

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
July 30, 2020

A Special School Board Meeting of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake, Minnesota, was called to order by President Jeff Peterson at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 30, 2020 at the School District Offices.

Roll was called and the following members were present: Julie Corcoran, Alex Keto, Kate Luthner, Jill Olson, Jeff Peterson, Rob Rapheal, Gail Theisen, and Superintendent Dr. Steve Massey, ex officio.

NEW BUSINESS

4.1 RETURN TO SCHOOL DISCUSSION AND PLANNING

Dr. Massey relayed information announced from Governor Walz' office in regards to the upcoming start of school for the 20-21 school year. Dr. Massey utilized a Power Point to show the three different scenarios that have been designed by our planning team that prioritizes health and safety while maximizing learning with equity, access, communication and flexibility for students and staff. Governor Walz had introduced a matrix to use in helping to determine which learning model to use, using county-wide COVID-19 case data. Dr. Massey discussed the different looks of each of the three learning models that have been planned, these being In-Person Learning, a Hybrid Model and a Distance Learning Program.

The following motion was presented to the School Board, with the request for approval: To approve the Administration recommendation that in consultation with MDE / MDH guidance and in accordance with statewide case data, that Forest Lake Area Schools begin the school year with in person learning for students in grades K through 6, including early childhood education and begin the school year for grades 7 through 12 in a hybrid learning model and that a full distance learning option be provided for any student, and that administration be prepared to adjust the opening plan in accordance with the case numbers and in consultation with the Minnesota Department of Health.

Member Keto moved, 2nd by Member Olson to Approve the Administration Recommendation as presented for the 2020-2021 Return to School Plan. By roll call vote, all members voted aye. The motion carried.

DISCUSSION

All Board Members expressed support and appreciation for the thoughtful approach used in planning and execution of this comprehensive plan for all students and staff. Certain logistics are still being worked on with the knowledge that there will need to be flexibility from all parties to be able to be as successful as possible.

As there was no further business, Member Keto moved to adjourn. The motion was 2nd by Member Olson. All members voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Jeff Peterson President

Kate Luthner Clerk

Approved Date: 9/03/2020