**CLEARBROOK-GONVICK SCHOOL**

**INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT #2311**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

**September 27, 2021 – 7:00 P.M.**

**The meeting was called to order by Chairman Westrum at 7:00 p.m. Declaration of Quorum – Members present: (in person); Tracy Imle, Vern Wittenberg, Vanessa Gustafson, Jeff Westrum, Dudley Wishard, and Gus Vettleson. Absent: Corey Petterson. Also present: Superintendent Ryan Grow, Dean of Students Josh Tharaldson, community members and staff members**

1 **Call to Order and Pledge to the Flag**

2 **Roll Call**

3 **Community Comments** – Chairman Westrum explained the procedure for community comments, and that community comments are limited to 15 minutes. Community members made comments regarding the various COVID related topics, including masking, and quarantine. A letter from a community member who could not attend was read by another community member. Teaching staff added some comments regarding the effect of wearing a mask in the classroom. Statistical information was shared by a community member. Comments were made regarding parents being responsible for the choice.

4 **Approval of Agenda –** MMS Wittenberg/Imle to approve agenda as presented. MCU.

5 **Old Business – None**

5 **New Business**

**5.1 COVID Safety** – Supt. Grow presented information to the board. Discussion was held, and questions were answered. MMS

1) Board Chair Westrum noted that Supt Grow’s recommendation was if a close contact with mask do not need to quarantine – This was tabled

2) Shortened Quarantine and Contact Tracing – Contact Tracing - Board member Wishard suggested we do as other districts and do less contact tracing, don’t restrict more. Board member Imle believes we should do a shortened quarantine. She suggested 7 days with a negative test after 5 days. She recommended a PCR. Proof would be needed that the test was negative. Board member Vettleson noted that keeping the kids in school is the most important, regardless of how a person feels about masking. Clarification was made that testing would need to be done after each contact with a positive case. A student who does not test will be quarantined for 10 days. Quarantine would be 10 days for positive test results. Board member Wishard felt that quarantine was not helpful. Board members Wittenberg and Gustafson agreed with board member Wishard. Anti-body testing will not be considered. Discussion was held regarding whether this was the time to not quarantine. Decision was made to lessen quarantine & revisit it at the October 18th board meeting. The shortened quarantine would be retroactive. Supt Grow explained that negative tests are reported to the health office.

The decision was clarified that the quarantine would be shortened to 7 days with a negative test after 5 days. Students who do not test will be quarantined for 10 days. Contact tracing protocol will remain the same at this time.

3) Masking – Board member Wishard is against masking, as is board member Wittenberg. Board member Gustafson believes people might be confused by wearing masks. She feels we should either do all masks or none. No mandate on masks was made. All who choose to waear masks are encouraged to do so.

5) The Safety Committee recommendation for a day for deep cleaning was discussed and explained.

5) The board requested that we look at teachers working with students more on Zoom.

6 **Adjournment –** MMS Imle/Gustafson to adjourn at 8:25 p.m. MCU

Next Regular Meeting – Monday, October 19, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.