

Board of Education Workshop
Buffalo-Hanover-Montrose ISD 877

Monday, February 8, 2021 at 4:50 PM
Buffalo High School 877 Bison Blvd
Buffalo, MN 55313

Present: Melissa Brings, Amanda Lawrence, Amanda Reineck, Adam Bjorklund, Ken Ogden,
Susan Lee

Absent: Bob Sansevere

MINUTES

1. Presentation: Buffalo High School, Mark Mishcke, BHS Principal

Provided a look at life at BHS past, present and future from March 2020. Ended 3rd Term of 2020 early and Stay at Home order took effect. Term 4 was provided in the Distance Learning model. Started in the Hybrid learning model for the start of the 2020-21 school year and moved to Distance Learning in November. Re-created the schedule and provided in-person opportunities for students who needed help. Starting February 1, all staff are onsite in the afternoon to help students. Starting February 17 to the end of the school year, schedule will eliminate BASE time, shortened passing times, Advisory will take place one day per week. All safety protocols will be followed. Classroom seating and contact logs will be important for contact tracing. The 6-foot requirement is down to a recommended 3-foot distance. Lunches will still be difficult with conflicting information regarding capacity. 363 Distance Learners are being surveyed to see if they wish to come back to school.

Asst. Principal Stephanie Ward provided information about the relocation of Phoenix Learning Center to the BHS site starting last fall. This provided increased flexibility in student course selections, access to supports and resources and collaborative partnerships for staff. Toured the new area.

2. Fall 2020 Activities Review

A. Buffalo Community Middle School, John Hayden, BCMS Activities Director

Happy that fall sports opened up and were available to students. Participation was inline

with past years. Cross country each ran their own school track and then results were compiled among teams. Football was not originally given the okay to start so “camps” were held with a flag football game at the end of each day and then a final game under the lights at the BCMS field at the end of the season. Volleyball could not start in the fall and it was decided to stay with the decision to hold the season starting in March.

B. Buffalo High School, Tom Bauman, BHS Activities Director

Activity summaries were reviewed. Football and Volleyball were scheduled for a later start but all activities took place. Instead of a fall play, *A Christmas Carol* was provided as a radio show version on YouTube.

Discussion: Thankful for the additional work that took place to allow parents to watch their children at activities. Felt our District does a great job.

3. Quarterly Investment Report, Gary Kawlewski, Director of Finance and Operations

Cash flow is good. Interest rates are low. OPEB Trust is doing extremely well.

4. Other – Committee Reports

AL – 877 Foundation

SL – WTC

MB – Safe Schools

Adjourned at 6:00 p.m.