

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

January 4, 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 5:31 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; Erin Majchrowski, Director of Business Services; and Deborah Wiggins, teacher.

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

Mr. Voehringer shared that the 14 day rolling average in Morton Grove is 5.92%, which is the lowest it has been since October, but that is still in the orange category. Our district falls under the Cook County Department of Public Health for vaccine distribution. We are currently in phase 1A which includes school nurses and speech pathologists. Phase 1B will include educators. Hopefully the Cook County Department of Public Health will provide further information next week about when those vaccines will be available. There are two options for vaccines. One is the Pfizer and one is Moderna. Both require two doses, both give some immunity after the first shot. The district has volunteered to be a site but not a provider. A provider has to store the vaccine and be involved in the administration. A site just provides the space. The district will do whatever is needed to get educators vaccinated as soon as possible.

The district is still planning to open for in-person learning on January 19th. It will open unless the Skokie Department of Public Health says otherwise. There is a Superintendents' meeting on Thursday, January 7th. Wednesday, January 6th is the deadline for families to let the district know if they will be switching from remote to in-person. So far, there are 22 students that are switching from remote to in-person and a few who are switching from in-person to remote. The students are spread out among the grade levels. Friday, January 15th is a Teacher Institute Day and teachers will be in the building.

When the students are back in the building, if a student is sick, the district will call the Skokie Department of Public Health for guidance. Studies have shown that schools are not super spreaders.

Our next regular education board meeting will be Wednesday, January 20th.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 5:48pm.

Secretary

Approved by:

President