

MINUTES – Board of Education

Port Washington-Saukville School District
July 20, 2020

President Brenda Fritsch called the special meeting of the Port Washington-Saukville School District Board of Education to order at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, July 20, 2020, in the Port Washington High School Gym, 427 W. Jackson Street, Port Washington.

PRESENT: Kelly O'Connell-Perket, Yvonne Klotz, Brian McCutcheon, Aaron Paulin, Matthew Uselding, Douglas Mueller, Sara McCutcheon, Brian Stevens, Brenda Fritsch

EXCUSED: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Michael Weber, Jim Froemming, Duane Woelfel, Chris Surfus, Heidi Belohlav, Thad Gabrielse, Dan Solórzano, Nate Hinze, Steve Sukawaty, Jodi Swagel, John Bunyan, Jane Gennerman, Jeffrey Carron, Joanna Bannon (attended virtually), Kris Halbig-Ziehm, and approximately 30 other staff/parents/community members

II. ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL OVERVIEW OF A RECOMMENDATION FOR REOPENING OF SCHOOLS IN THE FALL

The District administrators presented their recommended framework for the reopening of schools in the fall. Items presented included a list of resources used in planning, District commitments, goals for the meeting, the reopening plans by level (elementary, middle, and high school), parent survey results summary, staff survey results, and steps for moving forward. It was noted that the plan, even if approved, would still be subject to change based on the activity of Covid-19 in Ozaukee County, and subsequent direction provided by the Ozaukee-Washington County Health Department.

III. BOARD DISCUSSION AND ACTION

Board members asked approximately 35 questions in regard to the recommended framework, safety of students and staff, and education management under the proposed framework. Administrators answered questions that could be answered now based on the framework recommendations. It was noted that some of the questions were regarding details that would be established in the coming weeks using the parameters of the framework approved by the Board. Board members requested regular updates at future Board meetings as additional staff planning/preparation takes place and the day-to-day details of the plans are established.

M. Uselding, seconded by S. McCutcheon, moved to the framework for reopening schools as presented. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, nay; B. McCutcheon, aye; A Paulin, nay; D. Mueller, nay; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, nay; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed 5-4.

IV. ACTION ON PURCHASING TEACHER LAPTOPS FROM FUND EQUITY

J. Froemming presented a recommendation to purchase of 225 new laptops for teachers and select other staff members, at a total cost of \$232,080.95, out of fund equity. He explained that the technology upgrade was originally scheduled for the 2021-2022 school year, but moving it up to the start of the 2020-21 school year would assist in remote learning, because a large percentage of staff members presently work with only desktop computers and Chromebooks, and Chromebooks do not work as well as laptops for many of the programs used during remote learning. Y. Klotz, seconded by M. Uselding, moved to approve the purchase of 225 laptops for staff members, at a cost not to exceed \$232,080.75. Roll call vote: K. O'Connell-Perket, aye; Y. Klotz, aye; B. McCutcheon, aye; A Paulin, aye; D. Mueller, aye; M. Uselding, aye; S. McCutcheon, aye; B. Stevens, aye; B. Fritsch, aye. Motion passed unanimously.

V. ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board of Education, K. O'Connell-Perket, seconded by S. McCutcheon, moved to adjourn the meeting. Voice vote: All aye. Motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kelly O'Connell-Perket
School District Clerk