

**MADISON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING  
Tuesday, November 10, 2020**

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

Visitors: Colby Caldwell, Laurie Bartoletti (Zoom)

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Colby Caldwell led the Board and the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Pledge

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

Public  
Comment

**REPORTS:**

**TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE:** John Russ Hamilton reported that Destiny Howser updated the committee regarding the success we've had with Chromebooks; staff and students are relying more on laptops rather than desktops; the labs are still useful for testing; the WiFi access points in the elementary have been upgraded and there is now a guest WiFi; installation of the new server went well; any site where students make their own accounts needs to have an agreement for Student Data Privacy, and she is in the process of obtaining those.

Tech  
Committee

**STUDENT COUNCIL:** Student Council Vice President Colby Caldwell reported on the following student activities: The girls middle school basketball has just started; varsity basketball will begin practice on December 7, with their first games scheduled for January 4; FFA will be participating in the John Deer Ag Expo (JDAE), with most events being virtual, but some being held in person in Twin Bridges at the fairgrounds; students did well with school being closed due to COVID during the week of November 2; seniors took the ACT on October 20.

Student  
Council

**BOARD GOALS AND TRAINING:**

Sheridan School Board will regularly review safety risks and prioritize their need and suggest actions based upon financial resources.

Board Goals

Superintendent Wetherbee remarked that the Board does a good job with this goal, and staff members feel comfortable communicating with administration when they see a potential problem.

**TITLE IX TRAINING:** MTSBA Title IX training is available to all trustees and staff through MTSBA.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**SECOND READING-NEW POLICY FOR EARLY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM:** Policy #3100 & #3100P-Student Enrollment, Exceptional

Policy #3100  
& #3100P



Circumstances Meriting Waiver of Age Requirements for Pupils: Therese Sutton moved to approve second reading of Policy #3100 and #3100P as presented. John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. Superintendent Wetherbee informed the Board that the early kindergarten position will be advertised in-house this week and in the paper next week. The motion carried.

SECOND READING-REVISED POLICY FOR EARLY KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM: Policy #3110-Entrance, Placement and Transfer: John Russ Hamilton moved to approve second reading of revised Policy #3110 as presented. Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

FALL ENROLLMENT DATA: The Board reviewed the enclosed enrollment data from the fall enrollment count, which includes students who are participating in remote learning. Enrollment seems steady, and the report includes students who are participating in remote learning,

**NEW BUSINESS:**

OUT OF DISTRICT ATTENDANCE AGREEMENTS: Therese Sutton moved to approve the out-of-district attendance agreements for the Miller family. Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried.

HIRING AND/OR RESIGNATION: Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Christie Nicholls as a substitute teacher, pending background check results. John Russ Hamilton moved to hire Christie Nicholls as a substitute teacher, pending background check results, and Therese Sutton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Superintendent Wetherbee recommended hiring Ridgely Elser as a substitute teacher, pending background check results. Therese Sutton moved to hire Ridgely Elser as a substitute teacher, pending background check results. John Russ Hamilton seconded the motion. The motion carried.

CONSIDERATION OF OPERATION OF NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM OR SUMMER FOOD PROGRAM THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020: Superintendent Wetherbee advised the Board that the USDA extended waivers allowing operation of the Summer Food Program through June 30, 2021; the Summer Food Program provides free breakfast and lunch to all students, but adult meal prices will need to increase to comply with the program; Superintendent Wetherbee recommended that the Board approve the operation of the Summer Food Program for the remainder of the school year, effective Monday, November 16 because the benefit to the families will outweigh the burden on staff. John Russ Hamilton moved to approve operation of the Summer Food Program, starting Monday, November 16 through the end of the school year. Klint Todd seconded the motion. Discussion included, but was not limited to, the following: the Summer Food Program is normally operated during July along with the Summer PALZ program; Summer Food is usually self-sustaining; operating the program during the school year will not affect the summer operation; the District will need

Policy #3110

Fall  
Enrollment  
Data

Out of District  
Attendance

Hiring/Resigna  
tion

Summer Food  
Program



to make meals available to students who are participating in remote learning. The motion carried.

**READING AND/OR APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) MINUTES:**

Therese Sutton moved to approve minutes from the October 13 regular meeting, with the heading corrected from Special Meeting to Regular Meeting. Klint Todd seconded the motion. The motion carried. Therese Sutton moved to approve the minutes from the October 13 safety committee meeting as presented. The motion carried.

Minutes

**REVIEW AND/OR APPROVAL OF CURRENT BILLS AND EXPENDITURE PROPOSALS:**

William T. C. Wood moved to approve the November warrant list as presented, including warrants #109223 through #109256 totaling \$66,600.09, and William Fabel seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Expenditures

Expenditure Proposals: None at this time

**PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:**

Principal Stout reported on the following (see enclosed):

- October attendance was 95% for K-6, 96% for 7-8, 95% for 9-12, and 95% overall; he noted that absences due to COVID were not included;
- He listed the October students of the month for grades K-6;
- The elementary winter concert will be held virtually; students performances will be recorded during the school day, and uploaded to YouTube as an alternative to holding a concert in person;
- Wednesday, November 25 will be an early release day for Thanksgiving break;
- Quarter 2 midterms are December 3;
- Staff will have a PIR day on December 4.

Principal's Report

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

- There has only been one significant behavior interaction since school started in the high school and the middle school students are making progress in their behavior;
- It is remarkable that we were able to have a full football season, and a nearly full volleyball season; FFA and FCCLA are also in progress, and are able to hold their events a little differently; basketball season will be another test;
- He anticipates that we will see the number of active COVID cases in Madison County peak in the next week or two, and then begin to decline; even with classes being quarantined, student attendance is still about 85%, which is good for most schools; his goal is to have in-person learning as long as there is enough staff available and to avoid district-wide remote learning as much as possible;

Supt. Report

- He has been visiting classrooms and seeing students learning, and all grade levels seem to be closing the gaps from last spring;
- He will have a plan next month on making up the days of lost instruction from being closed the week of November 2;
- There will be no staff dinner for Christmas this year, but he is planning on getting turkeys for each staff member instead;
- The District is still advertising for the vacant trustee position, and the county superintendent will have to appoint someone.

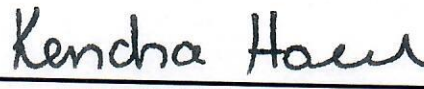
**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:48 p.m., Therese Sutton moved to adjourn the meeting.

Adjourn

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

  
CLERK

  
CHAIRMAN