

**Special School Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Wednesday, January 26, 2022**

**Approved**

**1. Opening Items**

1.1 Call to Order

The special school board meeting was called to order via Zoom on Wednesday, January 26, 2022, at 4:31 pm by School Board President Nicole Boyd.

1.2 Roll Call

**Members present**

Nicole Boyd, Cindy Garrity, Esme Martinson, Magdalen Dale, Sarah Tourdot, Kylie Vadnais

**Members absent**

Dee Sweet (arrived at 5:57 pm)

1.3 Confirmation of Meeting Posting

Confirmation of proper meeting posting was given by the school board secretary.

1.4 Approval of Agenda

Motion by Kylie Vadnais, second by Esme Martinson, to approve the agenda as presented.  
All in favor. Motion Carried

1.5 Public Comments

Edwina Buffalo thanked the school staff for organizing the mass testing event at Legendary Waters. Ms. Buffalo stated she was not confident about sending her kids to school today so she decided to keep them home. She didn't know the results of the testing and by tracking COVID numbers, she knew there was not much of a decrease. She would like to know how we determined to go back to go school today. Grace Livingston also thanked the school for the mass testing. She is happy that students are back to in school instruction.

**2. Open Session**

2.1 COVID Mass Testing Results

We expected 376 tests and out of that are 22 positive cases for the District (students and staff & 3 family members). Information from RCCHC was 238 negative tests. Sixty-two students didn't have to test as they were within 90 days of being COVID positive. Twenty-six students missed the two-day testing event and those in attendance today were tested this morning at school. In consultation with our health partners, it was determined to return to in-person instruction today as originally announced. The next steps include the creation of a framework for implementing the "Test to Stay" initiative for our elementary school students. Another step is a weekly surveillance rapid test for middle and high school students. The third step is to coordinate with RCCHC to host a vaccination clinic at the school. The all-family survey results came back with the majority wanting their children to be in school. Another special school board meeting will be called to get approval on the next steps but will happen after a meeting with COVID Testing Inc. on Friday, January 28. We need to ensure an ample supply of rapid tests in order to sustain the Test to Stay initiative.

2.2 Consider Quarantine Time Requirement

Motion by Magdalen Dale, second by Sarah Tourdot, to approve the quarantine time requirement from 14 days to 10 days as recommended.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion: The District's quarantine time is currently at 14 days. The recommendation is to align with the RCCHC requirement of 10 days. A positive COVID case can test positive for the next 90 days.

### 2.3 Consider Virtual Instruction Option

Motion by Esme Martinson, second by Magdalen Dale, to approve Educere as an option for virtual instruction for 2nd Semester 21-22.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

Discussion: Admin's past experience with Educere has shown that we do not want students to flip back & forth from virtual to in-person and back to virtual. We need to emphasize to families that Educere is a semester commitment and their system is not flexible as to what they allow for students with an IEP such as "text to speech". A significant number of the 26 families interested in Educere do have IEPs. The survey did not indicate that the virtual option was Educere. Admin will contact these families to ask for more information on their virtual learning needs before the next board meeting. A member of the administrative team pointed out that there is inequity in taking a classroom teacher out to teach virtual and it is not a good use of resources that were placed for extra academic support.

## 3. Executive Session

### 3.1 Adjourn to Executive Session in Accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c)

Motion by Cindy Garrity, second by Esme Martinson, to adjourn to Executive Session in Accordance with Wisconsin Statute 19.85(1)(c) Considering employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility to wit, 1) Hire of elementary co-teacher, 2) Hire of LaPointe tutor.

Roll Call: Nicole Boyd-y, Cindy Garrity-y, Esme Martinson-y, Magdalen Dale-y, Sarah Tourdot-y, Kylie Vadnais-y.

Motion Carried.

### 3.2 Consider Hire of Co-Teacher (elementary)

### 3.3 Consider Hire of Tutor - LaPointe

### 3.4 Reconvene in Open Session

Motion by Dee Sweet, 2nd by Cindy Garrity, to reconvene to open session at 6:15 pm.

All in favor. Motion Carried.

## 4. Closing Item

### 4.1 Announcement of Action taken in Executive Session

The Board approved the hire of Donna Miller as an elementary co-teacher.

The Board approved the hire of Ruth Anne Teisberg as a tutor at LaPointe elementary school.

### 4.2 Adjournment

Motion by Kylie Vadnais, 2nd by Sarah Tourdot, to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm.

All in favor. Motion Carried.