

Meeting Minutes
Calloway County High School

SBDM Council – Special Called Meeting

Location: Virtually via Teams

Date: December 17, 2020 Time: 3:30 p.m.

I. Opening Business

- a. **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:34 p.m. Members present were Christopher King, Corina Byford, Sharon Bobo, Rodney Covington, John Williams, John Larkin, Ashley Fritsche and Katy Walls.
- b. **Approval of Agenda:** Mrs. Walls made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Bobo seconded the motion. The motion passed and the agenda was approved.

II. Open Forum

- a. Mr. King prefaced Open Forum by laying ground rules.
 - a. Listen and allow others time to speak.
 - b. No personal attacks.
 - c. Keep it professional.
 - d. See issues from all viewpoints.
 - e. Put students first.
- b. Mr. King pointed out that when he presented to council last week regarding the schedule for 2021-2022, he had presented it as keeping the same schedule we have currently but teachers teaching 7 of 8 classes and having one planning period and no block planning. He presented a second option which was a 7-period day.
- c. Mr. Falwell used the “Raise Hand” feature in teams due to the chat box not working to signal that he wanted to speak in open forum.
 - a. Mr. Falwell thanked the council for amending the original agenda to add the open forum section then addressed the council with his thoughts on the potential schedule change for CCHS.
 - i. His thoughts included:
 - 1. In years past when a schedule change has been discussed, there have been many months/years put into thoughtfully considering options.
 - 2. Credits – Students on our current schedule or a traditional block schedule are allowed to complete 32 credits and explore several different career paths, take multiple foreign language classes or AP/Dual Credit courses. The current schedule allows students who have the need to graduate at Christmas. With a change, would we have to offer ½ credit classes again? How would dual credit courses work? Period classes would eliminate some classes from being able to take field trips during their assigned class time such as Greenhouse. Students cannot get a meaningful co-op experience in a period because it isn’t enough time to leave CCHS and venture out to a business.
 - 3. Climate – Mr. Falwell pointed out that offering 7 classes a day could increase the anxiety and pressure for our students. He discussed how discipline referrals are lowest on a block schedule. He pointed out our loss of staff members due to the climate and hazards of the job. Mr. Falwell also discussed issues with employee morale and stated that happy employees lead to a positive school climate which is good for both students and teachers. He discussed the many quality programs that CCHS offers and pointed out that those programs take time to develop. He discussed how we cannot compare CCHS to other schools in the district because we are all so unique.

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4. Consideration – Mr. Falwell pointed out the many unknowns of changing the schedule in the middle of Covid-19. He discussed other options such as using a “teacher of record” for in school suspension and how we could still have many kids online next year which would lead to lower numbers in the classrooms.
 5. Mr. Falwell asked the council to take some time, gather stakeholder input, and keep our focus on student achievement. He proposed postponing the vote today and taking some time to think everything over before we making a final decision.
- b. Mrs. Kramer raised her hand using the feature in Teams and wanted clarification. She asked if the only change for option one is to reduce faculty planning time but keep the same schedule we have currently. Mr. King told her that was correct.

III. 2021-2022 Schedule

- a. Mrs. Fritsche made a motion to move the 2021-2022 Schedule off the table and open it back up for discussion. Mrs. Bobo seconded the motion and the 2021-2022 Schedule was opened back up for discussion.
- a. Mr. King asked each council member what they thought about it after having some time to gain input from others, viewing his presentation, and listening to comments in Open Forum. The comments were as follows:
 - i. Mrs. Fritsche – The council has gotten some feedback today from parents and students which all seem to be in favor of not moving to a 7-period day. Not a lot of information has been gathered and there are still so many unknowns.
 - ii. Mr. Larkin – A lot of unknowns exist with changing the schedule. How will CCR play out? The curriculum committee hasn’t made their final recommendations. We have only been given non-descript answers to questions.
 - iii. Mrs. Walls – There are a lot of unknowns and faculty who have talked to her feel like it is a rushed decision.
 - iv. Mr. Williams – Class sizes are a problem and we need to get that under control. We need a solution that offers flexibility for students. We need a change that offers smaller class sizes. One of the options presented, based on math, gives more options than the other. He feels it would be prudent to wait on deciding.
 - v. Mrs. Bobo – Stated she had gotten three phone calls today from parents who feel like it is being done quickly and think we should not vote immediately. We need time to assess the situation and make the right decision.
 - vi. Mrs. Byford – She had concerns from parents about their children or family members not being able to take certain classes that allow them to be in clubs and organizations. Parents have told her that they do not want to see electives taken away from students.
 - vii. Mr. Covington – His students enjoy the current schedule and think we need to postpone a vote until we have more information.
 - viii. Mr. King – He understands the need to offer more classes to kids but he also understands that a 7-period day is best. We have lost four teaching staff and an aide and will lose another teacher this year. He pointed out that change is never pleasant and when we made the move to the modified block two years ago it wasn’t pleasant then either. He said based on math we do not have enough seats for our enrollment next year. We will

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have to work with guidance on putting a limit on how many students it will take to offer a class and core teachers will have to teach some electives within their content areas.

- b. Mr. Larkin made a motion to table the 2021-2022 schedule until our next meeting. Mrs. Fritsche seconded the motion and the 2021-2022 schedule was put back on the table until our next meeting.
- c. Mr. King told the council that we needed to start looking for solutions if we do not like the ones he presented.
- d. Mrs. Walls said that staying on our same schedule but allowing some teachers to have block planning and some to have period planning would be one solution. Mr. King agreed but said that two years ago when this schedule was passed council did not want to do that due to it not being fair for all staff. He said if he could be given leigh way to choose who gets what planning it would help to lower class sizes.
- e. Mr. Covington asked if the funding loss was at a local or state level. No clear answer was given but it was pointed out that it could potentially be possible to regain one or two staff members based on enrollment.

IV. Adjourn

- a. Mr. Larkin made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Byford seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.