



Board of Education Recap

November 17, 2020

We recognize that parenting can be difficult and stressful, even more so now than it may have ever been. **Terry and Patti Cullen** ([founders of Ben's Hope](#)) and their daughters have graciously volunteered to support our District through this difficult time by providing opportunities for learning. To make this as beneficial as possible, we have created a short survey to understand what areas you would be most interested in learning about. We ask that you please consider filling [THIS](#) survey out by Monday, November 23.



Thank you, Mr. **Ryan Finley**, Health teacher-extraordinaire, and Ms. **Kelsey Kohlbeck**, school psychologist and gem in her own right, for helping to coordinate this very special event.



Thanksgiving greetings, Vikings!

After attending last night's Board of Education meeting, we are reminded how fortunate we are to live and work in a community that cares so deeply about their children and the success of their schools. Please read on for a few highlights:

COVID-19 Update: Our K-2 hybrid program successfully launched on Monday. We would not be where we are without our parents' support and the dedication of our staff. Thank you!

One of the lynchpins to the hybrid model's continued success is **substitute coverage**. There may be occasions that will require a staff member's need to be quarantined. Frankly, we do not have a deep pool of substitutes. If you, or someone you know, can lend a hand – for any and all positions (e.g. teaching, paraprofessionals, custodians, secretaries, school nutritionists, bus drivers, etc.) please reach out to our Human Resources Coordinator, [Ms Sara Errthum](#), or myself (salernosteve@mhasd.k12.wi.us).

Renewal of 4K Contracts: Without a doubt, our 4K sites continue to serve as exemplars of partnership. The efforts they undertook to support our community during this difficult time are nothing short of amazing. We would be remiss if we did not also extend our appreciation for the work of our 4K Coordinator, **Mrs. Nicole Tepe**. The recommendation to renew our partner contracts was an easy decision for this Board.



Anti-Racism Statement Approved – For the past several weeks, the Board's *Safety and Wellness Committee* has been at work thoughtfully crafting a message that reinforces our District's support for all who learn and educate in our school community. You can find the entirety of [this message here](#).

I remain proud to be a Viking, and I hope you are too!

Steve Salerno



Mount Horeb and Barneveld Co-op Approved for Another Round of Football Excellence!