

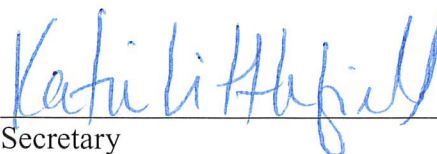
HONONEGAH COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL
 Rockton, IL
 POLICY AND PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING
 July 28, 2021

Purpose	PRESS Policies, Return to School Plan 2021-22
Call to Order	Mr. Flohr called the meeting to order 9:00 a.m.
Roll Call	<p>Eric Flohr Bob Geddeis Katie Littlefield Dave Kurlinkus Jim Minard</p> <p><u>Other's Present</u> Mike Dugan Chad Dougherty Erika Porter Kendra Asbury Justin Krueger</p>
Public Comments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Caroline Rukin pleaded for the sake of the children to make masks optional. She asked the committee “where is the evidence that masks work on the kids?” Mrs. Rukin also stated the “It’s their God given right to fresh air, please let our children breathe!” • Naomi Rukin stated she had a bad experience last year in school. She followed by saying “the masks gave me headaches and I know exactly what it’s like to wear a mask 7 ½ hours straight.” Ms. Rukin finished by saying “If you care about kids, please don’t make use wear masks.” • Sam Rukin mentioned he will be a 9th grader at HCHS next year. He said “he is against wearing a mask because it was hard to breathe and made him nauseous.” Mr. Rukin added he had frequent communication issues where he couldn’t understand teachers and fellow students. Lastly, he said “Please stop the mask enforcement and start breathing.” • Luciana Arman-Zubic spoke last week regarding mask wearing and reminded the committee that multiple districts in the state masks are optional for next year. She also asked “Who will be responsible for student grades when they fall behind due to Covid?” “What will the rating of HCHS be when parents pull students out to homeschool them?” “Who will be liable for the adverse problems that arise from wearing masks in 2 months because problems and health issues will take time to come out?” “What will be the long-term effects of the vaccines?” • Jenna Miller started her comment by saying “The fact that we have to talk about this is ridiculous.” “I gave birth to my children and have kept them alive this long.” “It is not the Board’s right to tell me what is good for my kids.” “Masks should be optional...this is America...let’s start acting like it.” • Terri Johnson mentioned masks carry bacteria and wearing a mask for just 3 minutes shows a disturbing amount of carbon dioxide and for kids to have it on for 7 ½ is ridiculous. She notes “PCR tests are being thrown out from 2020 because they are finding it could not differentiate between Covid and the Flu.” Mrs. Johnson added “I’m interested to know the number of flu cases in the building from the past.” Lastly she said parents should decide if their students should wear a mask. • Elizabeth Stromberg expressed her concern for the students’ physical health. She reminded the committee that “another week has went by with no deaths of

	children under age 12 or anyone under age 20.” Mrs. Stromberg finished by saying she also worries about their mental health as she has heard stories of children hurting themselves throughout the country.
PRESS Policies	Mr. Dugan explained all of the June 2021 PRESS Policies changes and updates. Dr. Asbury added when HCHS hires anyone, we do extensive background checks and if there are items that are questionable it is sent to legal before the hiring process is completed, which aligns with the Conviction Records in Employment Decisions update of the packet. The committee recommended the Second Reading of the PRESS Policies be placed on the August 18, 2021 Board agenda for approval.
Return to School Plan 2021-22	Mr. Dugan began the Return to School Plan by supplying guidance from Illinois State Board of Education dated July 20, 2021 stating schools should work with local health officials to determine strategies needed for the next school year. He also shared Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the Illinois Department Public Health guidance released on July 27, 2021. The guidance states CDC recommends that everyone, including fully vaccinated individual, wear a mask in public indoor setting in substantial and high transmission areas. The CDC continues to recommend masking and social distancing as key prevention strategies and if school administrators decide to remove any of the prevention strategies for their school based on conditions they should be removed one at a time and monitored closely. Mr. Dugan informed the committee that HCHS has signed up with SHEILD Illinois that will do “Test-To-Stay” protocol, by testing unvaccinated students and staff that can avoid extensive quarantines when in close contact with probable causes. He supplied a picture and a comparison of what a possible quarantine for Universal masking and No mask (in a worst case scenario) situation. Mr. Dugan said he will submit Layered Mitigation to the Winnebago County Health Department prior to the start of the 2021-2022 school year and bring it to a Special Board Meeting for approval. He also communicated some encouragement from HCHS legal team as the mitigation recommendations could change quickly and decision cannot get done immediately. Mr. Dugan shared the HCHS Return to School Plan with the committee and stated all students will have to wear masks indoors and on buses. The two levels of mitigation strategies were also explained for masking, distancing and quarantining depending on the school outbreaks and percentages. The committee recommended the Return to School Plan 2021-22 and the Shield Agreement be placed on the August 4, 2021 Special Board meeting agenda for approval.
Other	Mr. Dugan stated there is another program for testing called Binex that he will be looking into and may bring to the Board for approval.
Adjourn	Meeting adjourned 10:42 a.m.



 President



 Secretary