

Independent School District 507 Regular
School Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 7, 2020 6:00 PM

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Agenda

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. VISITOR COMMENTS
4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
5. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

- a. Superintendent's Report

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c. School Nurse COVID-19 Update

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d. Activities Director Report

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6. CONSENT AGENDA

a. Approval of Minutes 14

b. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$361,253.66

c. Approval of Personnel Items 18

d. Accept Donations 20

MS 123B.02, Subd. 6 permits the school board to accept donations or gifts for the benefit of the district. **The Superintendent recommends approving the donations received.**

e. Designate Business Manager As Authorized Representative For ProGrowth Bank and Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund

The superintendent recommends adding Lindsey Heine, Business Manager as an authorized representative for the Rademacher and general accounts at Pro Growth Bank and the Minnesota School District Liquid Asset Fund.

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Superintendent: Dr. Stephen Malone • Principal: Mr. Todd Toulouse

Date: October 2, 2020

To: School Board

From: Dr. Malone

RE: Meeting Notes, October 7, 2020

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- Nicollet County just surpassed 600 COVID cases this week, with the last couple months our biggest months since the pandemic began in March.

NICOLLET COUNTY COVID-19 UPDATE:

TOTAL # OF CONFIRMED CASES: 603
 TOTAL # OF NEW CASES SINCE LAST REPORT (10/5/2020): 2
 # CURRENTLY KNOWN HOSPITALIZED: 1
 # OF TOTAL HOSPITALIZATIONS: 37
 # OF COVID-19 RELATED DEATHS: 17

THIS DATA REFLECTS INFORMATION PROVIDED TO LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH AS OF 4PM THE DAY PRIOR TO POSTING. STATEWIDE DATA CAN BE FOUND BY ACCESSING THE MINNESOTA COVID-19 DASHBOARD AT [HTTPS://MN.GOV/COVID19/DATA/RESPONSE-PREP/](https://mn.gov/covid19/data/response-prep/)

- Right now, we have one individual hospitalized, with a total of 37 residents hospitalized since March. So far, 17 people have died. The majority of those were early on when we had an outbreak in a long-term care facility.
- We have been averaging about 30 cases a week as of late, but that number continues to grow. Last week, we had 39 cases. Numbers for this week won't be calculated until Thursday. We do this the same day as the state releases the weekly county case rate which informs what learning model schools use.
- Nicollet County's 14-day COVID case rate from 9/6-9/19 is 14.80. Please note that this number is based on cases from two weeks ago, not what is currently happening in terms of cases.

County Name	7/26 - 8/8	8/2 - 8/15	8/9 - 8/22	8/16 - 8/29	8/23 - 9/5	8/30-9/12	9/6-9/19
Marshall	1.06	1.06	2.13	9.58	13.84	9.58	6.39
Martin	5.51	5.01	6.01	12.52	17.53	14.53	40.57
Meeker	2.17	3.47	4.33	9.10	14.30	17.33	26.00
Mille Lacs	3.50	5.05	6.22	7.38	13.60	12.44	10.88
Morrison	4.86	6.98	5.46	4.86	11.53	16.09	19.42
Mower	13.13	12.37	14.39	12.88	12.88	17.17	23.74
Murray	7.18	9.58	15.56	13.17	11.97	9.58	10.77
Nicollet	20.72	19.83	20.42	18.35	13.02	10.95	14.80

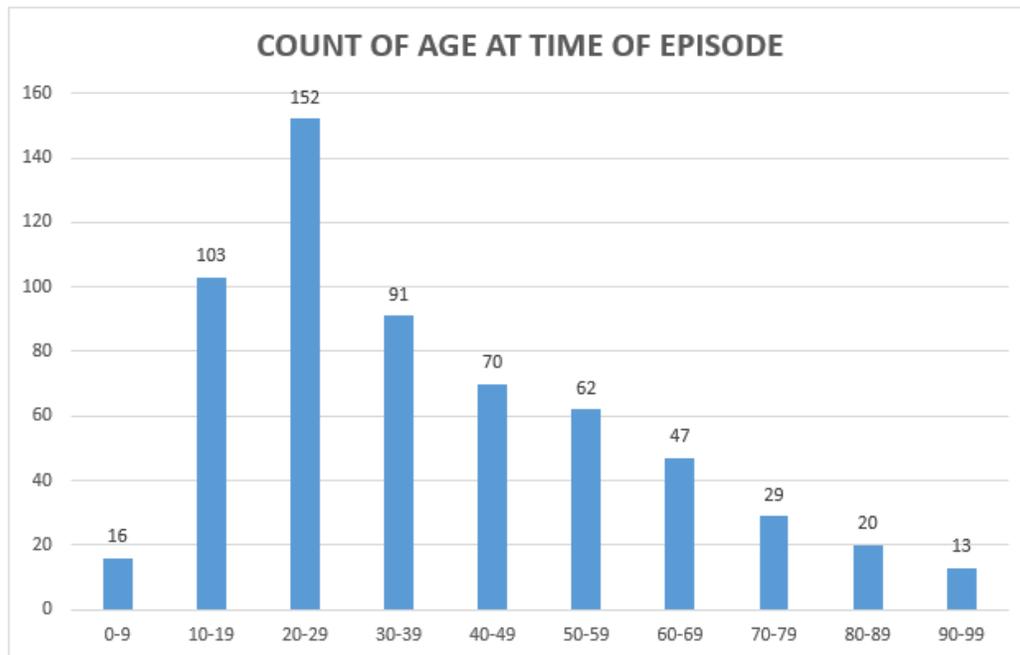
Recommended policy options based on 14-day case rate range

Policy Option	Range (14-day case rate per 10,000 people)
In-person learning for all students	0 to less than 10
Elementary in-person, Middle/high school hybrid	10 to less than 20
Both hybrid	20 to less than 30
Elementary hybrid, Middle/high school distance	30 to less than 50
Both distance	50 or more

- Most schools in Nicollet County are having in-person elementary school and middle- and high-school hybrid.
- Nicollet County's case rate will continue to go up based on the number of cases we have seen in the last two weeks. This is a trend regionally. Mankato Clinic also is reporting that its respiratory clinic slots are filling up quickly now that school is back in session.
- Trends -- What we are seeing is an increase in cases involving students and staff at elementary-, middle-, and high-schools. Several cases are associated with athletics. We are not seeing transmission among these groups at this time.
- On our state and regional conference calls, we are hearing more about pushback from parents of athletes who do not want their sons or daughters quarantined. This is a state-wide issue that MDH and MDE are looking to address.
- We are seeing cases in our local colleges, Gustavus Adolphus and South Central. Many of them involve athletics. We are not seeing transmission in the classrooms at this time as both schools are working hard to social distance. Both are taking extensive efforts to mask and social distance.
- Gustavus started back to school with only first-year students, new transfer students, and a small number of returning students living on campus and nearly all classes on line. Limiting the number of on-campus students at the beginning of the academic year was intended to allow the college to monitor infection rates and give those who aren't familiar yet with the campus a chance to complete orientation and make that campus connection.

Upperclassmen returned to campus 9/25 (roughly 1,000 students) and we have not yet seen a corresponding increase in cases.

- At South Central College, classes are online save for ones that require labs or hands-on-work, which take place in the classroom. The building is locked down and every person who comes on campus is required to show that they have completed the health screening assessment before they are allowed in the facility.
- The 20-29 age group continues to be our largest age group for cases, followed by the 10-19 age group. These groups so far are having a more mild illness, characterized by body aches, fatigue and cold symptoms. We are just beginning to see cases that have long-term implications in the age group, such as heart and lung concerns. This is a good reason why return-to-play sports physicals are needed for high school and college athletes.



- Another trend we've been seeing is the growth of cases in the county outside of St. Peter and North Mankato. For months, nearly all the cases were in those two cities. In the last month, a quick count of the cases showed about one third of the 150 cases were in the western county, including Nicollet, Lafayette and Courtland.
- Another reason for growth appears to be individuals that want to go out and socialize, whether at restaurants, bars or other social gatherings. These individuals are growing wary of the social distancing rules as the pandemic

enters its seventh month. At the same time, increasing family transmission and social transmission are making it easier to track how the virus has been transmitted. Lately, we have had more cases that are likely able to tell us who they interacted with that caused them to get the virus.

- Finally, while it is commonly said that everybody in Minnesota that wants a COVID test can get one, that is not what is happening in the region. Providers are still limiting testing to those who are symptomatic and those who are exposed because of limited supplies and limited capacity.
- A semi-permanent saliva-testing facility is expected to open in Mankato at some point in the near future. Clinics are getting access to rapid tests which will be used to quickly confirm that symptomatic people have COVID. Long-term care facilities also are now mandated to test their staffs based on a different set of county case rates.

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A. CALL TO ORDER

The Nicollet Board of Education held their regular school board meeting on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6:00 pm remotely via Zoom.us.

B. ROLL CALL

- Directors present were Eric Hopp, Jill Johnson, Phil Wills, Adam Erickson, and Scot Osborne.
- Director Wayne Whitmore was absent.
- Others present were Stephen Malone, Superintendent and Todd Toulouse, Principal.

C. VISITORS COMMENTS

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to approve the Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Adam Erickson and seconded by Phillip Wills, Carried 5-0 by roll call.

Wayne Whitmore: Absent, Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea

E. REPORTS AND PRESENTATIONS

E.1. Superintendent's Report

E.2. Principal's Report

E.3. Board Committees' Reports

F. CONSENT AGENDA

Move to accept the Consent Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Scot Osborne and seconded by Eric Hopp, Carried 5-0 by roll call.

Wayne Whitmore: Absent, Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea

F.1. Approval of Minutes

F.2. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$119,499.31

F.3. Approval of Personnel Items

F.4. Accept Donations

G. 2020-21 LUNCH PRICES

Move to approve an increase in K-6 lunch prices from \$2.60 to \$2.70 and 7-12 lunch prices from \$2.85 to \$2.95. This motion, made by Scot Osborne and seconded by Adam Erickson, Carried 5-0

by roll call.

Wayne Whitmore: Absent, Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea

H. FACILITIES

H.1. Project Scope/Budget and Timeline

Move to enter into an agreement with Nexus for services including architectural, engineering, construction management, and commissioning for the project funding. This motion, made by Eric Hopp and seconded by Adam Erickson, Carried 5-0 by roll call.

Wayne Whitmore: Absent, Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea

H.2. Amend LTFM Application

Motion to approve the amended LTFM 10-year plan. This motion, made by Scot Osborne and seconded by Phillip Wills, Carried 5-0 by roll call.

Wayne Whitmore: Absent, Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea

H.3. Parameters Resolution

Move to approve the Resolution Stating the Intention of the School Board to Issue General Obligation Bonds to Finance Projects Included in the District's Ten-Year Facility Plan; Covenanting and Obligating the District to be Bound by and to Use the Provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.55 to Guarantee the Payment of the Principal and Interest on the Bonds. This motion, made by Phillip Wills and seconded by Adam Erickson, Carried 5-0 by roll call.

Wayne Whitmore: Absent, Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot

I. APPROVE 2020-21 STUDENT HANDBOOK

Motion to approve the 2020-2021 Student Handbook. This motion, made by Jill Johnson and seconded by Scot Osborne, Carried 5-0 by roll call.

Wayne Whitmore: Absent, Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea

J. ADJOURNMENT

Move to Adjourn at 6:58 pm. This motion, made by Jill Johnson and seconded by Eric Hopp, Carried 5-0 by roll call.

Wayne Whitmore: Absent, Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea

Jill Johnson, Clerk

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Adam Erickson: Present, Eric Hopp: Present, Jill Johnson: Present, Scot Osborne: Present, Wayne Whitmore: Present, Phillip Wills: Present. Present: 6. Visitors: Cassandra Masters Lafayette, Nicollet Ledger and Michelle Emich. Called to Order 6:10 pm.

A. CALL TO ORDER

B. ROLL CALL

C. VISITOR COMMENTS

Michelle Emich addressed the board about the current learning model.

D. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Move to accept the Agenda as presented. This motion, made by Wayne Whitmore and seconded by Adam Erickson, Carried.

Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Wayne Whitmore: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

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Yea: 6, Nay: 0

The Superintendent recommends approving the Consent Agenda

F.1. Approval of Minutes

F.2. Approval of Bills in the amount of \$80,186.15

F.3. Approval of Personnel Items

September 9, 2020								
I recommend approving the personnel items as presented (sorted by last name):								
Name	Status	Job Title	Location	Hrs Per Day/FTE	Group	Replacing	Effective	Wage
Acevedo, Samantha	Resignation	Teacher Aide/NECC	NECC	40	NECC		8/21/2020	12.15/hr Step 5
Cardenas, Demetria	New Hire	Teacher Aide/NECC	NECC	40	NECC	NA	8/26/2020	10.13/hr Step 1
Davis-McFarlane, Gabrielle	Resignation	Teacher Aide/NECC	NECC	20-30	NECC		8/10/2020	10.50/hr Step 3
Goodman, Miranda	Resignation	Teacher Aide/NECC	NECC	30-40	NECC		8/14/2020	10.60/hr Step 3
Gregg, Chelsey	Resignation	Paraprofessional	District	6.75	Para		8/7/2020	12.15/hr Step 5
Kehler, KylieRae	New Hire	Teacher Aide/NECC	NECC	40	NECC	NA	9/4/2020	10.13/hr Step 1
Otto, Amy	New Hire	PT Cook	Dist	25-30	Kitchen	Ralph Compart	9/4/2020	10.88/hr Srep 1
Schwab-Krohn, Erin	Resignation	Paraprofessional	Dist	6.75/FT	Para		8/11/2020	11.63/hr Step 3
Siirtola, Nicole	New Hire	Paraprofessional	DlSt	6.75	Para	NA	9/1/2020	11.63/hr Step 3

F.4. Approve Fundraiser Request

G. APPROVE PAYABLE 21 PRELIMINARY LEVY

Move to approve the Maximum Payable 21 Preliminary Levy Certification. This motion, made by Jill Johnson and seconded by Eric Hopp, Carried.

Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Wayne Whitmore: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea
Yea: 6, Nay: 0

H. ADJOURNMENT

Move to Adjourn at 6:50 pm. This motion, made by Jill Johnson and seconded by Scot Osborne, Carried.

Adam Erickson: Yea, Eric Hopp: Yea, Jill Johnson: Yea, Scot Osborne: Yea, Wayne Whitmore: Yea, Phillip Wills: Yea
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Carendas, Demetria	New Hire	Teacher Aide	NECC	40	NECC		8/30/2020
Dykema, Joy	New Hire	MS/HS Adminassitant	District	FT /11 Month	Admin Assit	Bonnie Giefer	10/19/2020
Finken, Amber	New Hire	Paraprofessional	District	34/week	District		10/2/2020
Giefer, Bonnie	Resignation	MS/HS Adminassitant	District	9 Month contract	Admin Assit		9/9/2020
Gieseke, Sarah	Resignation	JH Volleyball Coach	HS	Coaching	Coaching		9/30/2020
Hoffman, Ambria	New Hire	Teacher Aide	NECC	PT	NECC		9/28/2020
Huber, Amanda	New Hire	JH Volleyball Coach	HS	Coaching	Coaching	Sarah Gieseke	9/30/2020
Kehler, Kylie Rae	New Hire	Teacher Aide	NECC	40	NECC		9/2/2020
Klockziem, Tiffany	Volunteer	JH Volleyball Coach	HS	Coaching	Coaching		9/30/2020
Soost, Amy	New Hire	JH Volleyball Coach	HS	Coaching	Coaching	Hannah Beckius	9/30/2020
Thompson, Jaclyn	New Hire	Teacher Aide	NECC	PT	NECC		9/28/2020
Trubenbach, Kyla	New Hire	Teacher Aide	NECC	PT	NECC		9/30/2020

Wage
2047.00 Step 2
10.13/hr Step 1
16.07/hr Step 7
11.63/hr Step 3
19.30/hr Step 15
2645.00 Step 6
10.13/hr Step 1
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Volunteer
1897.00 Step 1
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I recommend accepting the gifts as described below.

Donor Name	Description of Gift	Value	Purpose of Gift
Minnesota Valley FCU	Cash	\$500	General
GNACF	Cash	\$400	School Readiness Filed Trips