**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**E-LEARNING PLAN HEARING**

**JULY 27th, 2020**

**Mrs. Chambers, Board President, called the E-Learning Plan Hearing to order at 5:00 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Senecal, Mrs. Everhart, Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Lamberson and Mrs. Chambers

**ABSENT:**  Miss. Rotherham, Mr. Holloway

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland

Mr. Mingus started off the meeting stating he does not see the school having to use E-Learning days because of how law is written under the emergency order the governor put in place during this pandemic. Instead the school is able to classify this as Remote Learning days as long as the pandemic is still present. If the pandemic ends and the school has a natural disaster, E-Learning days will be taken. Mr. Mingus does not foresee the District taking any snow days in the future because of how prepared our school has been with Remote Learning.

Mrs. Everhart had a question regarding E-Learning days replacing snow days or natural disasters. She wanted to know how the school account for these unforeseen events if the disaster is unforeseen, like a tornado or a pipe bursting over the weekend. Mr. Mingus explained, as for the snow days, he will be watching the weather as usual to prepare for no school. If the weather is questionable for the next day, the students will all be sent home with their assignments and chrome books. As for a natural disaster, like a tornado, there is no way to predict that and an emergency day would be necessary.

At 5:06pm Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION TO CLOSE THE E-LEARING HEARING. Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS.EVERHART, MRS.CHAMBERS. Motion Carried.

**SOUTH PEKIN GRADE SCHOOL DISTRICT 137**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING**

**JULY 27th, 2020**

**Mrs. Chambers, Board President, called the Board of Education Meeting to order at 5:06 P.M.**

**ROLL CALL:** Mrs. Blanchard, Mrs. Senecal, Mrs. Lamberson, Mrs. Everhart, Mrs. Chambers.

**ABSENT:**  Miss. Rotherham, Mr. Holloway

Guests: Mr. Mingus, Mrs. Vohland

Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF REGULAR-SESSION MINUTES from JUNE 28TH, 2020. Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS.EVERHART, MRS.CHAMBERS. Motion Carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**:

Mr. Mingus updated the Board on the progress of the building projects. He said, all the air conditioners have been running and have been running at the same time. Mr. Grogan has been checking to make sure our building breaker can handle all of this power and so far the school has had no issues. All the tile that was scheduled has been installed in Mrs. Martins room and also the boys bathroom. This completes all of the tile updates for the year. Mr. Mingus went on to say the whole building is completely touchless in all bathrooms, including the office bathroom. The office is finished being remodeled and all office furniture has been installed in Mrs. Kennedy's and Mrs. Vohland's offices. He went on to discuss the School Board Convention saying it has been cancelled for the coming year due to COVID-19. He is not sure if they will have anything virtual but he assured the Board he will let them know if he receives such information. Also, as of now, the IESA and has cancelled school sports for cross country, baseball, and softball but is subject to change. The announcement for girls basketball will be at the end of August. Mr. Mingus spoke about how the online registration went for the first day. He was happy to announce the school has had a very good turn out with parents registering online. Also, he has received a lot of positive feedback from parents regarding the online registration process. Mr. Mingus went through the school calendar with the Board showing the new election holiday on November 3rd and he explained that the Planning Days are considered student attendance days too. Also, he took out the snow days on the last Fridays of the year because, as he said before, he doesn't feel as if we will need snow days in the future unless a natural disaster were to hit. Mr. Mingus discussed the payment of coaches if sports are shut down because of COVID-19. Mr. Mingus' shared his recommendation of only paying the in-house coaches that coached last year if they are coaching again this coming year. He wanted the Board discuss how they want to move forward with this. The Board felt that all coaches, in-house or outside coaches, should be paid if they coached last year and have intent of returning for the coming year. Mr. Mingus agreed and informed the board if the cancellation of sports continues for next year, the school will not pay any coaches per the Memorandum of Understanding they are voting on. Mr. Mingus continued to go over the transition plan. He informed the board they need to approve it but to keep in mind that it may change as the COVID-19 guidelines continue to change. Student will be in face-to-face learning five days per week 8:00am - 2:00pm. Mrs. Chambers and others members of the board suggested having a live video while the teacher is teaching class for the students in remote-learning to watch from home. Mr. Mingus pointed out, that he could work towards having teachers record lessons in private and posting the video on the Google Classroom so it is available for the students at home. The issue with recording a live video of the teacher in the classroom is the privacy of the other students. He mentioned, even if the camera is pointed just at the teacher, there will still be students talking in the background resulting privacy violations. He assured the Board there are other ways we as the school can move forward by having the teachers record lessons in private for those who choose to remote learn. He went on to explain, during the school year, students and staff members are required to wear face masks at all times. The school is currently providing masks for the students and sanitizing wipes are now provided in order to maintain a safe work space. Mrs. Blanchard asked about the supply list and whether or not to buy everything on the list or just some items since school may not be in session long. Mr. Mingus replied saying there is no way to predict how long we will be in school, however, if you don't provide crayons, and there is an activity, your child will be without crayons. He suggested to provide everything that is on the class supply list, especially, if your child is in elementary. Mrs. Chambers asked Mr. Mingus if the children have to wear a mask even if they have a doctor's note to eliminate the use of a face covering. Mr. Mingus replied informing the board of the current regulations for schools do not take doctor notes for face coverings. If a student does not have a mask on, the student will have to go home. That being said, the school has purchased masks for staff and students to provide if a child or staff member needs one. Mr. Mingus continued to go over the current guidelines if someone would contract COVID-19. He noted, that these guidelines are subject to change. He noted the biggest impact these guidelines will have are going to be sending kids and staff members home if they have one of the following symptoms, included but not limited to: a headache, sore throat, coughing, runny nose, fever, etc. He informed the board our school is small enough, if we send home 3-4 teachers, due to any of the symptoms listed above, at one time, we may have to go to all remote learning. He continued to say if the school closes due to COVID-19, the staff members will be required to report to work and resume teaching for remote learning. The board members asked Mr. Mingus if the staff members are comfortable coming back to face-to-face learning. Mr. Mingus went on to inform the board he has received positive feedback from the teachers and other staff members and so far, no one has voiced any concerns. Mrs. Everhart then asked Mr. Mingus how breakfast and lunch will be served to the students. Mr. Mingus explained how breakfast will be served in the classroom and lunch will be in the cafeteria or old gym. He continued to talk about how the old gym is set up for lunch. Right now, the gym has individual desks spaced six feet apart for the students to sit and eat their lunch. After one they are done eating, the desks will be sanitized before the next student is ready to eat. Mrs. Chambers is also concerned about staff and parents traveling to potential hot spots and coming back to school putting everyone at risk. She suggested having Mr. Mingus giving recommendations to consider not traveling to these hot-spots over the All-Call system. She also recommended Mr. Mingus send out a video about mask tolerance to all parents as well. Mr. Mingus agreed to their recommendations and will work on completing these tasks before school starts.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

Mrs. Senecal made the MOTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

1. Approval of Angie Hoffman’s 2020-2021 Employment Contract
2. Approval of Brittney Johnston’s Resignation
3. Approval  of the Bread Bid
4. Approval of the Amended 2020-2021 School Calendar
5. Approval of Resolution to Approve the  District’s Face to Face Transition Plan
6. Approval of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Extra-Curricular Stipends
7. Approval of Mary Kate Black as Athletic Director for 2020-2021 school year
8. Approval of 2020-2021 Extra-Curricular Contracts
   1. Melissa Strickler- Head Cross Country Coach
   2. Rachel Bursott (Vanhoorn)- Head Softball Coach
   3. Rachel Bursott (Vanhoorn)- Girls’ Basketball Coach
   4. Marissa Nelson- Girls’ Basketball Coach
   5. Marissa Nelson- 3/4 Girls’ Basketball Coach
   6. Marissa Nelson- Head Track Coach
   7. Devin Richard- 3/4 Girls’ Basketball Coach
   8. Devin Richard- Cheerleading Coach
   9. Matt Koster- Assistant Volleyball Coach
   10. Matt Koster- Student Council Sponsor
   11. Ashley Hellemann- Spelling Bee
   12. Joann Blair- Scholastic Bowl

Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS.EVERHART, MRS.CHAMBERS. Motion Carried.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

Mrs. Blanchard made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF NICK FRIEDRICH AS HEAD BASEBALL COACH FOR THE 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR. Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS.EVERHART, MRS.CHAMBERS. Motion Carried.

Mrs. Lamberson made the MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF THE DISTRICTS E-LEARNING PLAN. Mrs. Everhart seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS.EVERHART, MRS.CHAMBERS. Motion Carried.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Mrs. Blanchard made a MOTION FOR THE APPROVAL OF TREASURER'S REPORTS AND PAYMENT OF BILLS. Mrs. Senecal seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE YES- MRS. BLANCHARD, MRS. SENECAL, MRS. LAMBERSON, MRS.EVERHART, MRS.CHAMBERS. Motion Carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Mingus informed the Board that online registration has been a success! He will let the board know how many students are going to remote learning when all numbers are final. Also, he offered to take the Board on a walkthrough of the school to see all the updates.

At 6:41p.m. Mrs. Everhart made the MOTION TO ADJOURN UNTIL NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING AUGUST 24TH, 2020. Mrs. Lamberson seconded the motion. ROLL CALL VOTE, ALL IN FAVOR: YES

Mrs. Chambers, Board President Mrs. Lamberson, Board Secretary