

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

WADSWORTH CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes of Emergency Meeting

Date: November 28, 2020

The Wadsworth City Board of Education met in Special Session on Saturday, November 28, 2020, at 9:00 A.M at Charles R. Parsons Administrative Building, 524 Broad Street, and via Google Meet.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND ROLL CALL

Present	Kramer, Gordon, Stevens, McComas, Batey	
Absent		
Administrators	)	
Staff	)	Total 917
Visitors	)	
Student Liaison	Lauren Claxton (absent)	

ADMINISTRATIVE DISCUSSION AND PUBLIC COMMENT

- A. To review, discuss and possibly vote on changes to the 2020-21 School Year Education Continuity Plan. The conversation will include, at a minimum, discussion on the Continuity Plan's automatic transition to Remote learning at Level 4, Purple.

BATEY: Thanked community, staff and administration for feedback and support. Stated she supports Dr. Hill, Mr. Moore and Mrs. Decker and thanked them for their work the past weeks, working 7 days/week. Believes WCS should commit to staying with the current Continuity Plan.

STEVENS: *Left meeting at 10:40 A.M. and joined remotely before returning at 10:58 A.M.*

Decision based on data, as this is an emotional and polarizing topic. Believes WCS needs to stay with the plan that was approved.

GORDON: Thanked Dr. Hill. Stated in a fluid situation and changes occur. Said decisions are made based on facts and continue to gather information. Believe we should not adjust the continuity plan at this time.

MCCOMAS: Thanked community for feedback the last 24 hours. Stated decisions are made on data but emotions play a part with this pandemic. Needed to hold a this meeting because things with ODE have changed. In favor of leaving the verbiage in the Continuity Plan as they are in spite of the changes.

KRAMER: This is a very emotional subject for her. Stated she was on the committee that developed the plan this summer. No one ever thought we would go purple but we might. Feels bad about learning at WHS because students are coming and going. Supports keeping the continuity plan as is.

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1. Purple = Two (2) days of no school for staff to prepare. Need to have technology and supplies ready for students.
2. Special Education and Career Tech = Continue in-person teaching based on willingness to do so by staffing.
3. Special meeting was scheduled for November 30, 2020 at 4:00 to discuss WHS Reset 12/01 to 12/20.

MCCOMAS What is plan for coming out of the Reset at WHS?
How to address the quarantine issue?

GORDON Stated available Monday afternoon.
How does Reset at one building impact the Continuity Plan?
Does the Continuity Plan allow closing one building?
What if "counting" for quarantine rules do not change?

4. Purple and Extra-curricular activities:

GORDON Stated WCS should continue with extra-curricular activities if can be done safely.

STEVENS Stated most coaches and advisors would like to continue with their activities.

MCCOMAS Stated mental health and wellbeing of students is important and taking these away may make it worse.

GOOGLE MEET CHAT TRANSCRIPT:

00:15:14.269,00:15:17.269

Rusty Kuse: How many parents, staff, administrators, and community members were part of creating this plan?

00:16:28.065,00:16:31.065

Arlene Shively: How are you handling OSHA citations? I'm on a legal team handling them for my employer and the presumption is the employer is responsible for the transmission of the virus.

00:17:14.035,00:17:17.035

Ira Hamman: Moving to hybrid will cause a change in transportation.. do we have enough bus driver available?

00:19:09.879,00:19:12.879

Arlene Shively: Our unions are filing the OSHA complaints

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00:23:40.460,00:23:43.460

Kathleen Davis: No apologies are necessary! You all are in a tough situation and the information changes daily! No one has a crystal ball!

00:23:46.596,00:23:49.596

Stephine Schmeltzer: Steph Schmeltzer

00:24:14.594,00:24:17.594

Matthew Bocian: Dr. Hill = Great leadership, 🍷👍

00:24:43.416,00:24:46.416

Arlene Shively: You have teachers out sick - from my experience with OSHA and the department of labor - Wadsworth is responsible

00:24:55.446,00:24:58.446

Kathy Lepley: No apologies are necessary ! No one knows how things were going to play out , and we appreciate your support Dr Hill !

00:25:13.969,00:25:16.969

Ira Hamman: I agree with Ms Davis's comment. The Board and Superintendent have done an outstanding job

00:28:29.313,00:28:32.313

Sydney Humphrey: Just because the county is purple, doesn't mean the schools have to go Remote. It's rare for asymptomatic kids to transmit to adults.

00:31:19.297,00:31:22.297

Nicole Poynter: Lorain County is purple and they are not going to remote learning at this time, because schools are shown to not be the cause of the high cases.

00:31:37.454,00:31:40.454

Kathy Lepley: Will the kids go back to in person once the county is out of purple ? Our kids really need that in person social interaction , but agree we need to keep kids safe , but they need to be in school once out of purple

00:31:49.808,00:31:52.808

Henderson Family: A question I have regarding a county going purple (regardless of a change or not in the language of the contingency plan).....the county "color" can flip back and forth within days. What are the discussions on that as far as changing within days? Clearly it wouldn't be possible to administrators to make changes every few days.

00:33:28.955,00:33:31.955

Tammy Antro: Have you considered doing at least 1 week hybrid after the holidays? (Because not all families stayed home and did isolation.) There are school systems doing this, one school in the area is Aurora. After day 7 of being in contact with COVID, your likelihood of contracting COVID decreases significantly and continues to decrease as you get closer to day 14.

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00:35:01.799,00:35:04.799

Arlene Shively: Are you providing PPE to your teachers and staff?

00:35:14.323,00:35:17.323

Lynn Decker: ppe is provided

00:35:41.972,00:35:44.972

Arlene Shively: You provide masks? Medical grade surgical masks?

00:35:55.661,00:35:58.661

Tammy Young: In my opinion kids should be able to go to school. Essential front line workers can't be home with our children to educate them. In turn, our children will just get more and more behind.

00:36:13.193,00:36:16.193

Carrie Nolin: As a parent of students, a spouse of a district educator and a member of the committee this summer I agreed in August that if our county went purple we should move to remote learning. However, over the last 14 weeks I have seen the amazing work our district's administration and teachers have done and how adaptive our students have been to learning in a different and sometimes challenging situation. I believe that until an individual school within the district cannot staff or has too many student

00:38:11.312,00:38:14.312

Kathy Lepley: We need to keep our kids in school , there has been amazing work done to keep our kids safe and continue in school for social interaction , once we are out of purple , we have proved this in person is working with safety first !

00:38:36.748,00:38:39.748

Natalie Sydorenko: All students and teachers need continuity; I trust Principal Moore, Dr. Hill, and Board President Batey that a 40 day remote reset is needed and will provide consistency and calm and safety for all involved.

00:39:47.492,00:39:50.492

Anne Peltier: Will you consider having the upper grades remote if the elementary stays in school? Most of the cases we've received emails about have been from high school or middle school. Those kids are old enough to stay home alone and work independently. I understand that remote learning is a much bigger burden on families with younger children who need childcare.

00:39:56.612,00:39:59.612

Rusty Kuse: There should be an effort made to increase capacity in Wired to allow those that are on the wait list and others that want to enroll to allow for that.

00:42:27.728,00:42:30.728

Sherri Becker: However, we know a great deal more today than we knew in July. Students are not what is causing the spread of COVID.

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Sarah Trausch: Some students have been quarantined more than once.

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Dave Bartiromo: We absolutely need to keep the kids in school. If we go purple, it's not because of spread at WCS. It's not as a result of our students. We DO NOT NEED to go remote simply because of a color coded chart. There is no reason to abandon the use of DATA now.

00:42:31.769,00:42:34.769

Arlene Shively: It's a pandemic. What is material is the risk to student, teacher staff as well as family member as a result of a symptomatic carriers.

00:42:42.295,00:42:45.295

Natalie Sydorenko: Excellent points, Linda. Thank you. I agree remote is the best for everyone emotionally, mentally, and physically.

00:43:10.591,00:43:13.591

Nicole Poynter: remote has been horrible for children's and teens social and emotional health

00:43:34.867,00:43:37.867

Sherri Becker: How many teachers have been quarantined due to community exposure versus student exposure?

00:43:40.484,00:43:43.484

Sarah Trausch: On Wednesday, 44% of my students at WHS were out. 32% were quarantined.

00:45:06.517,00:45:09.517

Chari Turski: Can you address the alarming percentage of sub position that are not being filled.

00:45:07.273,00:45:10.273

Michelle Wyand: If we go remotely due to being purple, how long would that be? Would in person learning go back in place if numbers start to decrease and/or we are out of purple?

00:45:08.943,00:45:11.943

Henderson Family: Nicole my child is in person. I can say that the stress every day of waiting for the call to quarantine has caused more mental health anxiety issues than if there was a decision to be remote or hybrid minimizing quarantine orders.

00:45:39.813,00:45:42.813

Bill Rhoades: Unfortunately, data can only be one part of the equation when you deal with decisions in education. The educators are the experts, and their opinions and expertise should be your number one consideration when making a decision. The data was clear about the high school yesterday. The continuity of education in that building right now is not good. If you want a clear picture, talk to the teachers, students, admins. In that building. They will tell you what you need to know to make an informed deci

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Lynn Decker: n95 masks are not valid unless they are professionally fit

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Elijah Heckler: Mrs. Trausch is right. I am now on my second quarantine and it's causing me major stress. There's absolutely no interaction with other students in the class, and very little interaction with the teachers. Quarantining is disruptive to a learning environment, and having everyone do the same thing would be much easier on the students and the teachers. Remote learning would be safer as well. The idea that the virus is not spreading within the school is also something we're starting to see is false

00:46:27.122,00:46:30.122

Tangee Whapham: I agree with Linda and Natalie. We do desperately need to be remote since the HS is having school spread now. And if the county goes purple, that indicates that the spread is uncontrolled in the entire county. Why task our healthcare system even more? Marymount and Hillcrest Hospitals are COVID hospitals. AGMC had to convert a PACU to a COVID unit. We need to do our part and slow the spread.

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Nicole Frantz: So it would seem that red tape and quarantines are the issue, rather than people actually spreading the virus. □

00:46:53.816,00:46:56.816

Nicole Poynter: Henderson Family- I can understand that, but I have seen an increase in anxiety and depression from social isolation.

00:47:07.660,00:47:10.660

Janice Dague: Henderson family! I agree. It was awful for my daughter to wait for the word to quarantine. And our school nurses are treating our students with grace and can only work so fast to notify parents and students.

00:47:24.510,00:47:27.510

Tammy Young: You can keep your child home if you wish. Don't try to speak for everyone.

00:49:41.943,00:49:44.943

Arlene Shively: Tammy I'm not speaking for everyone I'm just pointing out legal considerations

00:50:55.643,00:50:58.643

Sherri Becker: Why does OSHA automatically assume that a teacher has gotten COVID from school? In the hospitals we are finding that most of the spread is outside at small gatherings, not from patients and we do not wear N95s except for active COVID patients. We wear surgical masks.

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00:51:09.089,00:51:12.089

Glen Moore: For those whom are speaking to remote learning based only on their experience with how it was in the spring I will say that the Wired program is 100% different. Much more organized, scripted, and effective. I was very skeptical in the beginning, but have had my children in the remote Wired program all year this year and it has been great. Sure it is more work for me, but they are learning and there is social time for the kids built in by the Wired teachers.

00:52:09.511,00:52:12.511

Tangee Whapham: Thank you Stephanie

00:52:10.057,00:52:13.057

Julie Wright: Glen you are right. My son is in wired and it is absolutely amazing. The teachers are fantastic and keep the kids on their toes.

00:52:34.347,00:52:37.347

Ira Hamman: What's are the logistics involved in switching to hybrid or 100% remote

00:52:51.226,00:52:54.226

Megan Lucey: I agree! They are doing a wonderful job on the Wired program. The teachers are doing fantastic!!!

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Dave Bartiromo: It's important to know that there are two indicators that could cause us to "turn purple" that hold little to no weight when it comes to WCS. First, the flawed non-congregate setting indicator. In order for this indicator to NOT be met we would need a significant increase in cases in congregate settings in order to reduce the overall percentage of cases in non-congregate settings. This, obviously, is not what we want.

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Dave Bartiromo: From what I understand no student has been hospitalized, much less admitted to the ICU. This indicator is not impacted by cases we're seeing at WCS and therefore we shouldn't let it impact our decision as to whether we keep kids in the building or not. Also, we are currently NOT meeting the Hospital Admission indicator and it's not expected that we will meet it this week. If we do "go purple," due to the way the system has been set up, it may be weeks or even months before we are not purple.

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Sherri Becker: There was just an article in Becker's Review which stated that the spread in hospitals is in the lunch/breakroom.

01:00:06.744,01:00:09.744

Julie Wright: how many students and staff were out last week due to quarantine?

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Tangee Whapham: The HS is where quarantining and positivity is increasing very quickly. There were only 9 kids in my son's pre-calc class out like 23

01:02:37.513,01:02:40.513

Jason Marshall: I'm sure wired is working great for some kids, and those kids have the option to continue with it, but remote learning does not work well for all kids. Many other kids need the in person learning experience, and they should have that option. Even in difficult times you've been doing a great job with in person learning since September.

01:03:21.891,01:03:24.891

Liz M: At the start of the next semester, could more sections of Wadsworth Wired be open? Giving opportunities to both teachers and students that would prefer the remote option while still allowing in person education for those who deem that essential. That would lower the number of students in the building as well.

01:03:52.716,01:03:55.716

Tangee Whapham: If they did not place an official vote, I would definitely like there to be one today. Especially in light of the new HS and teacher we were notified about last night.

01:04:05.377,01:04:08.377

Lynn Decker: thank you for sharing that Michelle. It is a frequently asked question. I was going to speak on this but Andy covered it well too

01:04:28.641,01:04:31.641

Kelly Gleason: At what point will the board consider making a building remote because staff absences cannot be covered with subs or without requiring staff members to cover others classes?

01:05:57.890,01:06:00.890

Sherri Becker: Honestly, we will not know what the right thing is to do, we do not know enough about COVID. Closing from Thanksgiving to Christmas is not a bad idea, but the families and kids need to stop gatherings which will be difficult during holidays. Thank you all for this difficult discussion.

01:06:13.789,01:06:16.789

Colin Moore: it is very important to look at the physiological effects of bring in school that is effecting students

01:06:18.761,01:06:21.761

Stephanie Swain: I believe The Hybrid model makes sense for the HS now.

01:06:24.930,01:06:27.930

Natalie Sydorenko: The warnings are accurate and on point; our own teachers are citing the low numbers in their classrooms because of the rise in cases and quarantines.

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Kelly Gleason: Also, would the board consider going remote even without going purple due to lack of staff or number of students out. For example, I see a strong benefit in going remote for three-four weeks during the higher sick season in hopes that we can finish the remaining 4-5 months in person.

01:06:52.686,01:06:55.686

Ashley Manfull: If we go to all remote learning, can we expect teaching full lessons online as if the kids were in class, as opposed to occasional check-ins that were done in the spring?

01:07:01.352,01:07:04.352

Madeline Shively: What about their physical health?

01:07:03.477,01:07:06.477

Amy Jariga: What happens to extracurricular activities during purple phase? Doesn't seem right to not do in person learning but still be in large groups playing games, band, etc.

01:08:42.353,01:08:45.353

Tangee Whapham: Being outside greatly decreases the rate of transmission. That's why we're seeing such a spike nationally because weather has turned colder and people are gathering inside. Spread is so much easier inside.

01:09:02.083,01:09:05.083

Michelle Wyand: No problem Lynn!! I am in the thick of it with my job. I am an xray technologist and am one of the first people a possible covid patient sees because a chest xray image is needed in aiding in a diagnosis of covid. We are seeing a definite surge in positive cases.

01:09:21.904,01:09:24.904

Colin Moore: Dosent it really say something about what we should do when alot of teachers and the high school principal want us to go online? they are on the front line. they say more then the numbers do

01:10:43.595,01:10:46.595

Stephanie Swain: My son did Wired for the 1st GP. He's in 11th. He did horrible he hated it and felt more isolated than ever. He was almost depressed because his friends were all together in school and he felt left out.

01:11:23.622,01:11:26.622

Dave Bartiromo: I cannot stress this enough: Despite what many assume, moving students to a remote learning situation WILL NOT stop the spread of a virus. In fact, it might lead to the potential for increased spread. At least in school we know where they are, that they're properly spaced, etc. AND we know they're getting the best education they can get.

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Anne Peltier: We can't assume that in person is better for students' mental health. Overall anxiety and concern about passing the virus to loved ones is a serious concern.

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Nicole Frantz: The cases are going up, yes, that should be NO surprise. And I realize no one wants to talk about deaths, but the fact of the matter is that the death data is what is most important in determining how deadly this virus is. As cases go up, and deaths remain steady or go down, that means this virus is less deadly, not more! It's very simple, if you're uncomfortable with your child going to school in person, you have the CHOICE to get on the wired wait list, home school, or enroll them elsewhere.

01:15:49.029,01:15:52.029

Natalie Sydorenko: Yes, Colin, it surely does. People and their testimony from the front lines are tantamount to solid decision making. Numbers are limited in showing the full narrative picture of what is happening. We must listen to our teachers. We must value them enough to do so.

01:16:38.995,01:16:41.995

Glen Moore: If Administrators etc., are being pulled to cover classes because so many teachers are out due to quarantine or covid are the kids really getting taught/educated and not falling behind as some folks have mentioned as a reason not to go remote? Additionally, if subs are being used frequently i.e., in out, in out that doesn't promote consistency either.

01:18:23.405,01:18:26.405

Jason Marshall: It sounds like you don't want to change the continuity plan that was put in place last August because a lot of work went into it, but you have better information now (kids are at low risk of serious complications from COVID) and you have proven since September that you can do in person learning regardless of the county color

01:20:23.715,01:20:26.715

Michelle Wyand: Dr. Hill i want to thank you for handling this with grace, patience and care for our staff, & students. This pandemic is not easy to navigate through every perspective you look at. I appreciate as a parent what you are trying to do with so many unknown factors.

01:21:16.087,01:21:19.087

Bill Rhoades: Glen, you are absolutely right. There is probably more disruption and inconsistency now, being in person. This would only be for three weeks. One of those weeks is semester exams, where kids will be coming and going. The other week will I'm sure, be basically review. All things that can be done just as effectively remotely as in person.

01:21:36.960,01:21:39.960

Nicole Frantz: Agreed Jason. Also, I think it's less important to just "stick with the plan" than to consider what's best for the district as a whole considering what has changed and has been learned since then.

01:23:42.193,01:23:45.193

Angie Schnick: Regardless if the kids aren't as susceptible to Covid, the problem is their education and others around them are being disrupted by the constant need to leave for 10-14 days of being quarantined because of being contact traced or around someone that did test positive. On top of this, it is mentally draining for the kids to constantly see this and/or worry that they could be the next one that has to leave. They really need to go remote for a certain amount of time and see how it goes.

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01:23:56.378,01:23:59.378

Natalie Sydorenko: Thank you Julie!!

01:24:12.797,01:24:15.797

Tangee Whapham: An official vote should be taken in light of the feedback from the union, the principal, parents and teachers

01:26:10.908,01:26:13.908

Colin Moore: I agree with Tangee we need to look beyond what you 5 think and look at everyone especially thoes who are seeing what's happening first hand a hospital worker wearing a cloth mask I assure you it's over their N95 mask.

01:27:37.685,01:27:40.685

Ira Hamman: Is anyone on the Board able to speak about Ohio's Sunshine Law regarding public meetings?

01:28:53.312,01:28:56.312

Kathleen Hauenstein: Is the decision to remain in-school versus online learning something the teacher's union can strike over?

01:30:23.421,01:30:26.421

Jennifer Frantz: With substitute teachers being brought in, the students that have IEPs are not getting the extra help that is needed. Example my son has some regular classes but did not understand 1 of the assignments and asked for help. He was not giving the extra help so he received a 0 on the assignment.

01:31:58.219,01:32:01.219

Colin Moore: there is talks of students from the highschool to just stop showing up in person if you chose to stay in person.

01:35:35.137,01:35:38.137

Tracy Hinkle: I am all for the kids being in school but there are so many out and the kids feel more isolated being quarantined than remote learning. A reset as suggested by Mr. Moore is an excellent idea.

01:36:03.338,01:36:06.338

Michelle Neiser: Is there a chance to look at remote until students/staff return from Martin Luther King Day. That would be 14 days after Holidays.

Ryan Norman: How much of the decision is based on financial needs of the schools, and is there a difference per head count of in person, vs. wired when it comes to funds?

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Ashley Manfull: Of all the kids who have been quarantined due to proximity, how many of those kids have actually developed symptoms or tested positive for Covid?

Please don't take away their extracurricular activities - our 4 kids have successfully made it through summer baseball, school football and volleyball and now on to wrestling and basketball with no more than a handful of minor cases. absolutely no spread. we can't keep our kids trapped in a bubble.

01:39:57.596,01:40:00.596

Jason Marshall: If you go to all remote learning what are working parents who can't be home supposed to do to supervise young kids (say first, second, third graders, etc.) who would be required to stay home and learn remotely?

01:40:25.908,01:40:28.908

Bill Rhoades: Thanks for the clarification on the high school schedule. I apologize.

01:40:49.167,01:40:52.167

Tammy Young: I agree Jason!!

01:42:10.522,01:42:13.522

Dave Bartiromo: Many comments have been made regarding students being concerned about waiting on the quarantine call. Remember: we should soon see a change in how we quarantine - meaning far fewer kids will have to quarantine and even those who do will likely have to do so for a shorter time. If perception of severity is being skewed by the number of kids in quarantine - that should be changing soon.

01:45:09.256,01:45:12.256

Colin Moore: I think that it's very important our teachers also know the importance of wearing a mask. Because it happens way too often that one of my teachers pull their mask down to talk louder or even cough

01:46:25.312,01:46:28.312

Heather Yannayon: Will you schedule a emergency meeting for tomorrow with a purpose statement of revisiting the decision of moving high school to remote effective Dec 1st due to the community's input since yesterday and the overwhelming ask to move the high school to remote

01:47:33.227,01:47:36.227

Mitch Reese: Why can't the kids if needed, log into their classes via ZOOM or some other platform. Then they are with their own teacher and class and there is no need for Wadsworth Wired. Am I missing something?

01:51:17.065,01:51:20.065

Tricia Ebner: The board has to provide at least 24 hours' notice for any emergency meetings. If they meet less than 24 hours before notice, any decisions made, including those voted upon, may have to be rescinded because the meeting didn't meet requirements of the Sunshine Law.

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Glen Moore: The change in the quarantine timeframe that is coming is essentially to make it "easier" on people and largely driven by the politicization of this situation and not necessarily data, and it is only being considered to be reduced to 7-10 days instead of 14 days.

01:53:23.009,01:53:26.009

Mark Vlcek: Are we just talking what the plans are for highschool or all the schools in wadsworth

01:54:24.390,01:54:27.390

Heather Yannayon: If tomorrow is not available, Monday is 11/30 and the high school kids are already ready to go online- revisit and vote on Monday

01:54:28.859,01:54:31.859

Dave Bartiromo: Glen, actually the quarantine change is likely due to the fact that schools have taken proper precautions (masks, distancing) and the fact that there has been little to no spread is proving that those steps have worked. The health departments are recognizing that it's important to keep kids in the classroom. The school board should take that into consideration as well.

01:55:44.488,01:55:47.488

Jason Marshall: My question was about supervising young kids with remote learning when parents are working. The only answer was that "we did it last spring", but at that time the entire state was closed and many parents were required to stay home from work. Now the majority of businesses are back open so most parents are back to work.

01:55:48.862,01:55:51.862

Colin Moore: Our teachers and principal instructed us to bring everything home, we are ready to go online and at least...all my teachers think it's the best idea. We are ready for this...it's time to go online, at least at the highschool

01:57:02.450,01:57:05.450

Jennifer Frantz: Jason I agree with you! Not even young kids, but also special needs kids that are older but can not stay home alone

01:57:43.131,01:57:46.131

Glen Moore: Dave, the quarantine change I was speaking about is the one being considered by the CDC, which is not being driven by the actions of the schools. It is being driven by what we are learning about the incubation period of the virus.

01:58:54.968,01:58:57.968

Charles Berg: What are other "like" districts that are on some sort of online learning doing in regards to the questions being asked?

02:00:29.956,02:00:32.956

Elizabeth Davis: What about middle school and CIS - I'm only hearing High School vs Elementary

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02:00:41.386,02:00:44.386

Angie Schnick: Barberton High School is going remote for a few days after thanksgiving break and then going from there. Not sure about the other schools within that district.

02:04:14.737,02:04:17.737

Natalie Sydorenko: Sorry, Tangee--I was reading too quickly, and responding to Colin Moore, not Principal Steve Moore; however, I agree with Colin Moore and I applaud Steve Moore for all his vigilance and hard, tireless work to keep the high school safe. I support his recommendation to go remote.

02:05:10.004,02:05:13.004

Rusty Kuse: High School administration and teachers are saying go online until January. BOE listen to those concerns and support your staff.

02:05:51.610,02:05:54.610

Colin Moore: if it helps anyone I'm a student at the high school

02:06:15.665,02:06:18.665

Kathy Ott: thank you Stephine for sharing this information

02:06:16.092,02:06:19.092

Sydney Humphrey: Can you survey the teachers about whether they would take into consideration the needs and desires of the parents?

02:06:37.066,02:06:40.066

Dave Bartiromo: What new data do you have that would cause you to revisit your discussion from yesterday?

02:09:58.963,02:10:01.963

Colin Moore: just to make sure, there is no new information regarding what the high school is doing, even with the mass backlash?

02:14:23.880,02:14:26.880

Stephanie Swain: This is what the board at my work does too. They have scheduled meetings about scheduling meetings.

02:15:39.753,02:15:42.753

Charles Berg: We NEVER said teachers can't do their jobs.

02:15:41.640,02:15:44.640

Angela Heckler: The community sounds like they want 14 days of remote learning.

02:15:57.405,02:16:00.405

Stephanie Earnest: Our teachers are doing a phenomenal job

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Madeline Shively: This is very insulting to the teaching staff.

02:16:22.123,02:16:25.123

Luke Carlson: The point is they are listening to the community. That is the point of these meetings being public and listening to community response during and after the meeting. They have received community response. And as a member of the community I would also hope they listen to the teachers and their concerns.

02:16:42.222,02:16:45.222

Henderson Family: The teaching staff is doing an amazing job. I never heard anyone said they can't do their jobs.

02:16:46.247,02:16:49.247

Natalie Sydorenko: Teachers are doing EVERYTHING they possibly can for our students/children. Please respect and listen to them. They are the backbone of our educational district.

02:17:06.860,02:17:09.860

Matthew R: Quarantine process definitely an issue. Andy commented not one kid in quarantine had been infected. Atleast up until last week. Encouraging masks & process have been working.

02:17:10.655,02:17:13.655

Victoria Albanese: I never heard that high school teachers said they can't do their job. The teachers are doing amazing work in a tough, constantly changing situation.

02:17:10.797,02:17:13.797

Mark Vlcek: The biggest cases are in the highschool, the great idea is to move the highschool to remote learning, and move on

02:17:13.016,02:17:16.016

Bill Rhoades: Dave, I respectfully disagree. The Board was elected by the people to make informed decisions based on all facts, not just what the community wants. Community input is only one part of the equation. Making education decision making completely political is very dangerous too.

02:17:18.792,02:17:21.792

Bree McNeill: We teachers have gone above and beyond to serve our students. We have never stated that we cannot do our jobs. We are concerned with safety of all involved and providing the best education possible to all students.

02:17:21.598,02:17:24.598

Luke Carlson: The teachers are doing an amazing job. We have asked a lot of them, and they are going above and beyond.

02:17:23.376,02:17:26.376

Glen Moore: We have great teachers doing an Amazing job!

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02:17:56.582,02:17:59.582

Charles Berg: The bar has moved. We established a Wired program that was going to accommodate students and families that didn't want to come into the classroom. As teachers, we are teaching the students in the classroom, Wired classes and separate classes to accommodate students that are quarantined. This was not part of the original plan.

02:21:53.303,02:21:56.303

Monique Hurre: It does not seem to me that Mr Moore's comments were taken strongly enough about taking the opportunity for a reset. Lets get the online option figured out because is likely to be a reality in 2021.

02:22:33.382,02:22:36.382

Carrie Nolin: If the board's job is to set policy then shouldn't the meeting really be about setting policy for WHO makes the decision about when we move from one learning plan to another.

02:25:23.112,02:25:26.112

Mark Vlcek: I believe the cases in the highschool could be due to students not social distancing and not taking in the requirements to slow the spread when not in school

02:27:56.472,02:27:59.472

Maria Daull: Do the changes (dec 21 and Mar 19) to the calendar need to be added to the meeting purpose? Was that voted on yesterday?

02:28:48.522,02:28:51.522

Rusty Kuse: Maria Daull. I believe that was addressed yesterday.

02:29:44.534,02:29:47.534

Kathy Ott: i thought we had an official vote on that.

02:29:54.034,02:29:57.034

Dave Bartiromo: What is the idea behind a "reset" - what do you expect will happen at the end of the reset period? Do you expect that we'll be starting back with a blank slate of zero cases? That's not going to happen. I think that there is a misguided expectation with regard to what a "reset" might mean - to the point where it won't accomplish what you hope it might accomplish.

02:31:09.926,02:31:12.926

Dave Bartiromo: Nothing will be "reset" - we're just potentially kicking the can down the road.

02:33:29.577,02:33:32.577

Glen Moore: Dave your correct, but only if we return to "normal" too quickly similar to what we did in the spring and here we are as a State and Country. Very similar to mistakes made in 1920 Pandemic.

02:35:35.243,02:35:38.243

Rusty Kuse: The girls CC could not complete in their final race due to COVID 19.

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02:36:20.902,02:36:23.902

Dave Bartiromo: Rusty, in fact they were able to compete in their final race - they went to states.

02:36:44.517,02:36:47.517

Stephanie Earnest: Realistically many athletic contests will likely be postponed - due to issues on one team Or another until as a state/region the virus is better controlled - imo

02:37:24.275,02:37:27.275

Amy Tuck: Akron schools are testing for contact sports.

02:37:28.632,02:37:31.632

Jeff: yes you may have made it through fall sports relatively unscathed, but the numbers are increasing as you head into winter sports. If you use these covid projects to determine what to do in the classroom you should consider them for what to do about sports as well.

02:37:40.631,02:37:43.631

Rusty Kuse: No they could not complete in their last whole team race. You need to get your facts straight before speaking.

02:38:03.709,02:38:06.709

Rusty Kuse: Dave

02:38:03.828,02:38:06.828

Kathleen Davis: Dave, most of the CC girls don't go to state and they missed the last race! All CC girls count

02:41:50.829,02:41:53.829

Rusty Kuse: Sounds like you need to include extra curricular activities should be added to the meeting notice and discussed on Monday. This discussion is in the verge of swaying votes and decisions for that meeting.

03:01:03.817,03:01:06.817

Kathleen Hauenstein: Agree with minimizing the length of 'no learning' during transition

03:01:29.932,03:01:32.932

Nicole Poynter: Dr. Hill if we go purple how long will it take before we know if our special education student can still do in person learning?

03:08:15.421,03:08:18.421

Rusty Kuse: BOE, Dr. Hill and Administration,
Thank you for your willingness and openness to revisit all of the concerns brought up yesterday and today in an additional meeting on Monday.

03:09:01.024,03:09:04.024

Kathy Ott: Thank you for your time and hard work on behalf of our community!

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03:09:23.108,03:09:26.108

Jennifer Crowley: We appreciate you! Thanks

03:09:29.665,03:09:32.665

Kathleen Hauenstein: Appreciate all efforts by all

03:09:30.491,03:09:33.491

Stephine Schmeltzer: Thank you!

03:09:34.645,03:09:37.645

Lee Coiner: Thanks to the Board and Administration today for your thoughtful discussion and giving your time and willingness to discuss further. It is much appreciated

03:09:34.787,03:09:37.787

Robert Earle: Thank you for the respectful environment

B. Special Meeting scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 30, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

20-11-104 The motion was made by **McComas**, seconded by **Stevens**, to adjourn at **12:09** p.m.

VOTE: Yea – Gordon, Stevens, McComas, Batey, Kramer
Nay – None

Motion Carried,

(Signed) _____
Julie Batey, President

(Attested) _____
Douglas D. Beeman, Treasurer