

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

May 24, 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:

George Karagozian
Pamela Alper
Jeremy Wilson
Paul McGivern
Mark Thannert

Members Absent:

Paul Torres
John Przekota

Also in attendance were Dr. Matthew Mayer, Assistant Superintendent; and Deirdre Koehler, Board Secretary. Alana McCloskey, District Data Manager was in the audience.

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

Dr. Mayer shared that this is the last week of school and commended the staff, families, and community for helping the district have a successful school year.

There will be a vaccination clinic for ages 12 and older on Thursday June 3rd. It is in partnership with Districts 67, 71, 74, and NTDSE.

Illinois is projected to be in Phase 5 beginning June 11. The district will determine if there will be an impact on schools. There are three subcommittees working on logistics for return to school in August. There will be a full return with guidelines.


On Wednesday, June 2nd the three subcommittees are slotted to meet for four hours to make sure the district meets current guidelines and is ready to pivot if something happens. The guidelines state that all students must come back to in-person learning while wearing a mask unless they have a medical reason with a doctor's note to stay home. The district has a plan to accommodate these students, using technology, in a way that they will be able to participate in the in-person classroom.

There will be a survey going home very soon to determine how many students will be in the building in August. If there are too many to be able to fulfill the three foot distance guideline some alternative space may be used. The district has reached out to St. Martha's school. Technology will need to be addressed before St. Martha's can be used. The subcommittees will be working on that next Wednesday. This can be paid for with federal funds.


There will be free COVID testing on August 18th for all students and staff. This Thursday is the last day of COVID testing at Parkview for staff since the last day of school is Friday.

Adjournment Member Karagozian made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member McGivern seconded. All were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 5:52pm.

Approved by:



President



Secretary