**Board of Education Special Meeting**

November 20, 2020 1:00 PM

Wallace Central Office Building

**Attendance Taken at 1:03 PM:**

Present Board Members:

Mrs. Rebecca Burgett

Mr. Hargis Davis

Mrs. Amanda Dunavent

Mrs. Sonya Giles

Mr. Chuck Toler

**I. Welcome/Roll Call**

**II. Approval of Agenda**

**Order #2020-1925 - Motion Passed:**  Motion made to approve Agenda passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mrs. Sonya Giles.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mrs. Rebecca Burgett | Yes |
| Mr. Hargis Davis | Yes |
| Mrs. Amanda Dunavent | Yes |
| Mrs. Sonya Giles | Yes |
| Mr. Chuck Toler | Yes |

**III. Board Comments**

**IV. Recommended Action - NEW BUSINESS**

**IV.a. Discussion/Action on School Closing and Sports**

Discussion:

Attorney Jake Thompson addressed the Board and gave the update on executive orders from the Governor. We have no choice. Board Chairman, Hargis Davis advised he is working to make sure that the Board will not fall under certain categories anymore. He will let the legislation fight this one. He chooses to let them fight this battle for us.

Superintendent Hammond advised he met with teachers and talked about the process we followed before, food service delivery, etc. We will be delaying the food distribution. We should be in good shape as to what we were previously. He talked to the teachers about only being on the call for 10 minutes. The teachers will remain online and be available. So, any student that needs additional help, the teacher is always available. We are looking at 6 hours per day. We will follow the "developmentally appropriate instruction" with the younger children and the time will be shortened. Think we are looking at the same as we go forward. We talked about how we will go about it. We will contact the home if children are falling behind and are offering sessions one on one in person, as approved by KDE in small groups, under executive order approving. Shuttling back and forth is for K-12;

Board member Amanda Dunavent asked if students without issues could also use the one on one. Mr. Hammond said yes, but they wouldn't be contacted and there would be no difference with Special Ed.

Board Member, Rebecca Burgett asked if we had calls or concerns from parents on the small group situation. Upper Elementary Principal, Amanda Carroll said she had already been working with bus garage to get a schedule ready for this. Any students without internet, we sent packets good through Dec 2nd. Already have RTI groups scheduled, teachers are doing appointments only, not using our transportation.

Board Chair Davis asked under this new small group plan, how can you force a child to come to school?

Principal Carroll said, we can't. They will call the parent saying, “we understand you don't have internet; would you like to use our small group gathering?” Food will be available on those days. The parent does have a right to say no, can't force the meeting.

Chairman Davis asked how we challenge these students?

Middle School Teacher, Mandy Young said you just have to watch your own students closely, as all teachers do on a daily basis. If we are mentoring students, how would you do that with the virtual? Ms. Young explained not all days will she be doing virtual and can help those who might be there for small groups.

Principal Carroll explained she is using 5th grade as example, Monday and Wednesday, we do social studies and two separate blocks to use for person to person, Thursday and Friday, they do the other subjects. On Fridays, no live online teaching. Students scheduled for one on ones then. Ms. Mandy Young is doing 15 minutes for light mental check-ins with her students.

Chairman Davis asked Principal Carroll, if she would please send out the Upper Elementary schedule to all Board Members. She mentioned that the 5th grade is rotating,

Chairman Davis asked if that was safe, Principal Carroll said they are not rotating, the kids are. Katie Burlew is running Edgenuity from home. Ms. Carroll said they have had nothing but positive remarks.

Board Member Rebecca Burgett asked what is our thinking on sports?

Superintendent Hammond explained that he is expecting the High School Athletic Depts to follow his lead. There will be football tonight, some are not playing in other schools. The winter sports will continue through the duration of football. Official practices can resume Dec. 14th, they can use small groups to get together and if it happens that we have winter sports starting Jan 4th, they need a little conditioning or small groups, they would be better in shape to practice.

Chairman Davis asked how can they close school and not stop sports, when the majority of the reason for quarantines, is due to sports?

Attorney Thompson answered the need for small group practice is to get in condition and not get injured;

Mr. Hammond talked to Mr. Jones and he reminded him we've had four (4) athletes in four (4) different sports that have tested positive. None of the other students contracted Covid.

Chief Information Officer Michelle Lawrence described how the Grant Co issue occurred; one athlete tested positive, but the team wasn't quarantined. Four (4) other students quarantined, due to going to a meeting, then twelve (12) with the Grant Co issue.

Chairman Davis asked for the Upper Elementary and High School schedules so that the Board has this information.

Member Rebecca Burgett asked what are the ramifications if we close sports and school on Monday?

Mr. Hammond replied that Middle School sports are finished, only the High School girls and boys would be affected.

Chief Information Officer, Michelle Lawrence told the coaches we can't do any extra-curricular activities between Christmas and New Year. There will be no traveling to tournaments. Michelle asked the Board to consider we already have an athletic trainer with scheduled students before Dec 14, the two weeks prior to the 14th. The Middle School and the High School academic teams are practicing right now, as a small group.

Michelle asked to begin small group conditioning from Nov 30th through Dec 18th, 21 - 23.

Chairman Davis replied, if small group education isn't working, we should stop the sports as well.

**Order #2020-1926 - Motion Passed:**  Motion made to allow all official practices to start on December 4th and to allow the medical trainer to continue her responsibilities passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mrs. Rebecca Burgett | Yes |
| Mr. Hargis Davis | Yes |
| Mrs. Amanda Dunavent | Yes |
| Mrs. Sonya Giles | Yes |
| Mr. Chuck Toler | Yes |

**IV.b. Discussion/Action on Virtual Learning**

Discussion:

All discussion on this topic was included in the previous Item IV.a.

**IV.c. Review/Approve the First (1st) Reading of Policy 01.421 - Public Participation in Open Meetings**

**Order #2020-1927 - Motion Passed:**  Motion to approve the First (1st) Reading of Policy 01.421 - Public Participation in Open Meetings passed with a motion by Mrs. Rebecca Burgett and a second by Mrs. Sonya Giles.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mrs. Rebecca Burgett | Yes |
| Mr. Hargis Davis | Yes |
| Mrs. Amanda Dunavent | Yes |
| Mrs. Sonya Giles | Yes |
| Mr. Chuck Toler | Yes |

**IV.d. Review/Approve StopPit/KEDC New Event**

**Order #2020-1928 - Motion Passed:**  Motion made to approve StopPit/KEDC New Event passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

**5 Yeas - 0 Nays.**

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| Mrs. Rebecca Burgett | Yes |
| Mr. Hargis Davis | Yes |
| Mrs. Amanda Dunavent | Yes |
| Mrs. Sonya Giles | Yes |
| Mr. Chuck Toler | Yes |

**V. Adjourn**

**Order #2020-1929 - Motion Passed:**  Motion made to adjourn passed with a motion by Mr. Hargis Davis and a second by Mr. Chuck Toler.

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| Mr. Hargis Davis | Yes |
| Mrs. Amanda Dunavent | Yes |
| Mrs. Sonya Giles | Yes |
| Mr. Chuck Toler | Yes |

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Chairperson

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