

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF WEST DE PERE
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
West De Pere High School-665 Grant Street
October 17, 2020
8:00 PM

Board members present: Jenni Fuss, Barbara Van Deurzen, Scott Borley, Joe Bergner, Tom Van De Hei Board members excused: none

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Board President Fuss followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. President Fuss stated that the area news media had been notified of the meeting as required by open meeting law and state statutes.

It was moved by Tom Van De Hei and seconded Barbara Van Deurzen to accept the agenda as printed. Motion carried.

The meeting was opened to the floor to enable district residents to bring items of general concern to the attention of the Board.

It was moved by Tom Van De Hei and seconded by Scott Borley to extend the time for the floor to be opened to the public to allow everyone who wished to speak a chance to do so. Motion carried.

Dana VanDenBusch [2906 Sanibel Dr] Teacher and parent in the district. Stated that she is excited that the decision was made to send the students back to school.

Tim Clark [1240 Driftwood Dr] Stated that he doesn't want the students to go back to in-person learning until it is safe. He wants the board to listen to the science.

Jen Wathke [2526 Serence Ct] Teacher and parent in the district. Stated that she wants metrics in place and to work with other school districts to aid in setting these metrics.

Maria Miller [408 Apollo Way] Student in the district. Discussed how she doesn't feel it is safe for students or staff to return to in-person learning.

Hannah Bauer [842 Westwood Dr] Student in the district. Discussed how she doesn't feel it is safe for students or staff to return to in-person learning.

Robby Cox [2237 Lawrence Dr] Student in the district. Discussed how he feels that it is safe for students to return to in-person learning.

Peighton Nehring [3776 May Ln] Student in the district. Discussed how she worries about students in the district not having the technology they need to do online learning. Also, that school is a safe place for students. She supports the return to in-person learning.

Jon Tribble [2463 Skyline Oaks Dr] Parent in the district. Discussed how he feels that the schools need to have a more detailed plan on how students are quarantined due to close contact.

Christina Boeder [1135 Drews Dr.] Parent in the district. Discussed how she thinks we need metrics for moving in and out of school and also need to work with the health department.

Sarah Blount [1602 Granda Ct] Parent in the district. Thanked Administration and the Board for all that they do. She supports the return to in-person learning.

JeAnn Jensen [2267 Red T] Student in the district. Discussed how she doesn't feel it is safe for students or staff to return to in-person learning.

Katie Schneekloth [3067 Pepperidge Ct] Parent in the district. Told the board to please keep education of the students and also their mental well-being in mind. She shared her support for students to return to in-person learning.

Dan Schneekloth [3067 Pepperidge Ct] Parent in the district. He stated that the statement the health department made did not consider the mental well-being of the students. Shared his support for students to return to in-person learning.

Dean Raasch [733 St. Mary St] City of De Pere Alderperson- Third District and parent in the district. He stated that he supports face to face learning. He apologized for the city of De Pere for putting out the press release.

Adam Aleknavicius [1743 Cady Ln] Parent in the district. Shared his support for students to return to in-person learning.

Adam Benzshawel [3100 Freedom Rd] Parent in the district. He stated that it is difficult to run his business and assist his children with school work. He shared his support for students to return to in-person learning.

Jill Gray [1326 Scheuring Rd #2] Parent in the district. she stated that her son is struggling with online learning. She shared her support for students to return to in-person learning.

Kevin Pawlak[1728 Crimson Ct] Parent in the district. Shared his support for students to return to in-person learning.

Theresa Duckart [2900 Noah Rd] Parent in the district. Shared her support for students to return to in-person learning.

Brian Walters [1223 Cecelia Ct] Parent in the district. He stated that he thinks that students need to back to in-person learning because they are struggling and need teachers. He shared his support for students to return to in-person learning.

Connie Benoit [1426 Grant St] Parent in the district. Shared her support for students to return to in-person learning.

Tara Czachor [1584 Park Haven Rd] Shared her support for students to return to in-person learning.

Lindy Bethke [999 Springfield Dr] Parent in the district. Shared her support for students to return to in-person learning.

Andre Jacque [1615 Lost Dauphin Rd] Wisconsin State Senator and parent in the district. Stated that education setbacks, mental health issues, domestic abuse and child neglect cases have spiked

since schools have closed. He supports schools returning to in-person learning.

Joe Bergner [863 Suburban Dr.] Resident of the district and West De Pere School Board Vice President. He stated he wants metrics before returning to in-person learning. Decision needs to be data driven.

Sue Gerrits [2080 W. Vista] Parent and Sub Teacher in the district. Shared she feels safe sending her children and teaching in the schools. She shared her support for students to return to in-person learning.

Matt Lambrecht [1867 Wizard Way] Teacher in the district. Has a friend who is sick and doesn't want people to be divided. Wants metrics set and everyone to work together to achieve them.

Ashley Knapp [1420 Stanek Ln] Employee of the school district and parent in the district. Wants to be back in school with the students but wants it to be safe for everyone. She wants metrics and to also consider the science.

Chase Brabazon [3045 Pepperidge Dr.] Student in the district. Shared that he finds online learning difficult and does better in the classroom with his teachers.

Elli Gauthier [1003 Cedar St] Student in the district. Shared that she wants to return to in-person learning.

Alexa Thomson [2514 Serene Ct] Student in the district. Her parents let her chose and she chose in-person learning.

Brook Verboort [2858 Woodhaven Cir] Student in the district. Shared that she wants to return to in-person learning.

Multiple people voiced their concerns to the board via the zoom meeting. Both in support and against returning to in-person learning.

Superintendent Krueger discussed the process and factors used in assessing our current state and potential future direction on October 19, 2020.

The Board spoke to how they came to their decisions to vote to move from scenario "C" to scenario "A" on October 19, 2020.

It was moved by Scott Borley and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen to move to learning scenario "A" on October 19, 2020. Voting Yes: Van De Hei, Borley, Van Deurzen, Fuss Voting No: Bergner Motion carried.

It was moved by Tom Van De Hei and seconded by Barbara Van Deurzen at 11:10 PM that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

Barbara Van Deurzen
Clerk