

Wakefield School Board Meeting
Tuesday August 4, 2020 6 p.m.-recessed
Continued Tuesday August 11, 2020 6 p.m.
Meeting held remotely via Zoom
Minutes - -APPROVED

Present: Bob Ouellette, Chair, Relf Fogg, Vice Chair, members- Tracey Kolb, Sandy Johnson and Mary Collins; Superintendent Jerry Gregoire, Business Administrator Marie D'Agostino, Student Services Director Anne Kebler, Principal Jim Lampron, Assistant Principal Jenn Spector, Transportation Manager Brennan Peaslee, Clearview TV, and others.

Call to Order:

8/4/2020 Mr. Ouellette called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

8/11/2020 Mr. Ouellette resumed the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. followed by the pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment

- Rachel LaPierre:
 - Are masks required all day and at their seats for grades 3-8?
 - Yes except at recess or at P.E.
 - Is it a 4 day school day with a hybrid plan?
 - Yes, fifth day would be deep cleaning/non instructional day for staff to meet with students individually and in small groups
 - Will the status be reassessed quarterly or more regularly?
 - More regularly
 - What does a hybrid day look like?
 - Students would be split into two cohorts with group A coming in the building on Monday and Thursday and group B in on Tuesday and Friday. For example, group A students would receive instruction as close to typical on Monday (with safety precautions in place), and then receive assignments and activities to be completed at home on Tuesday on paper and/or electronically. Then they would come back in on Thursday and repeat that process.
- Randie Fox:
 - Is there a remote option? Would that reduce the number of students on the bus/eliminate masks?
 - There will be a remote option. It could potentially reduce the number of students on the bus.
- Renee Mailhot

- Questions regarding protocols when someone has been exposed to a person with COVID-19, when someone contracts COVID, what will happen with the class when a teacher has to quarantine
 - Procedures will be outlined in the Reopening Plan.
- Norma Joy
 - For remote learners, since teachers will be in front of a computer, can the students just be live streamed in all day?
 - Students can stream lessons when available and appropriate.

7:43 Meeting was recessed due to storm and power outages.

- Cassandra Mangiafico
 - How many kids will be allowed into the isolation room?
 - Most likely a decision from the nurse
 - Are you hiring another nurse since she'll be bombarded?
 - We're looking to move the LNA position to full time
 - What is the sanitization process during the day?
 - Every two hours starting at one end and working their way towards the other, bathrooms, door handles, hard surfaces
 - All surfaces will be cleaned nightly
 - How often will bathrooms be cleaned? How many students will be allowed in?
 - Custodians will be working their way from one end of the building to the other every two hours
 - Will students be sharing supplies?
 - No, individual supplies will be purchased
- Jodi Gould
 - Is there a camera in the isolation room?
 - There are no plans to have a camera in there currently. The LNA will be in the room if a student is in there.
 - How will communication be improved?
 - Lisa and Jim will be point people for COVID related issues and communicate with DHHS who will facilitate the investigation and communication process
- Sheena Robbins
 - Will people be able to change their decision?
 - Yes, after quarter 1
 - Clarify the requirement for K-2 students wearing masks
 - Recommended but required
 - What does socialization or free time look like?
 - Outdoor classroom space is outlined for each classroom as well as recess

- Shelby Hartford
 - How long will a child be in the isolation room before a parent is called?
 - Ideally the parents will be called while the student is in the nurse's office but how long they stay there depends on how long it takes for them to be picked up
- Amanda Burpee
 - Will Paul School be transporting for the start of SHS?
 - Yes
 - Will the routes be communicated?
 - Yes, on website and hopefully by email
- James
 - The plan seems much different than what is posted
 - How will recess work with over 100 students?
 - We will be limiting the number of students at recess to not exceed 100 students; non-contact sports-kickball, jump rope, etc. to encourage social distancing
- Phil Joy
 - Where do we stand with special needs students? I'm nervous the school can protect him.
 - Meet the needs of all students; students with a one-to-one will have constant reinforcement
 - Case managers will be spending time looking closely at all IEP's to see what, if anything, needs to be adjusted to improve the student's experience. Knowing hard numbers of how many students will be returning will help guide decisions.
- Mindy Blanner
 - The plan indicated that the Color phase the school was in would be re-evaluated every 3 weeks. If there is an increase in the community in regards to virus levels near the beginning of a 3 week period, would you wait until the end of the 3 week period to re-evaluate?
 - No, if there was a local community spread we would respond accordingly
 - How are staff and students in PK-2 being protected when masks are not required?
 - Masks for teachers, socially distancing, regular and frequent hand washings/sanitization, no sharing of materials between students, cohorts remaining together all day, fewer transitions in the building
 - What is the plan for a student who takes off their mask? What is the plan for a student who repeatedly takes off their mask?
 - Students will be reminded of the expectations and the reasoning behind them. After three reminders/redirections, they will be sent to office for a discussion with admin-can you keep your mask on? At that point, they

will be sent back to class and given one more chance. If there is another mask issue following that conversation, they will be sent home for the day. If it happens again, there will be a meeting with the parents, students, and administration. In the hybrid model, with students not required to wear masks at their seats, it should be less of an issue.

- What will mask breaks look like?
 - Teachers will have built in mask breaks
- Will there be bus monitors? It does not seem reasonable for the bus driver to be expected to ensure constant mask usage of all students on the bus while also paying sufficient attention to the road.
 - At this time there are not bus monitors, but we are looking into it for the exact reason you've mentioned.
- What is the option for students whose families do not feel the reopening plan is safe?
 - Remote learning provided by the school, VLACS, or homeschooling
- Brennan
 - It might be an expense, but we will be able to transport all students in the 1-2 miles
 - Wakefield Child Care Center would not be transported. Wakefield Rec. Center doesn't plan on opening.

Motion: Mr. Fogg made a motion to follow the part of the plan that opens the school in its entirety fully staffed with the choice for parents to do remote learning or homeschool. Mrs. Kolb seconded the motion. Discussion ensued.

Roll call, 2-3; Ouellette nay, Fogg aye, Johnson nay, Collins aye, Kolb nay.

Motion: Mrs. Kolb made a motion to reopen Paul School in the hybrid A/B system with a high quality remote option for those who need it. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. This could make it difficult for parents to find childcare. The decision could change as the situation changes. The numbers in Wakefield look great, what will be the threshold to move into full time school? Hybrid could result in a lot of missed school and instruction. Flexibility is key but working parents won't necessarily have that flexibility.

Roll call, 3-2; Kolb aye, Ouellette aye, Johnson aye, Collins nay, Fogg nay.

Conversation ensued around mask requirements. Ms. Johnson would like to have students wear masks even at their desks 6ft away. Ms. Collins stated that most parents don't want their students wearing masks. Mr. Fogg stated wearing masks should be the parent's choice.

Motion: Mr. Fogg made a motion to have masks available and recommended but not mandated in whatever place the parents, staff and administration feel necessary. Ms. Collins seconded.

Discussion ensued. Mrs. Kolb supports the teachers in wanting masks. Mr. Fogg stated parents know their children and should be able to make the decisions for their family. Mr. Ouellette wants masks to be worn everywhere except the classroom.

Roll call, 3-2; Fogg aye, Kolb nay, Ouellette aye, Johnson nay, Collins aye.

Consent Agenda

- **Motion:** Mrs. Johnson moves to accept the consent agenda, Mrs. Kolb seconded the motion. Roll call 3-2; Kolb aye, Ouellette aye, Johnson aye, Collins nay, Fogg nay.

Board members agree to move consent agenda to the top of the meeting agenda.

Motion: Mrs. Johnson made a motion to extend the meeting past 8:00. Mrs. Kolb seconded the motion.

Roll call, all in favor 5-0; Kolb aye, Ouellette aye, Johnson aye, Fogg aye, Collins aye.

Meeting Minutes

- **Motion:** Mr. Fogg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with any amendments offered. Mrs. Kolb seconded seconded the motion. Roll call, 5-0; Kolb aye, Ouellette aye, Johnson aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye.

Reports

- No reports

Old Business

- Mr. Gregoire reviewed the re-opening plan
 - The initial recommendation was to come back fully in the building with potentially a remote option
 - If we need to transport all students, we will need to adjust the start of school anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour and a half
 - Masks will provided for teachers and available for students as well
 - Clear masks will be provided for teachers
 - A designated isolation room with a bathroom has been established for sick students
 - Students who are exhibiting symptoms will be screened and most likely sent home
- Current school start date is Sep. 8. Relf is looking to push the start of school for students out to Sept. 14. There was a question about if there was a cost for the extra professional workshop days and there isn't.

Motion: Mr. Fogg made a motion to have the start of school be Monday September 14; Mrs. Kolb seconded the motion. Roll call, all in favor 5-0; Kolb aye, Ouellette aye, Johnson aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye.

New Business

- Brennan is requesting the soft shields (a fire retardant thick plastic) for a cost of \$5, 196. This was the best recommended product. This does not include installation; looking to use Crowell's or Diprizio's if our staff can't install on their own. State guidelines recommend to install a barrier between the driver and the students. This money would hopefully come from the CARES Act. There is a three week back order.

Motion: Mrs. Kolb made a motion to purchase the protective screen around the bus driver for \$5, 196. Mrs. Johnson seconded the motion. Discussion ensued. Has this gone through the bidding process? Rol cal k ay, ou ay, john ay, collins nay, fogg nay

Policies

Other Business

- No other business

Nominations/Resignations

- a. Learned

Motion: Mr. Fogg made a motion to accept the superintendent's recommendation for Mrs. Learned as a first grade teacher. Ms. Collins seconded the motion. Roll call, all in favor 5-0; Oullette aye, Kolb aye, Johnson aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye.

Correspondence

- Letter from parent
 - Board would like tuition numbers from Mr. Gregoire for the next meeting
 - Greater Wakefield Lions Wakefield
 - Presented 3 \$500 scholarships to three students, two of which are Paul School graduates-Samantha Linder and Teylah Ross.

Public Comment

- James
 - If we can't come up with a decision, we should go remote for the first quarter and see how it goes and then make a decision. We can learn from what other schools are doing. Not all teachers are from Wakefield. It's hard for parents who work. It's about the safety of our children.

- Cassandra Mangiafico
 - What will remote look like?
 - Depending on numbers it could be your child's teacher that they were assigned to in the spring or a teacher designated to teach a remote classroom
- John Cunliffe
 - Why have you had all summer and are just polling parents?
 - Parents received a survey during remote learning and one in June. The plan all along was to bring the recommendation to the board for a decision in the first week in August but the storm affected that.
- Mary
 - In hybrid, will Special education students have a different schedule?
 - Potentially, in order to meet the needs of each student.

Nonpublic: RSA 91-A:3 if needed

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Adjournment

- **Motion:** Mr. Ouellette made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m. and Mr. Fogg seconded it. Roll call, 5-0; Kolb aye, Ouellette aye, Johnson aye, Collins aye, Fogg aye.

Next school board meeting is Tuesday, August 18th at 6 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Jennifer Spector

Assistant Principal