

MAQUOKETA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
JULY 27, 2020

President Hayward called the special meeting of the Maquoketa Community School Board to order on July 27, 2020 at 4:02 p.m. at the Maquoketa Community High School Gym and via Zoom. Directors Hayward, Roeder, Creegan, Miller and Herring were present. Board Secretary Haxmeier and Superintendent Hoover were present. Many others were in attendance both in person and via Zoom.

MOTION #014-20/21: M/Herring, 2nd/Roeder to open the public hearing to receive comments from the public concerning the revised 2020-21 school calendar. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Public hearing was opened at 4:04 p.m.

There was a question from Kristin DeForest, “Wondering if you could share what type of time commitment you would be looking for from students for the Friday online days”. On behalf of the district, Tara Notz responded that online Friday’s will be task based, so the expectation will be for all tasks or assignments assigned on Friday will be due on the following Monday. Hearing no additional questions or comments.

MOTION #015-20/21: M/Miller, 2nd/Creegan to close the public hearing. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

MOTION #016-20/21: M/Herring, 2nd/Miller to approve the agenda as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

MOTION #017-20/21: M/Miller, 2nd/Roeder to approve the revised school calendar as presented. A copy of this will be attached to the minutes and available on the school website. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEM ONLY: Superintendent Hoover and other district administrators highlighted the Return to Learn Plan. It was noted that this plan will be continually changing. We are here tonight with a solid plan but we have to be very flexible throughout this school year. At this time the other important item to note is that the current Governor’s proclamation requires at least 50% of our time in person. The MCSD’s goal is to offer two options for families to return to school on August 24, 2020. The two options we will start with are in person learning AND remote online learning, parents can choose what is best for their situation. Health and safety for student and staff is our top priority, we know we cannot remove all risks but we are adding many layers of mitigation. District staff will frequently clean highly touched surfaces and electrostatic cleaning machines will be used to disinfect classrooms, buses and gymnasiums. Additional hand washing time will be built into the daily schedule. Teachers and staff will provide additional learning to students on how to ensure proper handwashing techniques. When hand washing is not feasible, touchless hand sanitizer dispensers will be available at each classroom entrance as well as entryways and lunch lines. At this time, we are highly recommending that students and staff wear a face covering (mask/shield or both) at school, this is subject to change at any time. Water fountains will not be available to drink from but bottle filling stations will be on to fill water bottles. Students are encouraged to bring their own water bottles. If a student does not have a water bottle the district will work with families to help provide one. Plastic barriers will be put up in common stop points, such as the main office, library, nursing office, and food service lines. Touchless soap dispensers and automatic paper towel dispensers will replace hand dryers where feasible. Classroom electronics and tables will be cleaned frequently. We need help from our families to self-assess your children before sending them to school to ensure they are not sick, if a child is sick please keep them home and call your healthcare provider. Each student will have their temperature taken once they have arrived in their first classroom of the day within the first 15 minutes. Do not allow your student to attend school if their temperature is above 100.4 degrees. Call your healthcare provider and the attendance office if your student is presenting symptoms of Covid-19. If you choose to participate in remote learning families will need to commit to this learning style, at a minimum, from August 24th through October 23rd (the 1st quarter). Some of the classes that high school students request may not be available in remote learning. If a high school student’s original schedule is modified due to wanting to participate in remote learning that student will need to remain with their current schedule through the end of the semester. If families originally chose to send their

child to school but no longer feel this is best for their family, they may change to online learning but will not be eligible to return to face to face learning until the beginning of second quarter on October 26th. Students will be required to login in daily to meet the attendance requirement of online remote learning. Students will be required to complete assignments based on the timeline given by their online teacher. Assignments will be self-pace with the support of in-person and recorded videos. Attendance is required and will be monitored. Maquoketa Community School District has enough devices, bags, and chargers for all students Pk-12 to take home a device if needed. Devices will also be provided if you choose to participate in our remote learning model. Maquoketa Community School District has the ability to offer families internet “hot spots” in which service will come from US Cellular or Sprint. This is at no charge to families who do not currently have internet access. Families will be contacted about “hot spots” based on the information they provide during registration. MCSD will be providing additional tools such as videos and trainings for parents and students to learn how to navigate the Seesaw Learning Management System (PK-5th) grade and the Canvas Learning Management System for 6th-12th grade. If families wish to use district transportation, students will be required to wear a mask. Maquoketa Community School District will provide updates via the District website, School Messenger texts/phone calls, and the Maquoketa School District Facebook page. Radio and newspaper will be used when feasible. If you have questions you may also contact your child’s school or the district office. Please see the detailed Return to Learn Plan on the district’s website for all details.

MOTION #018-20/21: M/Roeder, 2nd/Herring to approve the Return to Learn Plan as presented. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

MOTION #019-20/21: M/Creegan, 2nd/Miller to adjourn the meeting. 5 ayes, 0 nays motion carried.

Director Hayward adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

Mike Hayward, President

Kristy Haxmeier, Secretary