

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

**March 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:

Mark Thannert  
George Karagozian  
Wayne Youkhana  
Paul McGivern

Members Absent:

Lori Eslick  
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: Amalia Keane, Andy Eckhorn-Martinez, Connie Schroeder, Debbie Wiggins, Jen Drozd-Nolan, Katherine Cobb, Kelli Murphy, Laura Dounis, Michelle Brodsky, and Sydney Starwalt.

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

Last Thursday, 25 staff members were tested for COVID and all 25 tests came back negative. Since testing began over 200 staff members have been tested and only one came back positive. As long as there is interest, the district will continue to test. There are no pending tests or cases with the 440 students that attend 4 hours a day.

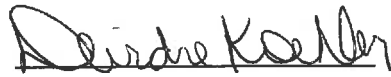
Morton Grove's 7 day rolling average is back in the orange zone but the 14 day rolling average is still in the green zone. The green zone means less than 5% positivity rate. More vaccines have become available and Annie Byrne has made staff members aware of the sites. New Trier is still going to be a site. The ROE is working on another site.


The last guidance that was received from ISBE was June 23<sup>rd</sup>. The district is waiting for guidance to be released for the fall regarding learning options and spacing restrictions. If schools have small amounts of students who want remote learning, there is a suggestion to develop a regional remote school.

In order to determine options for the fall, the district will reconvene the task force with committees like it did last year. The task force will work with Dr. Johnson from the University of Chicago and recommendations from the CDC, the Department of Public Health, and the Illinois State Board.

Mr. Voehringer will work on sending out a survey after spring break to determine the comfort level in the community for returning to school in the fall.

**Adjournment** The meeting adjourned at 5:51pm.

  
Secretary

Approved by:   
President