

## **Special Meeting – November 13, 2020**

Unapproved

The Charles City Board of Education met in special session on Friday, November 13, 2020 in the Superintendent's Office at 500 N. Grand Ave. The meeting was open to the public by attending in person or watching live at Facebook.com/CharlesCityCSD. All Board members attended via zoom. President Mack called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Present: Board members Rottinghaus, Dight, Freund, and Bergland. Absent: Student member Ruzicka. Staff members present via zoom included Superintendent Fisher, Board Secretary O'Brien, and Communication Director DeVore. Also present via zoom, James Grob, Charles City Press. There were no visitors present.

(Dight/Freund) to approve the agenda as amended. Item 3, was amended to include action on the submission of a waiver for full remote. Motion carried 5-0.

(Rottinghaus/Dight) to submit a waiver to the Department of Education for full remote learning for the next two weeks to only be used if the matrix conditions are met or the District no longer has adequate staff to safely operate. This will allow for a full pivot if needed without any additional 48 hour delays. It will also forgive the last two days of missed school for the District per the Iowa Department of Education. The waiver dates can also be amended by the state if requested by the District. There was much discussion. The waiver would give the District some flexibility. There were several questions sent via Facebook and chat. During full remote staff will come to work. If in full remote, extracurricular would be discontinued, however if partial remote then the extracurricular may continue. Immaculate Conception (IC) is making its own decision regarding remote learning. We are in communication with IC and would continue lunch and bus service. During the two day 5-12 shut down on November 12 and 13, the secondary staff worked in the elementary to keep them open. The elementary absenteeism rate increased due to COVID. The time was also used to better prepare for remote learning. Motion carried 5-0.

(Dight/Freund) to approve the amended matrix to set criteria for the reopening from hybrid learning when the conditions are acceptable as recommended. Floyd County Public Health, teacher leaders and senior leaders agree on the recommendation. The matrix was amended to include when the District would shift out of hybrid. The District would remain in hybrid for a minimum of two weeks. To shift out of hybrid, the county 14-day rolling positivity rate and student absence rate must be at less than 10% for five consecutive days with a negative trend line. Motion carried 5-0.

President Mack adjourned the meeting at 12:47 p.m.

Terri O'Brien, Board Secretary