



Minutes of Board of Education Regular Meeting

Center Cass School District 66

Thursday, August 6, 2020 at Elizabeth Ide Elementary School
2000 Manning Road, Darien, IL 60561

Present: B. Bukey, J. Cullen, L. Hoffman, G. Olsen, L. Raso, J. Schultz, Principal M. Pagel, Principal S. Rhoads, Principal P. Windsor, Director of Student Services K. Liles, Director of Building and Grounds and Transportation T. Tiede, Director of Technology K. Roberts, Superintendent A. Wise, and Diana Goldstein.

Absent: M. Gibbons

Meeting Commencement:

I. Call Meeting to Order

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by Board President Liane Raso at 7:03 p.m.

II. Pledge

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board President Liane Raso.

III. Recognition of Visitors

Visitors who attended the meeting in-person included Heather Tran, Kim Swaekauski, Ashley Sanchez, Betsy Spizzirri, Carrie Fitzgerald, Kim Rybicki, and Jessica Rost. The people virtually following the meeting included Erin Olsen, Rebecca Macek, Sharilee Smentek, Nina Wakefield, Ket-Sin Yong, Katie Eby, Edwin Gonzales, John Kyriazis, Ann Pogorelec, Keri Roegner, Melissa Holtrup, Sarah Gusanders, Christina Coyle, Jaime Csorba, Magen Newman, Shana Howard, Lisa Schuyler, Liz Chlopek, Fiona Higgins, Joanna Bergmann, Michelle Skweres, Matt Plass, Lacey McCraney, Julie Krasnodebski, Sarah Coppoletta, Brittany Fletcher, Tripp Burton, Jennifer Dewart, Jim Kelly, Lisa Trost, Tiffany Watson, Amy Kerrigan, Jori Knagge, Kathy Barkauskas, Missy Hanneman, Cristin Brown, Liz Rose, Jennifer Nawrot, Hyun Kim, Irene Cordero, Joanna Wilczewski, Gina Nessling, Karena Guardi, Christine Stortz, Deborah Walega, Tom Tedeschi, Lisa Donar, Stephanie Potter, Terri Smeltzer, Kristin Higgins, Jadzia Schifano, Mary Burland, Annie Diver, Laura Panuska, Jane Larkin, Dawn Jovic, Julie Vergo, Renee Richel, Patricia Yurchak, Jaime Free, Brian Liedtke, Donna Hlavacek, Jessica Sage, Julie Ording, Kate DiGiorgio, Courtney Mayberry, Terry Folliard, Gina Hendron, Tracy Spakausky, Marcie Lorocco, Jennifer Shearer, Julie Bruce, Riley Love, Mandy Cidlik, Erika Myers, Cynthia Lozano, Steve Dlugo, Amelia Mesker, Janet Schultz, Brandon Fortier, Patricia Bobo, Alexandra Nodarse, Susan Tracy, Mia Culver, Erin Gardella, Sherry Caliendo, Peter Pitassi, Bridgitte Rinaldi, Jeanne Rerucha, Mahera Yasin, Alison Beseth, Christine Alevritis, Jake Little, Terra Tshulos, Osman Ahmed, Theresa Strong, Patrizia Smalec, Kathi Tannauser, Janice Tung, Lijana Pinciukova, Andrea Scheiwe, Kathleen Krieger, Indrani Hausner, Jennifer Maass, Stephanie Mueller, Maria Puleo, Nancy Lee Martyka, Dominique Coomer, Lisa Pieschala, Nicole Heavrin, Brigitte Stormshak, Iwona Kosinski, Jaclyn Colagrossi, Helen Garcia, Alex Frederick, Beth Waitkus, Christine Belcastro, Colleen Humphris, Rachelle Murphy, Jennine Trefonas, Tara Petrusha, Cheryl Novotny, Jim Tomasik,

Anglea Alesky, Patti Purpura, Niki Kasper, Melissa Mandru, Eric Hamersly, Jill Espinosa, Snehal Shah, Renee Prince, Brandy Lindquist, T.K. Booth, Tania Forsman, Amy Vano, Tim Rylander, Anthony Hermans, David Fields, Karen Bell, Sherry Swanson, Karen Onorato, Catherine Abuallan, Mark Ahde, Robyn Fardy, Pamela Madison, Terra Ihde, Laura Arce, Julie Jooste, Janelle Feylo, Adam Sage, Janet Oliver, Donna Jonauskas, Kim Kostera, Lisa Knippen, Beth Pesavento, Sheri Sulima, Julia Polasek, Will Pletcher, Vesna Bumbarovska Zaharieva, Jamie Lesniak, Amit Jaitly, Kim Travis, Shannon Hayes, Sarah Rajki, Amy Burrows, Angelina Davini, Kristina Pankow, Jennifer Haymes, Karen Cassidy, Bobbi Kelty, Leeann Harper, Joy DeFors, Brandon Godenschwager, Laura Pergande, Nicki Woolsey, Sandy Rizzo, Julie Shramovich, Maggie Koby, Emily Cortez, Tara Preder, Michele Bittle, Tracey Cushing, Rekha Murthy, Fran Antonopoulos, Carrie Weinstein, Karen Roach, Gene Formosino, Stan Popovich, Althea Mottl, Allison Thomas, Prayusha Koduru, Jacqueline Serafin, Ian Tennis, Michael Innocentini, Dana Arnold, Lenore Vidal, Judy Bretl, Wendy Heidorn, Dana Neis, Callie Jayne, Rachel Lazich, Nicole Manganello, Elaine Riadi, Jennifer Tracy, Patty Miski, Deborah Stamenkovich, Dana Hopkins, Alexandra Taylor, Jasmin Ulit, Brandi Will, Tram Alisa Vo, Shibu Philip, Kim Pace, Jill Cerny, Michelle Vosdoganes, Dana Schuster, Deborah Whitt, Mark Minsky, Jamie Martinez, Patrick Murray, Vilma Rivera-Carrero, Sagrario Wang, Michelle Brown, Jennifer Adelman-McCarthy, Lauren Kliluszowian, Krista Ziegenhorn, Perrin Cheung, Robert Opalacz, Loren Tiede, Kathleen Koeppe, Tricia Harvat, Elizabeth Nyhlen, Joy David, Darnell Mayberry, Cindy Fernandez, Jennie Halper, Kari Gemmell, and Tracy Moriarty.

IV. Scheduled Time to Address Board

There were no scheduled public comments.

V. Consent Agenda

MOTION: A motion to approve the consent agenda as presented here was made by L. Hoffman and seconded by J. Schultz. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: B. Bukey, J. Cullen, L. Hoffman, G. Olsen, L. Raso, and J. Schultz. NAY: none. Motion carried.

A. Monthly Meeting Minutes

- July 14, 2020 Board of Education regular meeting minutes

B. District's Monthly Financial Statements

- July 2020 Balance Sheet
- July 2020 Expenditure Sheet
- July 2020 Financial Dashboard
- July 2020 Revenue Sheet

C. Monthly Board Bills Payable

- Bills payable 07.22.2020 – 08.06.2020

D. New Items

1. Approve employment for **Heather Lopez** as 3rd Grade Teacher at Prairieview effective August 17, 2020, PC 1 Step 4

VI. Communication

There is one FOIA request included in the boardbook with which the district complied.

VII. Principal Reports

A. Elizabeth Ide Elementary

Principal Sean Rhoads submitted a board report that includes a summary of articulation meetings that have taken place, of the SEL meeting that occurred, and of the Ide's Building Leadership Team meeting. The full report can be found in the boardbook.

B. Prairieview Elementary

Principal Mark Pagel submitted a board report that includes steps taken to plan for the next school year, SEL discussions, and tours of Prairieview for all incoming 3rd graders. The complete report can be found in the boardbook.

C. Lakeview Junior High

Principal Paul Windsor's report includes information on preparing students for the new school year with a video outlining procedures, finalizing the opening of school activities, and Naviance. The entire report is included in the boardbook.

VIII. Director Reports

A. Director of Learning

Deborah Doyle, Director of Learning, submitted a report concerning gathering and organizing student data, the meeting of the MTSS committee, and expectations for the fall learning environments. The entire report is included in the boardbook.

B. Director of Student Services

Kim Liles, Director of Student Services, submitted a report describing the amendment of student IEPs, the changes to the BACC program, and the new teacher and substitute orientation sessions to take place. The entire report is in the boardbook.

C. Director of Transportation/Building and Grounds

Tom Tiede, Director of Buildings and Grounds and Transportation, submitted a report that included bus sanitizing and routing information for the upcoming school year and outfitting the schools with appropriate items due to COVID-19. The full report appears in the boardbook.

D. Director of Technology

Keith Roberts, Director of Technology, included a report which outlines the technology overhauls in the district along with hardware and software updates. The entire report appears in the boardbook.

IX. Superintendent Report

A. CCEA MOU for the 2020-2021 School Year

Dr. Wise presented a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Center Cass Education Association (CCEA) which outlines changes in working conditions that are necessary to operate in an 1) in-person format, 2) blended format, and 3) all remote format. Dr. Wise thanked the Association for their collaboration on the MOU.

B. Phase Two Reopening Plan

Dr. Wise presented the Phase 2 Reopening Plan which gives parents the choice between an in-person instructional delivery model and a remote delivery model. The in-person model meets all the health and educational requirements for learning inside the school building. The remote model meets the educational requirements set forth by ISBE for remote instruction, including synchronous instruction.

C. Return to Learn

Dr. Wise presented the Return to Learn Plan which explained processes and expectations for the students learning in-person and remote. The plan also spells out priority standards for each grade level and content area.

D. 2020-2021 School Calendar

Dr. Wise presented the 2020-2021 school calendar which includes a Smart Start plan where the first 7 days of student attendance (all in August) would be half days of three hours with no lunch. The first half of student attendance is Friday, August 21st. The first full day of student attendance will be Tuesday, September 1st.

E. Frequently Asked Questions

Dr. Wise shared answers to the Frequently Asked Questions document related to the plans discussed earlier in the evening. He shared that the Frequently Asked Questions document would be updated before the start of school and parents would be notified of the update.

F. Building Presentations

Principal Windsor, Principal Pagel, and Principal Rhodes shared updated presentations of their Reopening Plans. Each Presentation will be posted on the website. Principals encouraged parents to contact them should they have any questions.

1. Elizabeth Ide Presentation
2. Prairieview Presentation
3. Lakeview Junior High Presentation

G. Agendas for the Start of the School Year

Dr. Wise shared topics to be covered in each opening day meeting. Several meetings have been held (or will be held) with groups such as Teaching Association, Substitutes, New Teachers, All Teachers, Office Staff, Nurses, Custodians, Bus Drivers, PE Teachers, Band/Music Teachers, Administrators, Paraprofessionals, and others.

H. 2020-2021 Tentative Budget

Dr. Wise shared the tentative budget that was put on display. Dr. Wise shared that the gap created by the overage of expense to revenue in last year's budget was decreasing; however, a gap still does exist. He commended the board on having fund balances to cover the gap. He commended Kim Liles for obtaining a grant to help with some of the COVID-19 related expenses. The tentative budget will be put on display for 30 days.

I. Lemont Road Traffic

The Board of Education decided to make the following statement regarding a new distribution center on Lemont Road that would increase semi-traffic significantly: "Student safety is important to the District 66 Board of Education, inside our schools, as well as outside our schools. We

understand students travel to and from school through a variety of mediums, including walking and biking to our three school campuses. Knowing that 65% of our students reside on the West side of Lemont Road and need to cross Lemont Road heading east to attend our three school campuses, the District 66 School Board strongly opposes the new trucking distribution center which will significantly increase trucking traffic on Lemont Road until there are new safety measures put in place to ensure safe travel for students across Lemont Road.”

J. Policy 5:330 (Second Reading)

Dr. Wise presented necessary changes to Board Policy 5:330 relating to IMRF and vacation accrual.

K. Board Member Statement

A statement was read by Board President Liane Raso on behalf of absent board member Maureen Gibbons which in summary, recognized she is unable to vote due to her absence but sharing her support of the collaborative process in the development of school reopening plans. The statement also includes concern over a new proposed trucking distribution center on Lemont Road.

X. Action Items

A. Approve CCEA MOU for the 2020-2021 School Year

MOTION: A motion to approve the MOU between District 66 and the CCEA was made by G. Olsen and seconded by J. Schultz. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: B. Bukey, J. Cullen, L. Hoffman, G. Olsen, L. Raso, and J. Schultz. NAY: none ABSENT: M. Gibbons. Motion carried.

A. Approve Phase Two Reopening Plan

MOTION: A motion to approve the Phase Two Reopening Plan as presented was made by L. Hoffman and seconded by G. Olsen. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: B. Bukey, J. Cullen, L. Hoffman, G. Olsen, L. Raso, and J. Schultz. NAY: none ABSENT: M. Gibbons. Motion carried.

B. Approve Return to Learn Plan

MOTION: A motion to approve the Return to Learn Plan as presented was made by J. Cullen and seconded by B. Bukey. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: B. Bukey, J. Cullen, L. Hoffman, G. Olsen, L. Raso, and J. Schultz. NAY: none ABSENT: M. Gibbons. Motion carried.

C. Approve 2020-2021 School Calendar

MOTION: A motion to approve the 2020-2021 revised school calendar was made by J. Schultz and seconded by J. Cullen. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: B. Bukey, J. Cullen, L. Hoffman, G. Olsen, L. Raso, and J. Schultz. NAY: none ABSENT: M. Gibbons. Motion carried.

D. Approve 2020-2021 Tentative Budget

MOTION: A motion to approve the tentative FY21 budget as presented was made by L. Hoffman and seconded by B. Bukey. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: B. Bukey, J. Cullen, L. Hoffman, G. Olsen, L. Raso, and J. Schultz. NAY: none ABSENT: M. Gibbons. Motion carried.

E. Approve Policy 5:330

MOTION: A motion to approve the second reading of Board Policy 5:330 was made by G. Olsen and seconded by J. Schultz. A roll call vote was taken with the following voting AYE: B. Bukey, J. Cullen, L. Hoffman, G. Olsen, L. Raso, and J. Schultz. NAY: none ABSENT: M. Gibbons. Motion carried.

XI. Adjournment

MOTION: A motion to adjourn the regular meeting of the Board of Education was made by J. Cullen and seconded by B. Bukey. A voice vote was taken with the following voting AYE: all. NAY: None. Motion carried.

The regular meeting of the Board of Education was adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Goldstein, Recording Secretary

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education