

## Board of Education Narrative of December 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

- Tina - I will now call to order this regularly scheduled meeting of the Madrid-Waddington Central School Board at 7:04 PM.
- Tina - Please stand for the Pledge.
- Tina - I will now accept a motion for the approval of the minutes for the November 17th meeting.
  - I have a first Bruce Durant
  - I have a second Brian Hammond
  - Any discussion? None
  - All in favor? All Present                      Any opposed? None
  - Motion Approved
- Tina - I will now accept a motion for the approval of the treasurer's report.
  - I have a first Christopher Pryce
  - I have a second Richard Hobkirk
  - Any discussion? None
  - All in favor? All Present                      Any opposed? None
  - Motion Approved
- Tina - We have CSE and CPSE recommendations that were available for review in the board folder; I will accept a motion to approve the CSE and CPSE recommendations.
  - I have a first Bruce Durant
  - I have a second Charles Grant
  - Any discussion? None
  - All in favor? All Present                      Any opposed? None
  - Motion Approved
- Tina - There is an athletic report in the folder. Are there any questions or comments regarding this report? None
- Tina - At this time Mr. Burke will be providing updates as related to our response to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Eric - At this point the newest topic on the table is the need to be prepared in the event of a "cluster zone designation" as per NY State's micro cluster strategy
  - Thankfully we have not been identified as a zone yet but as case numbers rise the potential does exist
  - In the Board folder is a google doc with a couple of links to current statewide data
  - Although there are metrics that determine when regions fall into a cluster zone, the decision is ultimately made out of the Governor's office
  - There are three colored zones; yellow, orange, and red listed in order from least to most restrictive
  - Thankfully Schools can stay open in all zones so long as they can follow the mandatory testing requirements
  - Under a Yellow Zone we would be required to test 20% of our combined in-person student/staff population for both building levels every 2 weeks
    - If our first two-week rate is lower than the seven-day average for our zone then we can stop testing
    - If it is not lower we continue to test 20% at two-week intervals
      - It is not clear if we can stop testing after this initial two-week period if our rate drops below the zone average at a later point in time

- The population tested every two weeks does not have to be different individuals from the previous testing pool
  - Orange Zone designation requires 20% testing over a one-month period
  - Red Zone designation requires 30% testing over a one-month period
  - Letters have been sent home explaining this to parents along with a testing consent form
  - The form is approved by St. Lawrence County as all schools in our area will administer tests under St. Lawrence County Public Health's LSL (limited service laboratory) registration
  - The tests will be the less invasive nasal swab and will be provided at no cost to the school or families
  - The tests will be administered here at school and basically students will be retrieved from their classrooms, the test will be administered, and the students will go back to class, results are available in approximately 15 minutes and if anyone tests positive we will immediately follow isolation protocols
  - Parents will be notified throughout the process of testing
  - We are currently well stocked with PPE to administer the tests
  - Other than working through these potential protocols our plans are still rolling along quite well.
  - We have a current uptick in high school students who have opted to go remote, however I think that is mostly due to the anxiety of potentially being quarantined over the holidays so we anticipate a large return to in-person learning after the new year
  - A huge thank you to all our faculty and staff who make these transitions for students as seamless as possible
- Tina - Under Board New Business we have been presented with a MOA for our SRP unit that prescribes our processes for determining payroll and furloughs in the event of temporary and/or long-term instructional switches to full remote. The MOA was available in your folder for review so I will entertain a motion at this time.
  - I have a first Charles Grant
  - I have a second Bruce Durant
  - Any discussion? None
  - All in favor? All Present    Any opposed? None
  - Motion Approved
- Tina - Next under New Business is an approval of the SCEP (school comprehensive education plan) for our elementary school. Mr. Burke will give us a brief summary of the full plan that was available in your folder for review.
- Eric - The school comprehensive education plan is the second component of our overall response to being identified as a target district with a target school. Matt and his SCEP team worked with Katie Lynch and Laura Lewis-Brown to conduct all the necessary exercises to lay the groundwork for the plan including surveys, classroom observations, student/staff interviews, and overall program evaluation. The team and all staff involved have truly undertaken all the prescribed measures with fidelity and we are very excited about the work being done.
  - The plan outlines all the background information as well as the stakeholders involved.
  - There are five goals outlined in the plan as follows.
    - **The ELA goal is By June 2021, the percent of students reading at or above the 25th percentile in grades K through 5 will increase from 52% to 70% as measured by the Edmentum Benchmark Assessment.**

- The Math goal is **By June 2021, the percent of students grades K-5 scoring at or above the 25th percentile in Math will increase from 28% to 60% as measured by the Edmentum Benchmark Assessment.**
  - The Survey goal is **By June 2021, there will be a 10-point increase in average percentage (from 57.72% to 67.72%) for family engagement survey strongly agree/agree responses to the following- "Our school actively engages our family in conversations around student needs/progress; Teachers contact me, not just in times of concern; We have a supportive parent group... to assist families; School report cards... provide clear information; and ... I feel connected to our school."**
  - The School Selected Goal is **Using Edmentum, by the fourth diagnostic testing session the number of students performing below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile for Reading will decrease from 48% to 30%, and the number of students below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile for Math will decrease from 72% to 40%.**
  - The Chronic Absentee Goal is **By June 2021, with improvements establishing district-wide practices that support Social Emotional Learning (SEL), there will be a reduction in chronic absenteeism based on SIRS 107 Chronic Absenteeism Accountability Report:**
    - **All Students from June 2019 at 13.1% to June 2021 at 10.7%;**
    - **Students with Disabilities from June 2019 to June 2021 from 20.5% to 19.4%.**
  - The plan also includes root causes, action plans, and benchmarks for all the goals.
  - A huge thank you to all involved for putting so much thought and effort into making this a valuable document.
- Tina - Thank you to the whole team on behalf of the Board as well. At this time, we are looking for a motion to approve the SCEP.
    - I have a first Christopher Pryce
    - I have a second Brian Hammond
    - Any discussion? None
    - All in favor? All Present    Any opposed? None
    - Motion Approved
  - Tina - New Business also includes a placeholder for us to consider a Clerk of the Works for our upcoming Capital Improvement Project. Eric will be calling a meeting of the facilities committee after break to get this process in motion.
  - Tina - There are multiple second reads of policies; are there any comments or questions? None
  - Tina - There are a handful of personnel recommendations that we can accept a motion for at this time.
    - I have a first Charles Grant
    - I have a second Ryan Hayes
    - Any discussion? None
    - All in favor? All Present    Any opposed? None
    - Motion Approved
  - There is no need for an executive session so I will accept a motion to adjourn at 7:14 PM.

- I have a first Bruce Durant
- I have a second Richard Hobkirk
- Any further discussion? None
- All in favor? All Present Any opposed? None
- Motion Approved