

**MINUTES OF A COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF
SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 70
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

February 8, 2021

This Meeting was conducted telemetrically using the Zoom webinar platform pursuant to [Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 No. 5](#)

The Meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present:

George Karagozian
Lori Eslick
Paul Torres
John Przekota
Wayne Youkhana
Paul McGivern

Members Absent:

Mark Thannert

Also in attendance were Dr. Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary. Other staff members in attendance were Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager, and the following teachers: Andy Eckhorn-Martinez, Christine Pllum, Connie Schroeder, Debbie Wiggins, Jen Drozd-Nolan, Jennifer Summers, Jody Shelist, Katlin McShane, and Kelli Murphy. Also in attendance was Mr. Frank Wang.

***Update on
Return to Learn
Plan***

Mr. Voehringer shared that last Wednesday there was a positive COVID case in third grade so that class was moved to remote learning. Last Friday, there was a positive case in second grade and on Saturday, there was a second positive case in second grade. Around 3am Monday morning, the district was informed of another positive case in first grade. There was no time to contact the Department of Public Health so the district administration made the decision to move all of first and second grade to remote learning for the day. An email blast was sent out at 6:50am and phone calls were made to parents who do not have email. A few parents showed up but the access on their COVID app was blocked and they were told it was a remote learning day.

The district was able to contact the Department of Public Health around noon and they applauded the district's decision.

Starting Tuesday, two first grade rooms and one first grade room can return. There is one more test pending in first grade. After the results of that test are known, a decision of whether to bring that class back will be made.

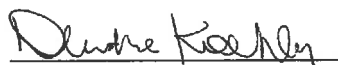
Weekly testing of staff will continue on Thursdays. New Trier may be a site where the district could get vaccinated. It is run by the local fire departments and the villages. It has to be determined if the paramedics can administer the vaccine.


Member Youkhana applauded the district for its plan because Chicago Public Schools just announced a plan that is very similar to the districts but the district has had the plan for seven months now. The district made a good plan and stuck to it.

The district also received a couple of nice parent emails that included the Board of Education.

Next Monday, February 15th is Presidents' Day so there will be no Committee of the Whole Meeting. The regular board meeting will be Wednesday, January 17th.

Adjournment A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Member McGovern and seconded by Member Eslick. The meeting adjourned at 5:41 pm.


Secretary

Approved by: 
President