

**Special School Board Meeting
Monday, January 10, 2022**

Approved

1. Opening Items

1.1 Call to Order

The Monday, January 10, 2022, special school board meeting was called to order at 4:16 pm, via Zoom, by Nicole Boyd, School Board President.

1.2 Roll Call

Members present

Nicole Boyd-y, Cindy Garrity-y, Magdalen Dale-y, Sarah Tourdot-y, Dee Sweet-y, Kylie Vadnais-y, Esme Martinson-(joined at 4:25 pm)

2. Open Session

2.1 Request to Move to Virtual Instruction

Motion by Cindy Garrity, second by Kylie Vadnais, to approve the request for no students in school tomorrow, Tuesday, January 11, moving to virtual instruction for grades 1 - 12 on Wednesday, January 12, 2022, returning to in-person on January 26, dependent on a significant decrease in positive test results. No athletics will be allowed during this time. Majority in favor. Abstain by Sarah Tourdot.
Motion Carried.

Discussion: The District Administrator attended a 1 pm Zoom meeting today w/RCCHC, the Bayfield County Health Nurse, Jackie Noha, and Nick Sawyer to discuss the significant uptick in COVID positive cases. Last Friday there were six positive cases in school and today another six positive cases at school. Additionally, 10 children tested positive elsewhere totaling 16 positive cases. We need to cool things off for a bit and have students stay home. To put the situation into context - 37% of students are being affected by COVID today as a total of 65 students are out of the building. There are large gathering advisories out so that will help curb the spread. Over 100 students were tested today. There are zero cases at LaPointe so they can continue with in-person instruction. As far as the Test to Stay initiative, we heard today that the state doesn't have the capacity to provide tests and is discontinuing rapid tests for students but keeping for staff. They recommend PCR testing, so 2 - 3 days for results. One year ago, the cost was \$10,000 minimum to purchase a test kit (1 yr ago). Currently, 200 rapid tests are left in the health office, and there are 250 - 300 of the PCR tests. This shortage is not an oversight on anyone's part as there are expiration dates connected with tests. There is a rapid surge everywhere in the nation causing tests to be bottlenecked. The attendance rate has been good at about 90% but last week there was an increase. The middle and high schools are up to date on populating their CANVAS instruction. Will need an adjusted schedule w/assignments up, attendance, etc. Paap can share with the Board tomorrow the schedule that was followed last time. If there is a larger outbreak, students would be stuck in one classroom if in-person and that is hard on them. This request is also for the safety of communities. Athletic practices and games would be canceled.

3. Closing Item

3.1 Adjournment

Motion by Kylie Vadnais, second by Esme Martinson, to adjourn the meeting at 6:06 pm.
All in favor. Motion Carried.

Linda Weber
Recording School Board Secretary

Approve: _____
Board President

Approve: _____
Board Clerk