

Work Session – September 4, 2020

Unapproved

The Charles City Board of Education met in work session on Friday, September 4, 2020 via zoom. The meeting was open to the public by attending in person at the Superintendent's office, North Grand Building or watching live at Facebook.com/CharlesCityCSD. Vice President Freund called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m. Present by zoom: Board members; Dight, Rottinghaus, Bergland, and President Mack (arrived 12:10 p.m.). Absent: none. Staff members present included Superintendent Fisher, Board Secretary O'Brien, and Communication Director DeVore. Also in attendance were Gail Arjes, Floyd County Public Health and James Grob, Charles City Press.

Superintendent Fisher started the meeting with an update of COVID in the District. There are seven High School students with COVID. Through contract tracing it was determined to come from the football team. The difficult decision to postpone football was made. Safety must take precedence. The Communications Department got the information to the community. We have created a 15-person customer service team that will make calls to families that need quarantine if they came in contact with someone with COVID. The county positivity rate is low, thus would not qualify for the state requirements to go to remote learning even if the District wanted to.

President Mack arrived at 12:10 p.m.

Gail Arjes was welcomed to the meeting. She responded to questions from the Board. The current hospitalization rate in Floyd County is low as well as the positivity rate. The nearest testing site is Osage, since Charles City Public Health does not have the staffing. Community members are being directed to the Test Iowa website for information. The Board asked her opinion as to mandating baseline testing for sports which she responded no. She did state the school is doing a great job. There was much discussion.

President Mack adjourned the meeting at 12:36 p.m.

Terri O'Brien, Board Secretary