

**MINUTES – WORK SESSION  
CORY-RAWSON BOARD OF EDUCATION  
CAFETERIA**

**5:00 p.m.**

**September 23, 2020**

The Cory-Rawson Board of Education met at 5:00 p.m. for a work session in the cafeteria with the following members present: Jason Oman, Mike Walters, Robert Warren, Jerry Wieman, Ben Wittenmyer, Superintendent Pro Tempore Jodi Gaietto, and Treasurer Sheila Hausknecht

Guests present: Kim Andrus, Kory Bacon, Shelby Bacon, Tina Bils, Ryan Burkholder, Vicki Cheek, Kiley Cramner, Wendi Davis, Corey Dudgeon, Beth James, Jarod Kempf, Chad Marshall, Chad Masters (HPH), Dave Mertz, Justin Parkins, Hannah Plumley (HPH), Jenny McDaniel, Cathy Quinlan, Aaron Reese, Deputy James Saltzman (SRO), Ben Smith, Shawn Stevens, Ben Thiel, Sierra Thomas, Holly Walters, Adam Witteman, Adrienne Witteman, Julia Young, and Wayne Young

The meeting was called to order by President Wieman and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board discussed the current hybrid school schedule. Currently the students are split into two groups: Green & Gold. The green group attends in-school classes on Monday & Tuesday with virtual classes Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday. The gold group has virtual classes Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday with in-school classes on Thursday and Friday.

The following individuals were given permission to address the Board regarding their approval or disapproval of the current hybrid plan: Vicki Cheek, CREA President; Shawn Stevens, Vocal Music Teacher; Wendi Davis, Instrumental Music/CREA; and Deputy Saltzman, SRO.

President Wieman also opened the floor and allowed guests to address the Board regarding the hybrid plan. Those who spoke were: Aaron Reese, Adrienne Witteman, Chad Marshall, and Sierra Thomas

Chad Masters (HPH) wanted to clarify the role of masks and COVID-19. The mask is meant to be a containment device to help slow the transmission of COVID rather than eliminate all risk. Distance and time is now what is currently thought of as the best deterrent. Please strive for a minimum of six feet apart and/or no more than 15 cumulative minutes together. The 6 ft. has been difficult for most county classrooms. In this case you must reduce capacity. Remember 1) Mask 2) Distance 3) Reduce Capacity 4) Handwashing

Hannah Plumley (HPH) emphasized that going slowly is better than not at all. With reduced capacity contact tracing is more manageable and results in fewer quarantined students/staff, if any at all. Limiting capacity is the best option right now.

142-20 Motion by Wittenmyer & 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wieman at 6:00 p.m. to go into executive session to discuss security matters.

Yeas: Wittenmyer, Wieman, Oman, Walters, Warren,

Nays: None

Motion Carried

President Wieman declared the board out of executive session at 7:11 p.m.

Ben Smith, transportation supervisor, answer questions from the board regarding social distancing on our buses and numbers of students per bus currently and if/when we go to five in-school days per week. Hannah Plumley, HPH, clarified that number of students per seat will remain at 2 whether the emergency levels go to yellow or orange.

The board left the meeting room to begin touring the building to address the issue of enrollment vs. distance in regard to the physical size of our classrooms and grade level enrollment.

Mr. Wittenmyer left prior to the end of the meeting.

143-20 Motion by Wieman & 2nd by Warren at 8:53 p.m. to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education.

Yeas: Wieman, Warren, Oman, Walters

Nays: None

Motion Carried