

**Webberville Community Schools Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2020**

Call to Order

A regular meeting of the Webberville Board of Education was called to order by President Amy Coe in the Webberville High School cafeteria on Monday, November 16, 2020, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call

Present: Amy Coe, Jennifer Lycos, Heather Stiffler, Curt Carpenter, and Linda Erwin

Absent: Daneille Rhodes, Amanda Barbour

Administration Present: Brian Friddle

Approval of Agenda

Ms. Lycos moved, Mr. Carpenter seconded a motion to approve the agenda of the regular Board of Education meeting being held on today's date, Monday, November 16, 2020, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Coe – Y; Lycos – Y; Stiffler - Y; Carpenter – Y; Erwin - Y. Motion passed 5-0.

Communications and Petitions

None

Reports

Mr. Friddle briefly reviewed the action items on the agenda.

Routine Items – Consent Agenda

Ms. Erwin moved, Ms. Lycos seconded a motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Roll Call Vote: Coe – Y; Lycos – Y; Stiffler - Y; Carpenter – Y; Erwin - Y. Motion passed 5-0.

Action Items

Ms. Lycos moved, Mr. Carpenter seconded a motion to approve the second reading of the Title IX policy of PO2266 and delete PO5517.02 as presented. Roll Call Vote: Coe – Y; Lycos – Y; Stiffler - Y; Carpenter – Y; Erwin - Y. Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Carpenter moved, Ms. Erwin seconded a motion to approve the COVID-19 Guidelines as presented. Roll Call Vote: Coe – Y; Lycos – Y; Stiffler - Y; Carpenter – Y; Erwin - Y. Motion passed 5-0.

Discussion

Mr. Friddle provided information on the local COVID numbers, MDHHS orders, and the various situations within the school community. He gave perspective from a conversation with Ms. Rhodes, board member who could not be present because she is working at Sparrow hospital and seeing first-hand the effects on patients and staff. Principals shared updates from the buildings on instruction, participation and parent feedback. The daycare remains open and still has some capacity to support working families. Some teachers are delivering synchronous learning. Physical distancing is a challenge with younger students. Mr. Friddle asked the board to provide direction on how to move forward with instruction. Each board member

shared his/her feelings and discussed the pros and cons moving all students to virtual during the shutdown or keeping PK-5 with in-person instruction.

Mr. Carpenter moved, Ms. Stiffler seconded a motion to allow questions or comments from the audience in order to facilitate a recommendation. Roll Call Vote: Coe – Y; Lycos – Y; Stiffler - Y; Carpenter – Y; Erwin - Y. Motion passed 5-0.

Several members from the in-person audience and those from the Zoom meeting shared personal thoughts about continuing to deliver face-to-face instruction or moving to 100% virtual learning. Teachers/staff Ms. Aaron Mayes, Ms. Suzanne Cloudman, Ms. Tracey Davis, Ms. Kerry Roberts-Keuvelaar, Ms. Stephany Bohlmann, Ms. Laura Grant, Mr. Jason Kubiak, and parent Ms. Marlena Acker all shared their personal perspectives on how to move forward.

Ms. Erwin moved, Mr. Carpenter seconded a motion to recommend that grades PK-12 move to 100% virtual learning through December 9, 2020, to align with the State of Michigan's orders. Roll Call Vote: Coe – N; Lycos – N; Stiffler - Y; Carpenter – Y; Erwin - Y. Motion passed 3-2.

Questions or comments from the audience

See above.

Questions or comments from the board

Ms. Coe stated clear expectations of goals shared with teachers by Wednesday. Ms. Lycos shared her vote of “no” on the motion to move to virtual is because of her strong belief in face-to-face instruction. Mr. Carpenter thanked everyone for sharing their thoughts on this very difficult decision.

Mr. Carpenter moved, Ms. Lycos seconded a motion that the board agree they will all work together to support the decision to move to virtual learning. Roll Call Vote: Coe – Y; Lycos – Y; Stiffler - Y; Carpenter – Y; Erwin - Y. Motion passed 5-0.

Adjournment

Mr. Carpenter moved, Ms. Lycos seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Roll Call Vote: Coe – Y; Lycos – Y; Stiffler - Y; Carpenter – Y; Erwin - Y. Motion passed 5-0. The board adjourned the meeting at 7:57 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Heather Stiffler
Webberville Board of Education Secretary