

**MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING
Tuesday, August 18, 2020**

The special meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Kendra Horn. John Russ Hamilton, Kendra Horn, Therese Sutton, Klint Todd, William T. C. Wood, Principal Rodney Stout and Superintendent Micheal Wetherbee were present. William Fabel and Donnie Engelhardt were absent.

Visitors: Ed Burke, Mimi Anson, Sawyer Anson, Steph Haag, Laurie Bartoletti

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

HIRING AND/OR RESIGNATION: Superintendent Wetherbee informed the Board that he was resigning his position as assistant varsity football coach. John Russ Hamilton moved to accept the resignation, and William T. C. Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Tyler Lott as assistant varsity football coach. William T. C. Wood moved to hire Tyler Lott as assistant varsity football coach, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. Superintendent Wetherbee reported that he has good football knowledge and intensity; the players like him; Superintendent Wetherbee will stay involved with the program as a volunteer. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Rebecca Larsen as assistant varsity volleyball coach. John Russ Hamilton moved to hire Rebecca Larsen as assistant varsity volleyball coach. William T. C. Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF REVISED POLICY #1905-STUDENT, STAFF, AND COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SAFETY: The board reviewed revised policy #1905 as provided by MTSBA. Superintendent Wetherbee recommended adopting the policy as revised with option 1 for physical distancing, option 2 for face coverings, and including the optional language at the end. John Russ Hamilton moved to adopt the policy as recommended. Klint Todd seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: the decision to wear masks can be made weekly or daily; it may be easier on students to plan a week at a time; public health would like masks to be considered daily; there are five different options for face coverings; once face coverings are part of district policy, enforcement for student and staff will follow procedure like any policy; Superintendent Wetherbee and Principal Stout will figure out and implement the best protocol. The motion carried.

GOVERNOR'S AUGUST 12, 2020 DIRECTIVE: The Trustees discussed the Governor's recent directive and its effect on the District Reopening Plan.

Public
Comment

Hiring/Resigna
tion

Policy #1905

Gov. Directive

Superintendent Wetherbee revised the plan to follow the directive. (Enclosed.)
There was no motion.

APPROVAL OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY CONTRACT WITH ROCK CREEK TELETHERAPY: Principal Stout recommended approving the enclosed contract with Rock Creek Teletherapy; the district has utilized their services in the past with good success for students. William T. C. Wood moved to approve the FY21 contract with Rock Creek Teletherapy, and John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Rock Creek
Teletherapy
Contract

COVID RELATED DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Covid
Discussion

- A. Sports Participation: The Board previously approved the plan to not allow home school students or remote learning students to participate in extra-curricular activities; MHSAs has since waived the brick-and-mortar requirement for high school athletes. Therese Sutton moved to allow home school and remote learning students to participate in middle school sports, and William T. C. Wood seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- B. Staff expectations: Superintendent Wetherbee advised the Board that students will be required to wear masks in the high school, regardless of the number of active county cases; he will recommend that staff wear masks at all times, but it will not be required except as outlined in policy; staff and students should all follow best practices, and hand washing will be a part of students' schedules.
- C. Other: At this time, sporting events in Sheridan, there is no plan to allow fans into volleyball games; players and coaches will follow MHSAs rules and guidelines regarding masks, sanitizing volleyballs, concessions, locker room use, and towels. Football games will be limited to 200 spectators to keep the event under the county and state guidelines of 250 people at outdoor events. The county health board is not currently allowing indoor events with over 50 people, except for schools; they will meet again tomorrow; if the health board makes changes, the school's plan will need to adjust accordingly. Superintendent Wetherbee is working on being able to have all home games live-streamed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:06 p.m., William T. C Wood moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjourn

The minutes of this meeting were recorded and transcribed by Rebecca E. Larsen, District Clerk.


CLERK


CHAIRMAN