

Special Meeting

The Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board met in Special Session on Thursday, October 14th, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street in Fredonia, Kansas.

A Waiver of Notice was presented at the meeting and the following board members were present: Miranda Dinkel, President; Adam Kiblinger, Vice President via Zoom; Feyn Baker, via phone; Dr. Jennifer McKenney, via Zoom; Merlyn Ramsey, via phone; and Tasha Willett, via Zoom.

Others present were: Brian Smith, Superintendent of Schools; Tim Woodcock, Principal; Jamie Camacho, Principal; Brian Houghton, Assistant Principal/Curriculum Director; Aaron Chard, Director of 21st Century Learning/Principal; Tasha Markham, Lead Teacher/Assistant Principal; Diana Bredehoft, Treasurer and Charletta Gustin, Board Clerk.

Call to Order

At 1:00 p.m. Board President Miranda Dinkel called the Special Session to order with six board members present.

Approval of Agenda

Tasha Willett made a motion to approve the printed agenda as presented. Seconded by Dr. Jennifer McKenney. Motion carried. 6-0

USD 484 – Return to School Plan

Superintendent Smith explained the new rapid testing procedures and we are increasing the risk of in building positives which will more than likely move us into RED. The concept of the KDHE testing strategy was designed to keep students and staff in school. As a result of the increase risk of inbuilding positives, the gaiting criteria needed to be revisited.

Superintendent Smith recommendation along with the administration would like to see the gaiting criteria for RED be changed to 5% of student population per wing.

Dr. Jennifer McKenney made a motion to increase Red level to 5% of student population and to change Orange plan to be 5 positive cases or 50 in quarantine. Motion failed for a lack of a second.

Board members discussed past previous practices of closing schools when the flu was severe and how that past practice could be applied to the COVID situation.

Tasha Willett made a motion to modify our RED level by removing the actual number of in building positive cases for each wing and leave the decision to move into RED up to the

administrators/superintendent and board leadership team. Motion seconded by Adam Kiblinger. Motion carried. 5-1. As requested by Dr. Jennifer McKenney she did vote no on the motion.

Adjourn

The Fredonia Unified School District #484 Governing Board adjourned their Special Session at 1:20 p.m.

Miranda Dinkel, Board President

Charletta Gustin, Board Clerk

The next regular meeting of the Fredonia Unified School #484 Governing Board will be Monday, November 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Board of Education Office located at 300 North 6th Street in Fredonia, Kansas.