.1 Educational Plan

A copy of the Educational Plan was provided.

2.2 Recognitions and Upcoming Events

Multiple recognitions and events were presented.

2.3 Public Comment

Public comment was received.

2.4 School Board Reports

School Board reports were reviewed.

2.5 Administrator Reports

Administrator reports were reviewed.

3. Consent Agenda and Donations / Grants:

3.1 Consent Agenda

Motion made by Farrar and seconded by Tauer to approve the consent agenda as amended with removal of 1.4 School Board Minutes. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Farrar, Bryant, Jones, Tauer, Diercks and Christensen

Nay: None

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Tauer to approve the Regular School Board Minutes dated July 20, 2020 and bring the School Board Workshop Minutes dated July 27, 2020 to the next board meeting for approval. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Bryant, Jones, Tauer, Diercks, Christensen and Farrar

Nay: None

4. Business Items:

4.1 Fall Opening 2020/2021

Due to technical difficulties in streaming the meeting, a recess was taken at 8:20p.m. The meeting reconvened at 8:44p.m. A roll call was taken to confirm all board members were present.

The following recommendations are suggested to effectively implement reopening plans for the 2020-21 school year:

1. I move to terminate the Purchase Agreement with Jim Patterson for the sale of a portion of the Jefferson School site.

Keeping Jefferson School enables the district to spread out elementary students and provide K-6 students with daily instruction even when in hybrid. The building also reduces the number of riders on each bus. Unilateral termination of the agreement is allowed under Section 10.

Motion made by Jones and seconded by Christensen to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion carried 5-1.

Aye: Jones, Tauer, Diercks, Christensen and Farrar

Nay: Bryant

2. I move to terminate the Purchase Agreement with the City of Red Wing for the sale of a portion of the Jefferson School site.

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Tauer to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Tauer, Diercks, Christensen, Farrar, Bryant and Jones

Nay: None

3. I move to configure Sunnyside Elementary School, Burnside Elementary School, Jefferson Elementary School, and Twin Bluff School to serve students in grades K-6 and Red Wing High School to serve students in grades 7-12 for the 2020/2021 school year.

Converting grade-level centers to neighborhood schools significantly reduces riders on each bus and reduces or eliminates the need for transfer buses. It also significantly reduces interactions between students because more students would go to the same elementary school instead of riding to other schools.

Motion made by Jones and seconded by Christensen to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion carried 4-2.

Aye: Diercks, Christensen, Farrar, and Jones.

Nay: Bryant and Tauer

4. Implement a two-tier bus system and set the “No Bus Zones” for all students at 2 miles for the 2020/2021 school year.

Implementing staggered start times reduces the number of riders on each bus by using the same bus for different groups of students. The change to the “No Bus Zone” reduces riders on each bus.

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Jones to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion carried 5-1.

Aye: Christensen, Farrar, Bryant, Jones and Diercks

Nay: Tauer

5. Fully implement a 1:1 technology initiative for all K-12 students.

To effectively implement Distance Learning and Hybrid Learning, each K-12 student will be issued a Chromebook. Chromebooks purchased last year have a yearly lease cost of \$95,000. Policies and procedures are being developed.

Motion made by Farrar and seconded by Tauer to table this initiative. Upon roll call, Motion carried 4-2

Aye: Farrar, Jones, Tauer and Bryant

Nay: Diercks and Christensen

6. Approve a revised school calendar for 2020-21.

The previously approved calendar included a pre-Labor Day start. To provide extra work and staff development time for teachers, the recommendation is to start on Tuesday, September 8th. Additional changes include adding two staff days in August so teachers can move, and increasing the number of weeks with both cohorts in the building two days.

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Bryant to approve the 2020-21 school calendar as amended. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Bryant, Jones, Tauer, Diercks, Christensen and Farrar

Nay: None

7. Implement a traditional 4-block schedule at the high school with flexibility.

To reduce interactions between students, 4 blocks each day for a quarter are recommended instead of the planned 8 periods per day for a semester. Changing to a block reduces the number of classes a student takes at a given time and reduces the how many students a teacher works with during a given quarter.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Christensen to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Jones, Tauer, Diercks, Christensen, Farrar and Bryant

Nay: None

8. Initially authorize in-person learning each day for students in grades K-4 if enough staff members are available and County COVID rates are appropriate.

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Christensen to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion carried 5-1.

Aye: Diercks, Christensen, Farrar, Bryant, and Jones

Nay: Tauer

9. Initially authorize hybrid learning for students in grades 5-12 if enough staff members are available and Goodhue County COVID rates are appropriate.

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Jones to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion failed 3-3.

Aye: Diercks, Christensen and Jones

Nay: Tauer, Farrar and Bryant

Motion by Bryant seconded by Farrar to implement in-person learning for students in grades 5-12 if enough staff members are available and Goodhue County COVID rates are appropriate. Upon roll call, Motion failed 2-4.

Aye: Farrar and Bryant

Nay: Diercks, Christensen, Jones and Tauer

10. Authorize the superintendent to institute more restrictive learning environments as determined by county COVID rates and/or recommendations made by Goodhue County or Minnesota Department of Health.

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Jones to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion carried 5-1.

Aye: Christensen, Farrar, Bryant, Jones and Diercks

Nay: Tauer

11. Authorize the hiring of personnel to fully implement fall reopening, including a Dean of Students for Jefferson / District Assessment Coordinator (if reductions are made elsewhere to offset additional costs); secretary for Jefferson; building nurse to serve the district (if needed); 4 custodians throughout the district; and Assistant Principal, Student Support Coordinator or Dean of Students for Red Wing High School.

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Jones to approve as presented. Upon roll call, Motion fails 3-3.

Aye: Christensen, Farrar and Jones,

Nay: Diercks, Bryant and Tauer

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Tauer to authorize the hiring of personnel to fully implement fall reopening of Jefferson School, including a Dean of Students for Jefferson / District Assessment Coordinator and a secretary. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Farrar, Bryant, Jones, Tauer, Diercks and Christensen

Nay: None

Motion made by Bryant and seconded by Farrar to hire two custodians (1 ½ for Jefferson/ ½ District) and bring back a financial report to a future meeting to determine if two additional custodians are needed. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Bryant, Jones, Tauer, Diercks, Christensen and Farrar

Nay: None

Motion made by Christensen and seconded by Jones to hire an Assistant Principal, Student Support Coordinator or Dean of Students for Red Wing High School. Upon roll call, Motion carried 4-2.

Aye: Jones, Diercks, Christensen and Farrar

Nay: Tauer and Bryant

5. Upcoming Meetings and Adjournment

5.1 Upcoming Meetings and Future Topics

No information was shared about upcoming meetings

5.2 Adjournment

Motion made by Tauer and seconded by Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 11:15 pm. Upon roll call, Motion carried 6-0.

Aye: Tauer, Diercks, Christensen, Farrar, Bryant and Jones

Nay: None

Heidi Jones
School Board Clerk