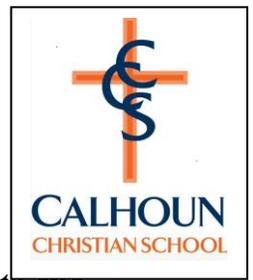


Calhoun Christian School
Board of Directors
October 12, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m.
Special Meeting – HELD VIA ZOOM



Mission Statement

Calhoun Christian School provides academic excellence while upholding God's truth and challenging children to serve

Present: Jeralyn Belote, Vicki Milroy, Jason Woodard, Matt Lueck, , Rob Tramel, Aaron Seifer, , Nate Lauer, Tina Yost-Johnson, Matt Burkart (via phone).

Absent: Necia DiTrapani

Guests: None

Meeting Opening

Call to order at 6:30 p.m. Devotional and opening prayer – Jason Woodard

Meeting called pursuant to Article VIII, Section II of the bylaws at request of administration. Notice was given as required by the bylaws.

Matters discussed:

- Concerns have been raised by families and medical professionals (specifically those with direct firsthand knowledge about Covid in our local area) about the use of masks verses shields and improper use of masks.
- Discussion was held about parent survey at beginning of the year and that there is a consensus that we want the least restrictive environment possible for our children, staff, and families with an emphasis on normalcy.
- Opinion was received from Calhoun County Health Department- They do not recommend the use of shields.
- Review of CDC Data
- Review of Calhoun County Government Regulations and Data. The county has been experiencing a significant increase in COVID-19 cases over the past two weeks. Calhoun County's 7-day average is over 7% infection rate and is 301.7 cases/million/day as of last Thursday, October 14th. Hospitalizations have also been steadily increasing. As a comparison, Kalamazoo is at 185.1 cases/million/day, Allegan at 127.7, Barry at 173.6, Branch at 160.6, and Jackson at 123.2. Rate for in person meetings recommended is less than 70 cases/million/day.
- We are now at rates that are higher than when we closed in March. Concern for forced closure.
- Litigation Potential
- Mandated Closure Potential
- We have had cases in all three levels; High School, Middle School, and Elementary. 4th Grade is currently under quarantine.
- Strong desire to keep school open for our families and children
- Very few schools are in person. Lakeview just voted to stay online only
 - We are the Ony Battle Creek school that is allowing face shields. Two other schools permit them only with severe medical conditions.
 - Only one other school allows face shields for staff.
 - Review Calhoun County Public Health Department School Toolkit. Pgs 34, 37-40, 44-46.
- Calhoun has gone from less than 5 cases per day in August to over 40 per day. The Deaths are low, cases vary in severity.
- Exposure to teachers, care providers, and household
- Everyone entering the building should be held to the same policy.
 - Children should not be in a do as I say not as I do environment

- There will be some difficulty in teaching. Difficult in person is still viewed better than all online.
- Not everyone is even following current policy.
- Discussion to make plexiglass shields as alternative. Determined after input by administration that teachers wouldn't find effective.
- Reviewed website Covidactnow.org- Independent website
- Discussed alternatives to across the board policy in consideration to children, families, and staff. Desire to make short term adjustments to allow us to remain open and then adjust back when cases lower again. Appears to be the best solution to meet the desires of families and staff and need to protect everyone and the school.
- Clear action will show careful consideration and allow us to show health department we are taking matters seriously. Avoid shutdown again if at all possible.
- #1 priority is to keep children in school if we can.
- We must remain united as one under God as a body and the whole community must work as a team.
- Policy to be drafted on two tier system according to covidactnow site. All parents have easy explainable facts and access. Tier 1- Red and Orange (considered most dangerous)- Cloth Masks required. Tier 2- Yellow and Green (lessened risk)- Shields will be allowed.
- Board will vote after final draft.

Adjourn Meeting & Close in prayer
Motion Rob Tramel, 2nd Tina

E- VOTE HELD. COVID-19 Policy approved unanimously