**SPECIAL MEETING of the SCHOOL BOARD of EDUCATION**

**Lester Prairie Public Schools**

**Tuesday, August 11th, 2020 7:30AM**

**Lester Prairie School Media Center**

Roll call was taken and the following board members were present: Corbey Hentges, Steve Ziermann, Mary Otto, and Rebecca Heimerl. Absent: Brian Heimerl, Megan Stifter Knoll. Administration present: Dr. Melissa Radeke, Mike Lee. **Guests**: Melissa Williams, and Stacey Kolander.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by Steve Ziermann.

**Agenda**

* Motion by Otto second by R. Heimerl to approve the Agenda as presented and or modified

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

* **Open Dialogue –**

Melissa Williams – Addressed the board with her concerns and need for the school to reopen.

* + Concerns included, the students – Mental Health, Anxiety of online learning, change in structure, the stress and sometimes hard to help @ home.
  + In the past distance learning, one of her children had received 103 emails regarding subjects @ school within a 2 week time period, which is quite stressful.
  + She has heard that many parents would look @ options for home schooling if the school did not open

Stacey Kolander – commented that she preferred in class at school learning and suggested for at least up until grade 5, as the learning curve seems to be less at home.

**Discussion- Preparedness Plan Draft and Learning Model to start 2020-21 School Year.**

* Dr. Radeke displayed plan on monitor
  + Planning team put together

Learning plan developed

* + - 0-9 cases per 10,000 = In school
    - 10-19 K-6 in school , 7-12 Hybrid
    - 20-29 K-3 in school Hybrid, 4-12 Distance learning
  + Mr. Lee developed an in school Hybrid plan
  + In School Hybrid – need 6sq ft. per student
  + If student does not want to wear a mask, they will need to stay home and use online distance learning
  + Library will be used for a class room
  + Hybrid – Maroon and Gold days – students assigned to color group
  + Students will eat in classrooms
  + Locker time limited – no gathering in hallways
  + Barriers set up in office and cafeteria
  + Bathroom doors removed to reduce high touch areas
  + Water Bottles can be brought to school
  + Drinking fountains turned off – only water bottle function on
  + Dr. Radeke working with staff on safety training
  + Dr. Radeke working with the union
  + Some staff members may be at higher risk
  + Temperatures will not be taken – relying on parents to monitor their child
  + Board concerns:
    - Safety of each student
    - Changes to be well communicated to the parents as they may change often
    - Some parents may need to take a leave of absence or quit their jobs if students need to learn from home
    - Mental Health of each student if studying from home or having to wear masks all day long
    - Monitor cases with the County
  + Mr. Lee meeting with Ms. Helland for school performances
  + Mr. Lee working with Transportation
    - A thru L , and M thru Z together if it works with transportation
    - Keep families together
  + Nurse training being put together
  + One to one device provided for each student
* Motion by R. Heimerl and 2nd by Otto to approve Learning Model to start 2020-21 School Year.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Closed meeting**

1. Pursuant to Minnesota Statues 13D.05, Subd. 2(b), the meeting will discuss preliminary consideration of allegations against a school district employee.

* Motion by Ziermann and 2nd by Otto to approve the closure of the meeting.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

Discussion

* Motion by Otto and 2nd by Ziermann to approve the opening of the meeting.

**Vote: 6 for, 0 against**

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 AM**



*Steven D. Ziermann, Clerk ISD #424*