

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

**November 2, 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 5:31 p.m. with the following members present:

Lori Eslick  
John Przekota  
Wayne Youkhana

Members Absent:

Paul McGivern  
Mark Thannert  
George Karagozian  
Paul Torres

Several people were in the audience including Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager; Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; Brad Voehringer, Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary. Also in attendance were the following staff members; Michelle Brody, Kelli Murphy, Patricia Koob, Connie Schroeder, Laura Dounis, Brittany Graber, Margaret Reynolds, Amalia Keane, Jody Shelist, Andy Eckhorn-Martinez, Chrissy Botten, Jennifer Summers, Paul Connelly, Katie McShane, Debbie Wiggins, Christine Pllum, Heather Kolaski, and Krissy Lochner.

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Mr. Voehringer stated that the district went remote after five cases in separate cohort were confirmed. Contact tracing efforts indicated that the students did not contract the virus at school. There was no spread at school to other students or staff. The last day of quarantine was October 30<sup>th</sup>. The district continues to consult with the Skokie Department of Public Health and an epidemiologist from

the University of Chicago School of Medicine. As of today, less than 3% of the population in Morton Grove has contracted the COVID-19 virus.

The district will reopen on Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup> for four hours a day for PreK-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 50% of the students whose families chose in person learning. Three families have switched from in-person to remote since the district shut down. Mr. Voehringer has been talking to other Superintendents in Niles Township and everyone is staying the course of having students in school as much as possible. Mr. Voehringer sent out a reminder to the community to continue to be vigilant about precertifying, social distancing, wearing masks, and hand washing.

The district will keep in contact with the Skokie Department of Public Health about what situation would cause the district to go full remote again. If the district did go into full remote again before the holidays, the district may have to consider a longer remote learning period. Opening and closing repeatedly is not ideal.

As far as the election, the staff has been given guidance and resources about how to handle discussions.

The Board agreed that the board will have another Committee of the Whole meeting next Monday, November 9th at 5:30pm.

**Adjournment** A motion was made by Member Youkhana and seconded by Member Eslick to adjourn the Board Meeting. All members were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

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Secretary

Approved by:

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President