

**School Board Special Session Minutes
July 27, 2020**

100: Call to Order and Determination of a Quorum

The Linn-Mar School Board special session was called to order at 5:00 PM in the boardroom of the Learning Resource Center. Roll was taken to determine a quorum. Present: Buchholz, Isenberg, Lausen, Morey, Nelson, and Wall. Absent: Weaver. Administration presenting: Bisgard, Anderson, K. Christian, Breifelder, and Ramos.

200: Adoption of the Agenda *Motion 214-07-27*

MOTION by Morey to adopt the agenda, as presented. Second by Wall. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

300: Special Session

301: Discussion of 2020-21 Return-to-Learn Plan

Superintendent Bisgard recommended three changes to the 2020-21 Return-to-Learn Plan:

1. The district will still begin with students attending onsite/in-person, but on a hybrid model which would include students attending on an A/B schedule (A days attend in-person / B days at-home);
2. This model would run as a “soft start” for two weeks (through Labor Day) for K-8th grades and through first quarter for 9th-12th grades; and
3. Face coverings will be required for K-12th grades instead of 1st-12th grades.

Bisgard clarified that these three changes would help decrease class sizes and assist with social distancing guidelines for all buildings.

Bisgard reported that due to the Governor’s recent announcement, school districts can only offer 100% in-person/onsite learning or a hybrid model of on-site and online learning. Districts are no longer allowed to utilize 100% online learning. If families feel their students need 100% online learning, they must apply for the Family Choice Model by August 11th and have special concerns for requesting this option. Bisgard also clarified that if students are approved to participate in the Family Choice Model, students cannot participate in classes/activities/events held in the school buildings during the school day (i.e. music, PE, band, etc.).

Board members discussed the three recommended changes and were in agreement that face coverings should be mandatory for students and staff. The board also supported starting the school year with a “soft start”, but with the flexibility to extend the A/B schedule for PK-8th grades through first quarter depending on additional guidelines from the State, Department of Health, and Linn County COVID metrics.

Bisgard reported that planning continues for designing the Family Choice Model (100% online learning via special application approval) curriculum and schedule, serving meals to students on “B” days when they do not attend in-person and/or to students approved to participate in the Family Choice Model, clarification of sports/extra-curricular participation/events based on soon-to-be-shared guidance from the State, and additional communications to families on all of these topics.

400: Adjournment *Motion 215-07-27*

MOTION by Morey to adjourn at 5:56 PM. Second by Wall. Voice vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Sondra Nelson, Board President

JT Anderson, Board Secretary/Treasurer