

November 23, 2020

The Special Meeting of the School Board, Independent School District No. 701, was called to order at 9:00 A.M. on November 23, 2020, via a Google Meet. Members present: Directors McLaughlin, Martin, Egan, Polcher and Chair Berklich.
Members Absent: Director Nyberg

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to approve the agenda. Being a Google Meet a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich
Against: None
Absent: Director Nyberg

Administrative Business:

APPROVE PK-12 DISTANCE LEARNING MODEL EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 2020. A RETURN DATE TO BE DETERMINED THROUGH CONSULTATION WITH THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Director Martin to approve PK-12 Distance Learning Model effective December 1, 2020. A return date to be determined through consultation with the Minnesota Department of Health. Direct McLaughlin requested a discussion for a return date.

Moved by Director Polcher, Supported by Director Martin to amend the motion to approve PK-12 Distance Learning Model effective December 1, 2020 and not to return any earlier than January 26, 2021 and this will be reevaluated at the January 6, 2021 school board meeting. Being a Google Meet a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich
Against: None
Absent: Director Nyberg

ALLOW HIBBING SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATION IN
ATHLETICS/ACTIVITIES WHILE DISTANCE LEARNING DURING
COVID-19 FOR THE 20-21 SCHOOL YEAR AS DETERMINED BY THE
MSHSL OR THE MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Moved by Director McLaughlin, supported by Director Martin to allow Hibbing School students participation in athletics / activities while distance learning during COVID-19 for the 20-21 school year as determined by the MSHSL or the Minnesota Department of Education. Being a Google Meet a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

Against: None

Absent: Director Nyberg

DISCUSSION: POTENTIAL RETURN DATES DUE TO COVID-19

Superintendent Aldrich and the school board directors discussed reevaluating a return date for in person learning at the January 6, 2021 school board meeting. An administrative meeting will follow after this meeting to continue planning for distance learning.

We have teachers and peer mentors available to offer students and parents additional help by accessing google meets at AskHHS. This is offered from 8:00 A.M. – 2:40 P.M., Tuesday and Thursday from 4:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. and Wednesday from 3:00 P.M. – 5:00 P.M. for special education students.

ADJOURN

Moved by Director Polcher, supported by Chair Berklich to adjourn the special meeting at 9:30 A.M. Being a Google Meet a roll call vote was taken and carried as follows:

For: Directors Egan, Polcher, Martin, McLaughlin and Chair Berklich

Against: None

Absent: Director Nyberg

JOHN BERKLICH, Chair

ATTEST:

MICHAEL EGAN, Clerk