

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

**November 23, 2020**

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 5:38 p.m. with the following members present:

Paul McGivern  
Mark Thannert  
George Karagozian  
Wayne Youkhana

Members Absent:

John Przekota  
Lori Eslick  
Paul Torres

Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary were also present. Matt Condon (Principal) and Katie McShane (teacher) were also present.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mr. Voehringer met with a Township wide committee that includes the four villages on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. The committee is composed of the school districts, the libraries, the park districts, the village managers, Niles Township Government, and the Skokie Department of Public Health. The libraries and the park districts are shut down except for limited services and by appointment. There is a new Skokie Director of Public Health. His name is Mike Charley and he plans to have a return to school protocol to use when students come back to school. Park View covers part of Skokie so the district is able to use the Skokie Department of Public Health. The department asked that the districts only report confirmed cases of students and staff that have been in the building, not working or learning remotely.

The district is working on enhancing the middle school schedule where 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade would be similar to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Matt Mayer, Matt Condon, Darcy Willis, and

Kelly Allen are working with the grade level teams to make this happen. Parent-Teacher conferences are going well. They are virtual.


The district is returning to in-person learning for those who choose on January 19<sup>th</sup>. All grade levels will be returning on this day. A survey will be sent out next week or the week after to have families elect remote or in-person learning starting January 19<sup>th</sup>.

Dr. Mayer reported that MAP testing will be conducted remotely and a letter will be going home to parents on how to handle this. He has reached out to colleagues in the township to help fine tune this process. The statewide testing for English Language Learners has been extended.

President McGivern thanked the administration, teachers, and staff for all their hard work during this time.

***Adjournment*** A motion was made by Member McGivern and seconded by Member Youkhana to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Approved by:

  
Secretary

  
President