

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

April 26, 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:

Mark Thannert
George Karagozian
Lori Eslick
Wayne Youkhana
Paul McGivern

Members Absent:

Paul Torres
John Przekota

Also in attendance were Dr. Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary. The following staff members were also in attendance: Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Debbie Wiggins and Jody Shelist, teachers, and Laura Dounis. Also in attendance was Mr. Jeremy Wilson.

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

Mr. Voehringer reported that the 7-day rolling average for Morton Grove was below 4% which is in the green zone. The 14-day rolling average is 5% which is in the orange zone. The rates are going down. Nineteen staff members were tested last Thursday and all came back negative. There are no pending cases. One staff member had COVID but was not in the building during any time that she was contagious.

The subcommittees for the return to school in the fall task force are working on questions that were developed by the leadership team. The three subcommittees are Health, which includes Mr. Voehringer, Ms. Douglas, and the nurses; Curriculum, which includes Dr. Mayer, Mr. Galuski and the Assistant Principals; and Operations, which includes Mrs. Majchrowski, Mr. Condon, Mr. Johnson, and Mrs. McCloskey. The chair people of these committees are meeting to determine the next steps with each other and the task force leadership.

The district is considering in person board meetings but the last guidance about this from the IDPH and ISBE came out February 9th. People would have to have to sign in, have their temperature taken, wear a mask, and separate by three feet. There would have to be a maximum placed on the number of people in attendance. The capacity of the library is 200 and there is a cap of half the room capacity but 100 people would be too many. There will have to be a reassessment taking into account the shelves and bookcase space. There is a possibility of streaming board meetings.

Approximately 100 remote students came to the building for IAR testing. The state has granted a waiver of the 95% rule for testing so the district will not be penalized.

Adjournment A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Eslick to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:42 p.m.

Approved by: Paul McGivern
President

Deirdre Koehn
Secretary