

**Rochester School Board
Special School Board Minutes
School Department Boardroom
October 15, 2020**

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Members Present:

Mr. Matthew Pappas, Vice Chair
Mrs. Sarah Harrington
Mrs. Anne Grassie
Mr. Audrey Stevens
Mr. Matthew Beaulieu
Mr. Matthew Munn
Mr. David Camire
Mr. Robert Watson
Mr. Brian Nicholson
Mr. Thomas O'Connor

Members Absent:

Mr. Paul Lynch
Mr. Nathaniel Byrne
Mrs. Karen Stokes

Also Present:

Mr. Kyle Repucci, Superintendent
Dr. Sandie MacDonald
Mrs. Linda Bartlett
Atty. Jerome Grossman
Ms. Cherie Mann

Mr. Pappas called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. on a roll call with a quorum present.

Public Comment

None

30 & 60 Day School Plan and Presentation

Mr. Repucci, Superintendent, explained the proposal for the next 24 school days (until 11/20/20 prior to Thanksgiving). Based on what we are doing in our schools and community, the recommendation is to continue with our current mode of operation for the next 24 school days as long as we stay within the range of the positive cases we are seeing.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for the next 24 school days as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Repucci reviewed and explained the "Holiday/Quarantine" model; a 27 day model from Thanksgiving until after Martin Luther King Day that is being developed in collaboration with the RFT and Administration. The recommendation is to have a Special School Board meeting on October 29th to present the details of the plan. Discussion ensued. The proposed model will be posted on the web site to give everyone an opportunity to see it before the October 29th meeting.

Mr. Watson requested that an update on winter sports be given at the meeting on October 29th as well.

Other

Mr. O'Connor moved, second by Mr. Watson, to reconsider not allowing SHS teams to participate in tournaments outside of the 35 mile radius. The motion carried by majority on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Pappas, Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Munn, Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Camire, Mrs. Grassie,
Mr. Nicholson, Mr. Watson

NO: Mr. Beaulieu

Discussion ensued.

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Camire, to allow the Superintendent in conjunction with the Athletic Director to decide participation in fall sports tournaments on a case by case basis. Discussion ensued.

The motion failed 5-5 on a roll call vote as follows:

YES: Mr. O'Connor, Mr. Camire, Mrs. Harrington, Mr. Beaulieu, Mr. Watson

NO: Mr. Munn, Mrs. Grassie, Mr. Pappas, Mrs. Stevens, Mr. Nicholson

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mrs. Grassie, to maintain the original decision the Board made for a 35 mile radius for sports teams.

The motion passed by majority vote.

Mrs. Harrington moved, second by Mr. Watson, to approve the recommendation from Special Services Committee for a Master's Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counselor position at SHS for the 2020-2021 school year. This is a grant funded position.

The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Repucci spoke about bringing back Employee of the Month presentations at monthly School Board meetings. Mrs. Harrington suggested that perhaps prerecorded videos could be done for those employees not comfortable attending an in person meeting.

Adjournment

Mr. Beaulieu moved, second by Mr. Nicholson, to adjourn at 8:06 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Kyle M. Repucci
Board Secretary