

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

**April 12, 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 and Debbie Wiggins, teacher. Also in attendance was Mr. Jeremy Wilson.

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

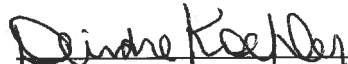
Mr. Voehringer shared that the first task force meeting was held last Wednesday. The objective of the task force is to assume that school will return full time for everyone in the fall and to determine the barriers to that happening. There are three subcommittees which will research the issues and questions that have been identified. The leadership task force has ten members. The three subcommittees each have a chair and there are approximately twenty members on the three subcommittees. The Illinois Department of Public Health may be issuing new guidance soon.

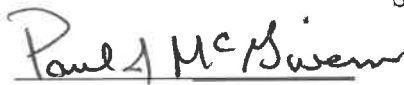
The district will continue to offer COVID testing for at least the next two weeks. After that, it will depend on the interest level. Only twenty people were tested last week. All tests were negative. Ninety percent of our staff should be vaccinated by April 24<sup>th</sup>. Our two nurses have reported no current or pending COVID cases. The

seven day rolling average in Morton Grove is 6.87% and the fourteen day rolling average is 7.46%.

Member Thannert asked about the possibility of students and families being tested for COVID the week before school starts. Mr. Voehringer said that one of the task force subcommittees will look into that.

**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 5:43 p.m.

  
Secretary

Approved by:   
President