

SPECIAL MEETING
AVON SCHOOL DISTRICT 4-1
BOARD OF EDUCATION
October 1st, 2020, 9:00 P.M., MAIN GYM

All motions passed unanimously by members present unless otherwise stated.

The Avon Board of Education met in a special session on October 1st, 2020.

Members Present: Chairman Jeff Tolsma, Vice Chairman Joe See, Lori Cihak, Bridgette Muller, and Branden Baade.

Officers and Others Present: Supt. Tom Culver, Business Mgr. Sara Hento, K-12 Principal Kathy Blaha, Avon Clarion Editor Slater Brodeen, Carol Swier, Ron Swier, Chris Fathke, Jeff Haenfler, Mataya Larsgaard, Autumn Schultz, Ali Sees, Megan Soukup, Travis Tjeerdsma, David Ratzlaff, Liz Namminga, Amanda Gimbel, Shirley Soukup, Angel Doom, Amber Ratzlaff, Cathy & Steve Ratzlaff, Barb Pelton, Jane Elle, Ilene Muller, Don Kocmich, Liz Eggers, Gregg Voigt, Amber Odens, Hillary Tjeerdsma, Christena Voigt, Becky Haenfler, Lindsey Fathke, Kris Cahoy, Mellissa Petrik, Ally Hamilton, Marissa Miller, Charlene Voigt, Mel Fathke, Tina Cameron, Dawn Kocmich, Raja Brandt, Bailey Lagge, Connie Gretschnann, Stacy Paulsen, Dakota Bodden, Whitney Podzimek, Tanner Wince, Paul Kuhlman, Benita Kuhlman, Leslie Baade, Janelle Sees, Dennis Powers, Cassie Stewart, Pat Cihak, Peg Haenfler, Michelle Olson, Landon Pudwill, Natalie Zacharias, Brad Cameron, Brad Poppe, Carol Stewart, April Powers, Tony Blaha.

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tolsma. (9:00 P.M.)

Public Input: B. Pelton – in favor of removing the 14 day quarantine/mentally the best place for children to be is in school. T. Carns – COVID concerns for the pregnant and elderly staff in the District, handling of students who come to school sick, recommendation for mandatory mask mandate. T. Tjeerdsma – statistics on the low incidents of illness and hospitalization in SD for COVID. C. Stewart – reactive v. proactive approach, options for online educational delivery. M. Miller – concerns regarding students who come to school sick and are allowed to stay in school. P. Kuhlman – action needed on the front end, masks needed to prevent infections and protect others. C. Ratzlaff – difficult for elementary students to be at home quarantined. D. Powers – questions regarding the school’s liability. T. Cameron – addressed mental health concerns for students with a 14 day quarantine. M. Petrik – the city will take action if there is community spread in Avon.

Motion by Sees, seconded by Baade to adopt a new close contact policy. Policy is attached. Roll call vote: Tolsma – yay, Sees – yay, Baade – yay, Muller – nay, Cihak – nay. Motion carried, and policy adopted.

Motion by Baade, seconded by Cihak to adjourn. (10:04 P.M.)

Sara Hento,
Business Manager

Jeff Tolsma,
Board Chairman