

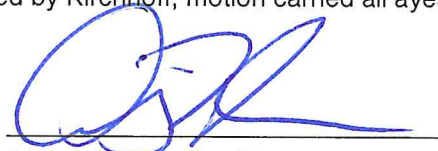
**Minutes of the Special Meeting  
Griswold Community School District Board of Education  
Monday, October 5, 2020**

The Board of Education met for its special meeting on Monday, October 5, 2020 in the Elementary Library. President Aaron Houser called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Board members present were Ryan Askeland, Aaron Houser, Scott Hansen, Rob Peterson, Don Smith, Erika Kirchhoff, and Scott Peterson. Also present were Superintendent David Henrichs, Board Secretary Hannah Bierbaum, Secondary Principal Billy Hiatt, Elementary Principal Nigel Horton, Athletic Director Troy Nicklaus, members of the public, and Student Council Representative Makenna Askeland joined through phone.

- **Reading of Mission Statement:** President Houser read the school mission statement, *“The mission of the Griswold Community School District, in partnership with our families and communities, is to provide leadership for positive change to ensure the best learning opportunities for everyone in a safe and caring environment.”*
- **Approval of Agenda:** Motion by R. Peterson to approve the agenda as posted. Seconded by Kirchhoff, motion carried all ayes.
- **Public Input:** none.
- **Consider Approval of Parent-Teacher Conferences Format:**  
Both principals reviewed their respective proposals for parent-teacher conferences. Both proposed to host conferences through Google meet during the regularly scheduled conference times. If necessary, a parent may request a time to meet in person with a teacher. Motion by Askeland to approve an electronic Parent-Teacher Conference Format. Seconded by Hansen, motion carried all ayes.
- **Consider Approval of Mask Mandate:**  
The Superintendent reviewed the recent mask guidance received and shared a parent letter that was in favor of a mask mandate. After discussion, motion by Askeland to require all students, staff, and visitors to wear CDC approved face coverings while inside school facilities during the hours of 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during school days when social distancing is not possible extending to school transportation, regardless of the time of day or if school is in session including required mask breaks for a minimum of 5 minutes not to exceed 10 minutes each hour, while also allowing students one week or until October 14 to determine their virtual learning status, effective **Wednesday, October 7, 2020** through the end of the semester to be revisited at the December Board meeting. Seconded by Hansen. Roll call ayes: Askeland, Smith, R. Peterson, Kirchhoff, Houser, Hansen. Nays: S. Peterson. Motion carried 6-1. Motion by Hansen to require masks during school related activities for participating students and staff, including both practices and competitions, when social distancing is not possible. The exception is football due to mouth guard requirements, effective **Wednesday, October 7, 2020** through the end of the semester to be revisited at the December Board meeting. The district will follow the conference activity guidelines for spectators. Seconded by Askeland. Roll call ayes: Hansen, Kirchhoff, S. Peterson, Houser, Smith, Askeland, R. Peterson. Nays: none, motion carried all ayes.
- **Adjourn:** Motion by R. Peterson to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Seconded by Kirchhoff, motion carried all ayes.



Hannah Bierbaum, Board Secretary  
(Next regular meeting October 19, 2020)



Aaron Houser, President