

Minutes of a Special Virtual & Regular Board of Education Meeting of
McHenry Elementary School District 15, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois
Virtually and in person at McHenry Middle School, on July 29, 2020

The Virtual Meeting of the Board of Education was called to order by President Matthew Stauner with the following Board Members present: Mark Jaeger, Kim Qualls, Jan Riemann, Erik Sivertsen, Arne Waltmire

Others present: Assistant Superintendent Josh Reitz, Chief Financial Officer Jeff Schubert, Director of Human Resources Brian Kilinski, Fred Laudadio Director of Learning/Technology, Maureen Cassidy Director of English Learners, Amy Wuerger Director of Health Services

President Stauner called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and asked Mrs. Riemann to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

61 people submitted Public Comment regarding the opening of the 2020-2021 school year. These comments are attached to the July 29, 2020 official minutes.

At this time, Dr. Hoffman and Dr. Reitz shared a presentation regarding the start of the 2020-2021 school year. Three scenarios were presented.

1. **Full in-person instruction:** In this scenario, students would return to school fully in person. Students and staff would be required to wear face coverings at all times within the school building. Additionally, to mitigate exposure, students would remain in their classrooms for the majority of their day and we would prohibit times when there would be 50 or more people in one space. Prior to entering school each day, staff and students would undergo temperature checks and symptom screenings (or self-certify their temperature and that they are symptom-free). Schools would make their best attempt to maintain social distancing; however, due to the large number of students, the recommended distance of six feet will likely not occur in most places in the buildings and on school buses. Breakfast and lunch may be served in the classrooms at the elementary schools, whereas sack lunches may be provided for take home at the middle schools. Finally, in this model, an early-release schedule would be adopted so schools could use the additional time to deep clean their buildings.
2. **Hybrid Instruction:** In this scenario, in-person instruction would be blended with remote instruction. McHenry District #15 would implement an alternate schedule where each student would attend in-person instruction 2 to 3 days per week. The students would be divided into two groups based on last names (A-La in Group A; Lb-Z in Group B). Group A and Group B will alternate days of in-person attendance and remote learning. In-person instruction would follow our District's Early Release Schedule. Breakfast and lunch may be served in the classrooms at the elementary schools, whereas sack lunches may be provided for take home at the middle schools. Students would be provided with a structured schedule that will include 5 hours of synchronous (learning/instruction that occurs in real time) and asynchronous instruction

during the at-home remote learning day.

3. Full Remote Instruction: In this scenario, students would begin the year receiving full remote learning for an identified period of time. At the end of the identified period of time, District 15 would reevaluate public health conditions and determine our ability to return to iterations of in-person learning. Remote learning days would follow a structured 5-hour schedule with synchronous and asynchronous instruction and will closely mirror in-person classroom instruction. Attendance will be taken and grading will follow the grade-level expectations.

In all three options, the following guidelines will be followed:

- All teaching and learning will be aligned to the Illinois Learning Standards and our District Mission Statement
- Ensure at least 5 hours of daily instruction and/or student engagement either face to face or remotely
- Staff will consider both the academic and social-emotional needs of students
- Ensure equity and access to technology for all students
- Attendance monitoring and verification on a daily basis
- Select students serviced in low-incidence special education self-contained programs may attend in-person instruction more frequently

After lengthy discussions by the Board and Administration. Mr. Stauner called for a motion to approve Remote Learning until October 7, 2020. A motion was made by Geyer, second by Waltmire. At this time, Sivertsen asked for an amended motion, second by Qualls to make the motion of continuing Remote Learning until November 6, 2020, the end of the first trimester. Following is the vote for the amended motion.

Voting aye: Qualls, Riemann, Sivertsen, Stauner, Waltmire, Geyer, Jaeger

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried

A motion to approve Remove Learning until the trimester is completed on November 6, 2020 by Qualls, second by Sivertsen. Mr. Stauner then asked for a roll call to approve the November 6, 2020 final date for Remote Learning. The Board will continue to monitor COVID information.

Voting aye: Riemann, Sivertsen, Stauner, Waltmire, Geyer, Jaeger, Qualls

Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT

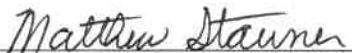
A motion was made by Qualls, second by Waltmire to adjourn the meeting at 10:11pm.

Voting aye: Sivertsen, Stauner, Waltmire, Geyer, Jaeger, Qualls, Riemann


Voting nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.



Matthew Stauner, President



Mark Jaeger, Vice-President