

INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 831
Forest Lake, Minnesota
EMERGENCY SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

November 19, 2020

This emergency meeting of the School Board of Independent School District No. 831, Forest Lake, Minnesota, was called to order by President Peterson at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 19, 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 Steve Massey, ex officio.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Member Keto moved to approve agenda. The motion was 2nd by Member Rapheal. By roll call vote, all members present voted aye. The motion carried.

4. REVIEW AND DISCUSSION: COVID-19 and LEARNING MODEL UPDATE

Dr. Massey reviewed the most recent updates of the local and county COVID-19 status. As the school year has begun, we have maintained the goal of maximizing student in person learning as well as putting a priority on student and staff safety. Our team has continued to follow the guidelines put out by Governor Walz as well as take into consideration the local data and real life impacts as changes to Learning Models have been considered for the District. At this time, our ever-changing circumstances have led to student and staff absences that are lending to a less than effective learning system for students and learning systems that are not sustainable. Due to these current circumstances, there will be a learning model adjustment with full distance learning for all levels, starting on Thursday, December 3rd through January 22nd. Our Elementary students will be receiving live/interactive lessons daily using SeeSaw and Google Classroom with individualized teacher assistance and paper copies as needed. At the Secondary levels the course rigor and content will remain unchanged. Students are expected to follow their regular class schedule, utilizing CANVAS and Google Meet, with teachers remaining available for live support throughout each class. Distance Learning Childcare Program will be available for district enrolled preK-6th grade students with parameters laid out for the locations, times and who qualifies, using a tier system. The school lunch program will continue with the guidelines that they have been currently following. Ranger Academy and WIN club will continue in their current forms. A distance learning program will be provided for early childhood and preschool students. There is no clear guidance given as to when we will be able to return to a different level of learning model, but we hope to do so as soon as it is safe and feasible. At the January 21, 2021 School Board meeting the current learning model will be assessed for any adjustments that may be prudent to be made at that time.

School Board members followed up with clarification questions and comments commending the staff for their devotion, passion and commitment during these uncertain times

No School Board action needed for Administration to implement this plan.

As there was no further business, Member Theisen moved, 2nd by Member Olson to adjourn. All members present voted aye and the meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

Jeff Peterson, President

Kate Luthner, Clerk

Approved Date: 12/03/2020