

The Randolph Southern School Corporation Board of School Trustees met for a special meeting on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 in the Superintendent's Office Board Room. The following members were present:

Michael Miller, President (Present)
Eric Retter, Vice President (Google Hangout)
Thomas McFarland, Secretary (Present)
Janet Caudle, Member (Present)

I. JULY 2020

School Board President Michael asked Superintendent Donnie Bowsman to call the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

II. JULY 2020

Mr. Bowsman stated the purpose of the meeting was to discuss and make changes to the Return to School Plan that was approved at the July 13, 2020 regular board meeting. Further, the purpose of the meeting was to pass a resolution authorizing Superintendent Bowsman to implement changes to the plan consistent with responding to new information regarding COVID-19 in our country, state, and community.

III.A.3 JULY 2020

Mr. Bowsman stated that a bus driver that has voiced concerns about not requiring student bus riders to wear a mask. The health of the drivers and students would be in jeopardy if social distancing was not possible. The board discussed whether the bus drivers should also be required to wear a mask and/or shield. Jan Caudle and Tom McFarland felt that the drivers should be required to wear a mask. Mr. Bowsman added that the school corporation will offer the shields to the staff and drivers. Mike Miller stated that the shields do not totally protect the students and drivers. Rather, it just adds an additional layer. High School Principal, Mr. Mangus, stated that he wanted to make sure that the drivers will be safe driving with a mask and/or shields. Jan Caudle added that any bus driver, whether it is a regular driver or a mini-bus driver for extra-curricular events, should be required to wear a mask. Mike Miller made a motion to require masks to be worn on buses. Tom McFarland seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

III.A.4 JULY 2020

Mr. Bowsman started discussion regarding masks being required during passing periods or in areas where social distancing is not attainable. Mr. Mangus reported that in some of our biggest classes there will be 24 students, making it hard to social distance. Mike

Miller stated that the Governor is making an announcement Tuesday and has suspicions the State of Indiana will be mandating masks for schools. Mr. Bowsman stated that this announcement could have come a week earlier and provided guidance to school corporations. This would eliminate pressure being placed on schools. Mr. Bowsman also stated that the Legislature needs to have a special session passing a law mandating masks if this is the direction the Governor is taking. The Legislature is our elected body that represents the people's voice.

Mike Miller stated that getting all of the kids to wear the masks will be a battle for the administrators.

Jan Caudle said she does agree that students should wear the masks when they cannot social distance or when they are working closely together.

Discussion occurred between board members, administrators, and other school employees whereby many times the classrooms will be so full that social distancing is not attainable. Eric Retter stated that we should maintain the "wear masks when social distancing is not attainable". He also added that he does not want the kids to have to wear masks all day.

Mr. Bowsman went over the process of coming up with the "Return to School Plan." There were two teacher representatives (High School and Elementary), School Nurse, Administrators, Technology Director, Board member, Director of Operations, Cafeteria Director, and High School Counselor. All participants had input on writing the plan together. The school corporation utilized information gathered from the survey placed on the website and FaceBook. The committee also used information provided by the CDC, ISDH, IDOE, and IHSAA. Mr. Bowsman reviewed the survey results from the parents.

Eric Retter stated that the plan has to be a little fluid and give a little latitude.

Mr. Allen added that he has spoken with alot parents who believe their students need to be back in school and like the simplicity of our school corporation plan.

Dr. Sowinski sent Mr. Bowsman an email providing recommendations. Dr. Sowinski specifically stated that his review is only in an advisory capacity and will not approve or reject any school corporation's plan. Mr. Bowsman reviewed his email. Mike Miller stated that he is 100% in agreement with Dr. Sowinski's recommendations.

Mr. Bowsman asked if the board wanted to change its stance on masks during passing periods. Dr. Sowinski recommended this action be required because students cannot social distance and are in close contact. Mr. Bowsman stated that the school has a limited supply, but cannot fund a mask for every student every day. Mr. Bowsman added that he hopes that we are not going to lose a lot of students due to requiring

masks. He also stated that the school corporation will only receive 85% funding for a student that chooses the online option. Mr. Bowsman stated that the school corporation has already purchased foggers, three barrels of disinfectant, masks, hand sanitizer, face shields, and online registration portal. Further, the school paid over \$20,000 in essential employees stipends from March to May for working during the shut down.

Mike Miller stated that all county schools are mandating masks and we are offering an online option and a healthy education.

Jan Caudle stated that she has spoken with a staff member and they are scared to return. She noted that another school district has lost a teacher because they are scared to return to school. Jan Caudle asked Mr. Bowsman if he would meet with staff and talk with them. Mr. Bowsman stated that he has met with some staff and has a meeting scheduled with another staff member tomorrow. He plans to make changes to the plan and take it to Discussion.

Eric Retter added that he agrees with the plan and to social distance when possible. He reiterated that he doesn't want the kids to have to wear a mask all day. He stated that the school corporation is small enough to distance themselves.

Mike Miller made a motion to have students and staff wear masks during passing period and when social distancing is not attainable. Jan Caudle seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

III.A.5 JULY 2020

Jan Caudle made a motion to approve the resolution as presented. The resolution will allow Mr. Bowsman to make changes to the Return to School Plan as mandates and changes occur from the Governor and ISDH. Mike Miller seconded and motion carried 4-0.

IV.A.1 JULY 2020

Melissa Kosisko suggested that we put direction arrows on the floor in the hallways to help students with the social distancing.

Scott Dingess added that the bus drivers will get hot with the masks and hoped the corporation will give them an option to remove the masks if needed.

Mr. Mangus stated that Mr. Allen will be making a global connect phone call to announce the changes to the Return to School plan and will have them posted to the website.

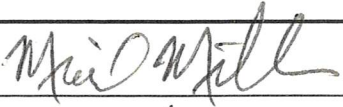
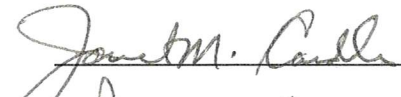

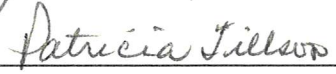

XI. JULY 2020

Jan Caudle added that she is looking forward to the start of school.

XII. JULY 2020

Tom McFarland made a motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM. Jan Caudle seconded the motion and motion carried 4-0.

The next regular board meeting will be Monday, August 10, 2020 at 7:30 PM, in the Superintendent board room.

Persons Attending via Google Hangout: Daniel Allen, Scott Dingess, Melissa Kosisko, Robert Mangus, Eric Retter.

Persons Attending: Donnie Bowsman, Jan Caudle, Cindee Cowen, Tom McFarland, Mike Miller.