

HANOVER PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Board of Directors Meeting Agenda

Administration Building

Tuesday, October 6, 2020
5:45 P.M

MINUTES

A. Opening Business

- Call to Order - The meeting was called to order at 5:45 PM.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Roll Call
 - Board Members Present: Mr. Frederick, Mrs. Gallagher, Mrs. Gulden, Mr. Huston, Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Keeney, Mr. Lippy, Mrs. Shea
 - Also Present: Dr. Scola, David Fry, Troy Wentz, Rina Houck, Tessa Hilyard, administrators via zoom

B. Recognition of Visitors None

C. Public Comments

Luann Garland - Monroe Street, Hanover

Why is full return to school only for four days with a virtual day on Friday. Will the virtual learners be required to live stream classes so everyone in the class is receiving the same education/information. Although I want my child back in the classroom because it is what is best for her learning. A Live streaming set up would be beneficial for everyone especially if classes would need to be furloughed due to a covid outbreak in a particular class.

Marie Smith - Brandy Court, Hanover

Where can the data of the parent survey be located--are survey results available to the public? Are there any classroom teachers, serving DIRECTLY on the planning/steering committees for these decisions?

Ronda Zeigler - Grant Drive, Hanover

I had previously prepared comments for tonight's meeting before this morning's announcement that Governor Wolf was increasing indoor and outdoor event capacity effective Friday. This is certainly good news.

The HHS volleyball team has 4 home matches remaining in their season. The first of these is this Thursday evening. Why should these girls be penalized over a few hours of this announcement being effective? Having their parents/grandparents/friends in the gym to support them is important to them. I would encourage the board and administration to step up and allow the HHS capacity to be increased effective with Thursday night's volleyball match. By doing so, all members of both teams can be in the gym, all game worker's can work, and spectators can attend. Volleyball doesn't get 180 spectators. We will be well below the maximum capacity of our gym's capacity with this announcement. Thank you for your consideration.

Patricia Petite, Trudy Court, Hanover

Is it going to be safe to go back to school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday are the classrooms going to be 20 children or more in the classrooms I am concerned about that. Please let me know. Also what about Friday is it going to be online. Also what about the computers half the time they don't work right. We are having a hard time summiting things.

Jason Resh, Fleming Avenue, Hanover

1. It seems the decision has already been made to return. Our form for feedback did NOT include an option to remain A/B Hybrid, it only included the 4 day return or distance learning.
2. It's ironic that these board meetings continue to be virtual, when you are deciding to send staff and students back physically to buildings.
3. There is no doubt that everyone would like to return to "normal" procedures and structure, but we are in an unprecedented time. That fact cannot be ignored.

D. Hanover Public School District's Health and Safety Plan

The administration recommended the revision of the district's Health and Safety Plan to reflect a full return to instruction with a full remote learning option for students grades 5-12 on October 26, 2020 ([enclosure](#)).

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Scola presented that for athletics four tickets per participant will be given with the new requirements put into place today by Governor Wolf. Purposely and thoughtfully this plan was recommended. Dr. Scola continued with a slide presentation for the board. A survey was given to parents and immediate responses and overwhelming responses were received. Middle School 63% of parents responded and 81.4% wanted full return. High School 53% of parents responded and 81.9% wanted full return. In the Middle School last year at this time there were 222 failing grades compared to 739 failing grades this year. This included 125 students with failing grades last year and 304 students with failing grades this year. The High School last year at this time there were 186 failing grades compared to 812 failing grades this year. This included 83 students with failing grades last year compared to 264 students with failing grades this year. By increasing to four days a week attendance 42 days, or nearly a full marking period will be increased. The District meal counts are down 62%, affecting nutrition of the students. Recommendation that beginning October 26 grades 5-12 to return Monday through Thursday with Friday off. Mrs. Hilyard, Middle School Principal of Academic Affairs presented student survey results from the Middle School. Nine-seven responses were received and students indicated remote learning was difficult to complete assignments and motivate themselves. Math and Spanish were particular difficult areas of study. Classroom arrangements will be different to accommodate spacing. Lunch procedures, including dividers will be utilized. Students will receive re-training on COVID when they return. Mrs. Houck, Principal of High School presented survey results. Eighty-one responses were received. Students appreciate working at own pace, but workload is unmanageable with distractions at home. Students are to log in on Friday to be present. Teachers would work with fully remote students on Fridays and make up work. Safety precautions would be similar to middle school, with addition of one way transportation in hallways. Students will receive re-training on COVID when they return. Dr. Scola indicated the elementary model has been effective with their return since day one full time. The Middle School pod system set up is a plus for that building. The failing grades are not reflective of the students or teachers, but the lack of face to face instruction time. In the long run the desire is back all five days. The plan will continue to be reviewed and a decision made to best result for students. Leaders need to listen and be adaptive.

BOARD ACTION:

Mr. Lippy made a motion to approve the health and safety plan as presented. Second by Mr. Huston and approved on a roll call vote of 8-0.

E. Public Comment None

F. Adjournment Mr. Frederick adjourned the meeting at 6:22 PM

Next Planning Meeting - Tuesday, October 13, at 6:00 PM.

Next Board Meeting - Monday, October 26, at 6:00 PM.

Troy S Wentz