

HONONEGAH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
 Rockton, IL
 SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
 August 4, 2021


Purpose	Back to School Plan, Covid-19 Testing Support Agreement, Memorandum of Understanding with the Winnebago County Health Department		
Call to Order	Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m.		
Roll Call	<table style="width: 100%; border: none;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top;"> <u>Present</u> Eric Flohr Bob Geddeis Mary Lewis Katie Littlefield Dave Kurlinkus <u>Others Present</u> Mike Dugan Chad Dougherty Kendra Asbury Erika Porter </td> <td style="width: 50%; vertical-align: top; border: none;"> <u>Absent</u> Fred Hasse Jim Minard Justin Krueger Dave Berg Kathy Eckmann </td> </tr> </table>	<u>Present</u> Eric Flohr Bob Geddeis Mary Lewis Katie Littlefield Dave Kurlinkus <u>Others Present</u> Mike Dugan Chad Dougherty Kendra Asbury Erika Porter	<u>Absent</u> Fred Hasse Jim Minard Justin Krueger Dave Berg Kathy Eckmann
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Amended Agenda	<p>Motion by Flohr, seconded by Lewis to approve the amended agenda as presented.</p> <p>All in Favor</p>		
Public Comment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Terri Johnson shared numbers of students that were excused from school for medical notes, parent excuse and school nurse excuses for the 2017-2018, 2018-2019 and 2020-2021 that were supplied to her by Mr. Dugan. She said “Masks aren’t keeping us safe, they are keeping us compliant.” Mrs. Peterson asked the Board to consider hybrid and remote style learning after the governor’s mandates came out because parents will be pulling their students from school if the students are made to wear masks. • Stephanie Speich explained she had to pull her daughter out of school last year after 3 days because the mask mandate as she could not breathe and was getting headaches. She held up a box of masks and stated right on the box it says: they will not prevent the spread of viruses. Mrs. Speich said “During this unprecedented time parents should have a vote as taxpayers to decide whether our kids have to wear masks.” • Caroline Rukin spoke against the use of masks, saying she doesn’t want her kids to be sucking in carbon dioxide 5-10x the acceptable level....known to cause hypercapnia and also hypoxia. She stated she doesn’t want to know what is in the chemical makeup of the masks because who really does know. She also said “Governor Pritzker doesn’t have the authority to mandate my children to wear a mask all day.” • Jenna Miller told the Board they pulled their kids out and homeschooled them last year. She also said “Pritzker’s mandates are not laws!” “They are his rules and rules are made to be broken,” “The science just isn’t there and this is complete nonsense!”, “Our kids deserve a chance at a normal school year.” • Brian Lawson asked the Board “Are you all afraid of each other? Is that why you are wearing the masks”, Or are you trying to make a statement?”. He also said “You’re supposed to care about our kids and I don’t believe it.” 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Joey Idstein, Jonathan and Michael Long spoke as students against wearing of masks. Joey asked about being able to go to the lunchroom and take the mask off while 3ft apart is okay but not while sitting in a classroom 3ft away is not? Jonathan stated he's been playing soccer all summer without a mask and now will have to wear it while playing on the high school soccer team. Michael stated last year no one was talking and the teachers had a hard time communicating while wearing masks. • Rachel LaMay discussed sports and masking, stating she has been to Florida, Kentucky and even played at the McCormick Center in Chicago with no masks and wondered what the difference was between private and public teams. • Deb Peterson shared a letter from concerned community members that were unable to be present for the meeting. The letter stated "promoting the use of non-FDA approved, Emergency Use Authorized mask, is unwarranted and illegal." "This mandate is in direct conflict with section 360bbb-3€(1)(A)(ii)(I-III), which requires the wearer to be informed of the option to refuse the wearing of such "device." The letter continues to say "This letter serves as official notice that our children do not consent to being forced to wear a mask." "As advocates for our children, we will not fail to take the maximum action permissible by law against your organization, and against you personally." The letter concludes to say "Each student will individually have this letter filled out and sent to school for file on record." • Jen Lembke asked the Board if they knew children are dying from suicide and the mask mandates and stated what you are voting on tonight will have long lasting effects on the children. She told the Board members "To be pioneers..."Be courageous and stand up for our children." • Derek Fowler said he works in an industry where he works with people in other states and countries...no one is wearing masks. He said "We all know what the data is...our kids deserve a chance to go to school in a normal year." "He also said "Show Bravery...Show respect for the parents of the students to decide what's best for our kids."
Closed Session	Go into Closed Session
	Motion by Lewis, seconded by Geddeis to move to closed session at 6:38 p.m.
Motion Carried	Roll Call: Flohr, Geddeis, Kurlinkus, Littlefield, Lewis
Open Session	Motion by Geddeis and seconded by Lewis to return to open session at 6:56 p.m.
Motion Carried	Roll Call: Flohr, Geddeis, Kurlinkus, Littlefield, Lewis
Action on Closed Session	Motion by Lewis, seconded by Flohr to approve the resignations, recommendations for employment, volunteers and other as discussed in Closed Session.
Motion Carried	Roll Call: Flohr, Geddeis, Kurlinkus, Littlefield, Lewis
Back to School Plan	Motion by Flohr and seconded by Geddeis to approve the Back to School Plan as recommended by the Policy and Personnel Committee at the July 28, 2021 meeting.
Motion Carried	Roll Call: Flohr, Geddeis, Kurlinkus, Lewis – Yes ; Littlefield - No
Covid-19 Testing Support Agreement	Motion by Flohr, and seconded by Lewis to approve the Covid-19 Testing Support Agreement as recommended by the Policy and Personnel Committee at the July 28, 2021 meeting.

Motion Carried	Roll Call: Flohr, Geddeis, Kurlinkus, Lewis – Yes ; Littlefield - No
Memorandum of Understanding with the Winnebago County Health Department	Motion by Flohr, and seconded by Geddeis to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Winnebago County Health Department for conducting and interpreting BinaxNOW COVID-19 Antigen Testing through standing order and Extended CLIA Waiver as recommended by the Superintendent.
Motion Carried	Roll Call: Flohr, Geddeis, Kurlinkus, Lewis – Yes ; Littlefield - No
Adjourn	Motion by Lewis seconded by Geddeis to adjourn the meeting at 6:58 p.m. All in Favor



 President



 Secretary