

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING,  
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL  
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,  
ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 26, 2020**

A regular meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, October 26, 2020, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Glenbrook District Office Public Meeting Room 100A, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

**\* This meeting was held in person and was available via Zoom webinar. Public comments were in-person only. Seating in the Public Meeting Room was limited to 18 people. Limited overflow seating was available in the professional development room. Six feet social distancing and masks were required and enforced.**

The president called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present:

Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

Also present: Fagel, Geallis, Gravel, Johns, Markey, Swanson, Williamson

**Approval of Agenda for this Meeting**

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

**Recognition of Community Visitors**

Community members commented on:

- Wanting teachers back in the school for the emotional, educational and social needs of our students
- Teachers are our most valued asset, we must keep them safe; they will be burned out doing both e-learning and in-person/hybrid, need to consider their point of view
- The hard work of the Board, administrators and staff and appreciate the safety measures that have been put in place
- Community members need to be part of the solution

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- Concerns about cheating with remote learners
- Questioning policy which allows students who are not in the school during the day to participate in extracurricular activities

The board president thanked community members for their continued support.

### **Board and Superintendent Reports**

The administration stated:

- Dr. Fagel is not attending the meeting in person because she is in quarantine
- Everyone must continue to be vigilant because COVID cases are increasing

The Board thanked all stakeholders for their role in helping us successfully proceed through these unprecedented times. We need to continue to work together with our differing views.

### **Motion to Approve Consent Agenda Items**

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Dr. Sztainberg to approve the following items on the consent agenda:

- A. Appointments
  - a. Certified
  - b. Support Staff
- B. Resignations/Terminations
  - a. Certified
  - b. Support Staff
- C. FOIA
- D. Approval of Accounts Payable Bills
- E. Approval of Payroll Disbursements
- F. Approval of Revolving Fund Reimbursement
- G. Minutes
  - a. October 13, 2020, Regular Board Meeting
  - b. October 13, 2020, Closed Board Meeting
- H. Gifts
- I. Academic Attainment

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

## **COVID Testing**

The administration:

- Shared the parent survey questions and results
- Noted the testing information is available on line
  - Reviewed the testing exploration process
  - Noted testing is an additional in-person learning strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19
  - Proposed testing framework
  - Discussed the testing workflow
  - Commented on the cost projections
  - Provided a test overview: RT-LAMP Surveillance testing
- Stated they are concerned about the results
  - Not many participated in survey
  - Not positive feedback from many that testing will help make people feel safe
- Explained quarantine protocols at the schools
- Suggested it is not cost-effective to conduct testing
- Stated testing is fairly new in public schools -it will be interesting to see New Trier's path once they are out of e-learning

The administration stated:

- Not seeing a real desire from students and staff; current safety protocols are working
- The benefits of testing
- Support for mandatory testing for smaller higher risk students (athletics and other contact/nonface mask wearing activities)
- The frequency of testing being an important factor
- Not wanting to give people a false sense of security
- Moving forward with testing now in order to test protocols, build a successful testing program and if we don't do it now tests may not be available when we want them
- With COVID numbers increasing activities may be canceled so testing might be a mute point
- Future possible cost savings of having an on-site clinic
- The importance of clear guidelines for how we will use testing results - protocols for quarantining, etc
- The need to have a financial commitment with the testing company in order to move forward
- If activities are canceled other opportunities for using the contracted tests
- IHSA will make an announcement this Wednesday if winter sports will be going forward
- The possibility of allowing those in the community with a nexus to the school to be tested

In response to board members' questions, the administration:

- Provided clarification on testing cost
- Shared information on COVID contact tracing timeframe

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- Discussed cost to the district for contact tracing
- Reviewed pros and cons of starting with a small data testing group
- Outlined benefits of working closely with New Trier and using their program as a test
- Stated we could do a pilot program, but there would be infrastructure costs
- Provided information on the legalities of mandatory testing
- Shared their opinions on contract language and the availability of testing capabilities if we wait to move forward

### **Motion for COVID-19 Testing**

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mr. Taub to approve a pilot test with extracurricular activities such as athletics, arts and the performing arts that can be expanded to co-curricular activities and staff at the next stage on a voluntary basis not to exceed \$125,000 for a 90 day period or greater as per negotiations with the testing company.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

### **Review and Summary of Board Meeting**

The board president summarized what happened at the meeting and future meeting dates.

### **Possible Topics for Future Board Meetings**

Future Regular Meeting Dates:

Monday, November 9, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

### **Motion to Move into Closed Session**

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to move into closed session at approximately 8:42 p.m. to consider:

- 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 (Section 2(c) (2) of the Open Meetings Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 11:08 p.m.

**Adjournment**

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Dr. Kim to adjourn the meeting at approximately 11:09 p.m.

Upon call for a vote on the motion, all present voted aye.\*

Motion carried 7-0

\* Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

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PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

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SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION