

**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AUGUST 4, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, District 155, McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois, was held in the Auditorium at Prairie Ridge High School, 6000 Dvorak Drive Crystal Lake, IL 60012 in said District, Tuesday, August 4, 2020.

President Jason Blake called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. The President directed the Secretary to call the roll. Upon the roll being called, the following members answered present: Jason Blake, Amy Blazier, Adam Guss, Ron Ludwig, Nicole Pavoris, Dave Secrest, Tom Vaclavek.

Also present were: Steve Olson, Superintendent; Scott Shepard, Assistant Superintendent of Educational Services; Jeremy Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations; Matt Timmerman, Director of Curriculum and Assessment; Kim Dahlem, Director of Student Services; George DiVenere, Director of Technology; Shannon Podzimek, Director of Communications; Dr. Steve Koch, Dr. Eric Ernd, Josh Nobile, and Neil Lesinski, CHSD 155 Principals.

Additional names of attendance on attached sign-in sheet. The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all in attendance.

The following were public comments submitted to the Board:

Jessie LaMasse, Imaima Casubhoy, Jess Chen, Cam Perry and Jess Moore, graduates of D155 schools. spoke in regards to their petition for Diversity and Inclusion for D155/ They spoke of their demands regarding the changes they would like to see to promote diversity awareness and anti-racism.

Lauren Penny, a citizen wished to address the board in regards to the back to school hybrid plan. She stressed her concern for the staff and students and asked that D155 go full remote learning.

Dave Martin, a citizen wished to address the board in regards to his concern with D155 going hybrid model of instruction and urged the board to switch to fully remote learning.

Katherine Obregon, teacher in District 155, wished to address the board in regards to first expressing her appreciation to the administrative teams and teacher teams that have worked to plan our return to school. Katherine also stressed the need to return to school in person with the implementation of the aforementioned safety protocols.

Donna Jacoby, a citizen wished to address the board asking them to consider whether our hybrid plan to return to school is really more feasible and safer compared to going fully remote.

Mark Hardie, citizen , expressed his concerns with coming back to school. He suggested the District adopt the remote learning plan.

George Hinkes, expressed his support for the back to school Hybrid Plan.

The following public spoke during the public participation portion of the meeting.

Shane Koeneman, citizen wished to address the board with his concerns with adopting the full remote learning plan. Shane presented statistics and felt in school learning would be safe for staff and students as long as they follow the guidelines.

John Diersen, citizen wished to address the board with his concerns with remote teacher in regards to hands on classes. He asked on students behalf that the board strongly consider the Hybrid Learning Plan.

Mr. Davis, citizen wished to read a letter to the board from students of Cary Grove High School. The letter stated that the students want to be back in the school, so please support the Hybrid Teaching Plan.

Paul Ingallinera, citizen wished to address the board with his concerns in regards to returning to school learning. Mr Ingallinera was comparing D155 with what happened at D26 the night before and ask that we consider the risk management of having students and staff in schools given the rise in numbers of COVID 19 cases.

Devin Hester, D155 Education Association President wished to address the board. Mr Hester commented that the remote learning plan is the safest plan for our community right now. Devin further asked that the District also allow teachers to work remotely from home.

John Cullian, citizen , wished to address the board. John spoke of the need for kids to be in school to develop educationally and socially. It was also noted that so much time and effort had been put into the Hybrid Plan that we should give it a try.

Beth Lanza, citizen , wished to address the board. Beth stressed the need to get students back in the classrooms. It was noted that we have the safety measures in place and most students want to be in the classrooms.

Jason Blake, Board President asked for a motion to go into Executive Session. It was moved by Ron Ludwig and seconded by Tom Vaclavek that the Board of Education enter into Executive Session at 8:01pm to discuss Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2).

Upon the roll call being called, the following members voted.

Aye: Jason Blake, Amy Blazier, Adam Guss, Rod Ludwig, Nicole Pavoris, Dave Secret, Tom Vaclavek.

Nay None

Jason Blake, Board President stated there would be no action resulting from the Executive Session.

It was moved by Amy Blazier and seconded by Nicole Pavoris that the Board of Education entered into Public Session at 9:20 p.m. Upon a voice vote, the following members voted.

Aye: Jason Blake, Amy Blazier, Adam Guss, Rod Ludwig, Nicole Pavoris, Dave Secrest, Tom Vaclavek.

Nay None

Scott Shepard, Assistant Superintendent to Student Services discussed the need to add an addendum to the Student Handbook for COVID, It was further noted that to make sure we were following CDC and ISBE guidelines there is a need to add the wording to the Student Handbook that all students are required to wear face covering at all times while in school buildings, on school buses, and outside when social distancing of six feet or more cannot be maintained.

Steve Olson, Superintendent provided information for the Board and presented the final Remote Learning Plan of which he would be recommending for the start of the first quarter with the idea that the District would continue to monitor the situation to decide when students could transition to the in school Hybrid Plan that was presented at the previous meeting.

Steve Olson, Superintendent, further noted that there have been multiple changes in policy/guidance that have forced us to revisit our initial Hybrid A/B-Remote Learning Plan as follows:

1. Changes in ISBE, IDPH, and CDC guidance leading to instability in planning.
2. Cases counts within both McHenry County and Region Nine including Lake County on the rise.
 - a. Positive cases increasing from 26 per 100,000 in June to most recently 75 per 100,000 this past week placing the county in the Warning metric
3. Stakeholder feedback regarding concerns for safety with our plan to return.
4. Ongoing staffing considerations.

The recommendation at this time reflects the need for a phased return to school as follows:

Phase 1: August 17, 2020 - October 9, 2020

- Full Remote Learning

Phase 2: October 13, 2020 - May 13, 2021

- Return to original recommendation
 - Hybrid Schedule (A/B) where students alternate between in-person and remote or students selecting a full remote option.

Or a continuation of the Full Remote Learning Plan for all depending upon local conditions or the Phase Illinois is in at that time.

Steve Olson further shared information on General Expectation of Student, Staff, Administrators and Parents during this process.

Also shared was the current status of IHSA Activities Fall as follows:

Fall: August 10 to October 24 Boys/Girls Golf Girls Tennis Boys/Girls Cross Country Girls Swimming

Winter: November 16 to February 13 Boys/Girls Basketball Wrestling Cheerleading Dance Girls Gymnastics Boys Swimming

Spring: February 15 to May 1 Football Volleyball Boys Soccer Boys Gymnastics

Summer: May 3 to June 26 Baseball Softball Boys/Girls Track Girls Soccer Boys/Girls Lacrosse Boys Tennis

Fall Contact Days (20) Sept 7 - Oct 31

For Winter/Spring/Summer Sports

D155 ADs will work on schedules

Mr Olson also noted that there will be another survey given out in September to monitor progress. It was further noted staff would be available to students the entire class.

Dave Secrest, and Tom Vaclavek, Board members, spoke of their concerns for the students and staff. It was also noted that this was a very difficult decision and that the goal would be to get everyone back in the classroom safely as soon as possible.

Jason Blake Board President asked for a motion to adopt the Resolution approving 2020-21 Hybrid Learning Plan, 2020-2021 Remote Learning Plan and the Fall 2020-21 Reopening Plan subject to amending resolution to add in Section 9: Duration “The board will revisit the resolution on or after September 30, 2020 to extend/adjust or terminate the delegation of authority of the Superintendent. Nicole Pavoris motioned and Ron Ludwig seconded the motion to adopt the Resolution approving 2020-21 Hybrid Learning Plan, 2020-2021 Remote Learning Plan and the Fall 2020-21 Reopening Plan.

Aye: Jason Blake, Amy Blazier, Adam Guss, Ron Ludwig, Nicole Pavoris, Dave Secrest.

Nay: None

**RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION OF COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 155
APPROVING**

2020-21 Hybrid Learning Plan, 2020-21, Remote Learning Plan and the Fall 2020-21 Reopening Plan

WHEREAS, the Board of Education of Community High School District No. 155, Counties of McHenry and Lake, State of Illinois, desires to set forth its intent regarding the reopening of schools in Fall 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2020, Illinois Governor Pritzker declared all counties in Illinois as disaster areas due to COVID-19, this declaration was subsequently extended and reissued, and a subsequent version of such declaration remains in effect for part or

all of the territory of the School District as of the date of this Resolution and may be further extended or reissued (the “Disaster Proclamation”); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7 of the *Illinois Emergency Management Act* (20 ILCS 3305/7) and powers granted under the Illinois Constitution and statute, the Governor ordered the closure of all public and private K-12 schools in Illinois through the end of the 2019-2020 school year and directed schools to implement remote learning; and

WHEREAS, on June 26, 2020, the Governor issued Executive Order 2020-44 allowing schools to reopen for in-person educational purposes for the Fall 2020 semester in accordance with Phase 4 of the Governor’s Restore Illinois plan; and

WHEREAS, P.A. 101-0643 provides that, if the Governor declares a disaster due to a public health emergency, the State Superintendent of Education may declare a requirement to use remote learning days or blended remote learning days for school districts pursuant to plans developed by individual school districts; and

WHEREAS, guidance and recommendations related to the reopening and operation of schools for the duration of the pandemic have been issued and will be issued by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the Illinois State Board of Education, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and other local, state, and federal agencies and entities; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois State Board of Education has provided and will continue to provide guidance to Illinois school boards and their districts on issues related to reopening schools in the Fall of 2020, including guidance emphasizing the recommencement of in-person learning for the Fall 2020 semester, but authorizing school districts to include within their remote and blended learning plans a process for remote learning options to occur simultaneously with in-person instruction, and suggesting consideration of planning for remote instruction for certain student populations for medical reasons; and

WHEREAS the Board has adopted Policy 2:240 Board Policy Development, which authorizes the board to adopt, revise, and temporarily suspend board policies; and

WHEREAS, the Board has adopted Policy 4:180 Pandemic Preparedness which acknowledges school closure in response to a pandemic and designates the Superintendent to act as a liaison for the School District to ensure the health and safety of students, staff, and the community; and

WHEREAS, development and implementation of plans for remote and blended learning and for the reopening of schools requires the exercise of discretion and a balancing of interests and exercise of judgment in addressing multiple goals, including reopening schools to in-person instruction so that needed services can be provided to students directly and endeavoring to protect the health of staff and students in light of COVID-19, all in the context of available resources; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Sections 10-20 and 10-20.5 of the *School Code* (105 ILCS 5/10-20, 10-20.5) and other applicable law, the Board has all powers requisite or proper for the maintenance, operation, and development of schools and development of rules related thereto; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has presented to the District 155 Board a plan for the reopening of schools in the School District in Fall 2020 (the “Fall 2020 Return to Learn Plan”) attached hereto as Attachment C; *and*

WHEREAS, the Superintendent has presented to the District 155 Board a Remote Learning Plan and a Hybrid Learning Plan attached hereto as Attachment A and Attachment B

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of Community High School District No. 155, Counties of McHenry and Lake, State of Illinois, as follows:

Section 1: 2020-21 Hybrid Learning Plan is hereby approved.

Section 2: 2020-21 Remote Learning Plan. The D155 E-Learning/Remote Learning Plan is hereby approved.

Section 3: 2020-21 Return to Learn Plan. The Fall 2020-21 Return to Learn Plan is hereby approved.

Section 4: Delegation of Authority. The Board delegates to the Superintendent the discretion and authority to:

1. interpret the foregoing Plans and determine the means and method for operating the schools and delivering instruction pursuant to such Plans and any subsequent revisions or

amendments thereto, in accordance with applicable state and federal law and regulations, and in compliance with local, state, and federal guidances to the extent reasonably practicable;

2. prepare Administrative Procedures as needed to implement such Plans, and
3. delegate responsibility, discretion, and authority as needed to accomplish the same.

Section 5: Modification to Policies and Procedures. The Board hereby suspends any Board Policies and Administrative Procedures in conflict with the foregoing Plans and delegation of authority.

Section 6: Enforcement. The Board and Superintendent are hereby authorized to enforce compliance with the foregoing Plans and Administrative Procedures by students, staff and visitors pursuant to the general and specific provisions and processes of all applicable Board Policies, Administrative Procedures, and law.

Section 7: Closure of Buildings for Educational Purposes and to the Public. Due to the possibility of COVID-19 exposure in District facilities or resurgence of the pandemic, during the 2020-2021 school year, the Superintendent is authorized, after consultation with the Board President and notification to the Board, to suspend in-person learning and to close any school building or District facility without further action by the Board either pursuant to the Plans approved in this Resolution, the directive of the Governor or State Superintendent of Education, or the directive or recommendation of the public health authority. Such closures shall continue until such time as the Superintendent, in consultation with appropriate local, state, and federal health and government authorities, determines that it is in the best interests of the District and its students to open schools for in-person learning and/or to open school buildings or District facilities. Upon making such determination, the Superintendent shall promptly notify the Board and, as soon as practicable thereafter, shall present the District's plans for re-opening for approval by the Board at a duly noticed Board meeting (which may be either a regular meeting or a special meeting).

Section 8: Community Use of Facilities. In order to effectuate the orders of the Governor and other local, state, and federal guidance regarding social distancing, gathering, and restrictions on all but essential activities, the Board hereby delegates to the Superintendent the authority to restrict facility usage under Policy 8:20 Community Use of School Facilities, and to require third parties using school facilities to comply with applicable public health guidances. The Board delegates to the Superintendent the authority to allow use of District facilities as deemed necessary or appropriate to cooperate with the Illinois Emergency Management Agency or other local, state, or federal governmental entities, community service agencies, hospitals or community support or relief efforts related to COVID-19.

Section 9: Duration of Effect. The provisions of this Resolution will apply during the period of the Disaster Proclamation currently in effect and any subsequent public health disaster declaration related to COVID-19 or related or successor virus that is effective for part or all of the School District, and for a reasonable time thereafter as may be necessary to restore normal operations following the end of the Disaster Proclamation, but in any event not later than June 30, 2021, except as that date may be extended by action of the Board. The CHSD155 Board will revisit the resolution on or after September 30, 2020 to extend/adjust or terminate the delegation of authority of the Superintendent.

Section 10: Execution of this Resolution. This Resolution may be signed in counterparts or on successive dates following its adoption. Any signature line in this Resolution not signed manually by the Board President or Board Secretary may be signed electronically or deemed to be signed through email or other electronic communications with the same force and effect as an original executed signed document pursuant to the Illinois *Electronic Commerce Security Act* (5 ILCS 175/1) and other applicable law.

Adopted this 4th day of August, 2020, by the following roll call vote:

AYES:
NAYES:
ABSENT:

Attested by: _____, Board President

Attested by: _____, Board Secretary

Jeremy Davis, Assistant Superintendent -Finance and Operations addressed the board and asked approval of a reduction in the District parking fee from \$150 per year or \$100 per semester to \$75 per year or \$50 per semester. In 2021-2022 the District parking fee will increase back to its original amount of \$150 per year or \$100 per semester. Tom Vaclavek motioned to approve and Amy Blazier seconded the motion.

Aye: Jason Blake, Amy Blazier, Adam Guss, Rod Ludwig, Nicole Pavoris, Dave Secret, Tom Vaclavek.

Nay None

There being no further business, it was moved by Tom Vaclavek and seconded by Nicole Pavoris that the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m. Upon the roll being called, the following members voted.

Aye: Jason Blake, Amy Blazier, Adam Guss, Ron Ludwig, Nicole Pavoris, Dave Secret.

Nay: None

The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. at Prairie Ridge High School 6000 Dvorak Drive Crystal Lake, IL 60012.

Andrea Miller , Secretary
Board of Education, District 155
McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois

Jason Blake, President
Board of Education, District 155
McHenry and Lake Counties, Illinois

Please Sign In

COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 155

Special Board of Education Meeting



August 4, 2020

Prairie Ridge High School
6000 Dvorak Dr, Crystal Lake, IL 60012

Name and Organization Affiliation
(record keeping purposes only)

Please Sign In - Thank You.

NAME

AFFILIATION

<u>Coly Daur</u>	<u>CG parent Cory Daur</u>
<u>Beth & Carl Lanza</u>	<u>Parents PRHS</u>
<u>Paul Inghilliera</u>	<u>CGHS</u>
<u>Devin Hersh</u>	<u>Teacher</u>
<u>Shane Koehnman</u>	<u>CLS parent</u>
<u>LORI Kaelblinger</u>	<u>PR Parent</u>
<u>Samantha Nygren</u>	<u>PR Parent</u>
<u>Jon & Kim Dreesen</u>	<u>CLS parents</u>
<u>John Cullian</u>	<u>Community HS Parent</u>
<u>Missi Brezina</u>	<u>CGI parents</u>
<u>Jim Brezina</u>	<u>CGI</u>
<u>Lois Swanson</u>	<u>CG</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>