

BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 27
COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS

Public Hearing The Public Hearing/Regular Meeting Minutes of July 9, 2020 of the Board of
of 07/09/20 Education, School District 27 was called to order virtually at 6:30 p.m.

Roll Call On call of the roll, the following members were present:

Present: Mrs. Helen Melnick, president
 Mr. Alex Frum, vice president
 Mrs. Laurie Garber-Amram
 Mrs. Martha Carlos
 Mrs. Melissa Copeland
 Mr. Ed Feld
 Mr. Brian Paich

Staff: Dr. David Kroeze, superintendent
 Dr. Kimberly Arakelian, assistant superintendent
 Dr. Theresa Fournier, assistant superintendent
 Dr. Katharine Olson, assistant superintendent

Absent: None

President Melnick called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m.

Mrs. Melnick announced that this evening would be the Public Hearing on the State Required e-learning Framework.

Dr. Kroeze outlined the Public Hearing stating that the Hearing is required for the State Required e-learning Plan. This Plan is a broad framework that the State must approve so that we can conduct e-learning on emergency days or remote learning days. We will bring this framework back to the Board on July 23, 2020 for formal approval. Dr. Kroeze wanted to convey that this is not the plan that the District is working on for the opening of school with the configuration. It is merely the broad practices the District will implement to address remote learning.

Dr. Olson described the plan to provide two potential scenarios involving e-learning: (1) an emergency day, such as a snow day and (2) an extended period of time that necessitates use of e-learning. She stated the plan is provided to comply with the Illinois State Board of Education's requirements for documented and approved e-learning plan. She also stated that District 27's creation of the plan does not guarantee that e-learning will be used for emergency days.

Starting in the 2020-21 school year, all students in grades K-5 will be issued a district chromebook that can be used at home as needed in addition to use at school. Students in grades 6-8

have been provided chromebooks for use at home and school during the school year since the 2011-12 school year.

All teachers are issued a laptop for use at school and home to conduct school business.

Instruction will be as follows:

- For short emergency closures, such as a snow day, we will utilize a mix of online education and written materials/packets depending on the grade level and amount of advanced notice about the closure.
- For extended periods of time where e-learning is deployed, we will use synchronous teaching via video conferencing.
 - For situations where some students attending from home while others attending in person, a Partial Synchronous Teaching/Learning Hybrid Model will be used.
 - For situations where 100% e-learning has been extended, students will follow a schedule and participate in synchronous teaching throughout the day.
 - Submission of student work and teacher feedback will be included in the planning and execution of e-learning.

Students with special needs will be provided multiple levels of texts, audio supported text, and scaffolded instructional materials. For extended e-learning, individual remote learning plans will be developed to document the appropriate special education and related services/supports that are necessary in light of the learning circumstances and limitations of remote special education service delivery.

Parents of students who are unable to participate in the e-learning can call or submit an absence to their respective schools following District 27's regular procedures and policies. Teachers will take daily attendance and submit the information into our student information system.

Staff will continue to learn about the expectations for an e-learning day through email communication and staff meetings. Professional development will be on-going in the area of technology, e-learning pedagogy, and overall lesson design. Students and families will learn about the expectations and student responsibilities for an e-learning day through direct communication from the Superintendent and/or district and school administrators via electronic communication.

Non-instruction staff will follow instructions from the Superintendent of Schools

If sustained e-learning is deployed, the District will solicit feedback from parents, students, and faculty regarding the program.

Community Comments

Dr. Kroeze received a question from Mrs. Frederica Call, please find as follows the questions:

1. Can we get access to our return to school parent survey results?
2. Was there a similar survey conducted for staff/teachers and, if yes, can we get access to those results as well?

3. Is there a potential to hear or receive a draft plan or thoughts on where we're going with a return to school plan? Otherwise, how will you incorporate parent concerns and feedback in a timely manner once the plan is released?
4. Are we considering a full 5 day in-person return to school complemented by the option of a full 5 day remote learning plan to ensure we meet the needs of all parents and students?

Dr. Kroeze stated he would take Mrs. Call's four questions under advisement and will respond to Mrs. Call.

A question was asked, when do we plan to use the remote plan in what situations? Like snow days?

Dr. Olson responded the requirements of the Plan is to have it on file if you are directed by the State to have a close down. A snow day is something we could enact. As we are planning for the reopening of schools, that is an option, but we are still working on all the planning for the reopening of school.

Mrs. Melnick reiterated that this is a Public Hearing and open to public comment and asked if anyone would like to comment. As there were no comments, President Melnick stated that Public Hearing on the State Required Framework for e-Learning was thereby closed.

Staff

Dr. Kroeze reported on the three School Year Planning Advisory Committee Meetings that were held. The Committee consists of close to 50 members, with approximately 20 parents, 20 teachers and the administrators. There were three meeting with the teacher group, and three meetings with the parent group. The Advisory Committee has provided tremendous feedback. We have been looking at different configurations, safety, student needs, and many aspects of the configuration plan. We are now taking all of the feedback and providing the community with a configuration plan.

Consent Agenda

Mrs. Melnick called for Review of the Consent Agenda items.

No. 18863 Acceptance of Letter of Intent to Retire from Patricia Flynn

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the letter of Intent to Retire from Patricia Flynn effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18864 Acceptance of Letter of Intent to Retire from Julie Hackett
Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the letter of Intent to Retire from Julie Hackett effective November 12, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld,
Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18865 Acceptance of Letter of Intent to Retire from Kristen Miller
Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the letter of Intent to Retire from Kristen Miller effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld and
Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18866 Acceptance of Letter of Intent to Retire from Roswitha Sanchack
Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education accept the letter of Intent to Retire from Roswitha Sanchack effective at the end of the 2020-2021 school year.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld and
Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18867 Approval of Leave of Absence from Shay Keller

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Leave of Absence from Shay Keller, beginning approximately October 21, 2020 and extend through February 3, 2021.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18868 Approval of the Revised 2020-2021 Calendar

Mr. Paich moved and Mr. Frum seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Revised 2020-2021 Calendar.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld and Mr. Frum

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

None

Good and Welfare

None

Closed Session

No. 18869 Board Adjourns to Closed Session

At 6:53 p.m. Mr. Paich moved and Mrs. Garber-Amram seconded the motion that the Board of Education move into Closed Session for the purpose of discussing employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and for the security procedures and the use of personnel and equipment to respond to an actual, a threatened, or a reasonably

potential danger to the safety of employees, students, staff, the public or public property. Action will not be taken

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

No. 18870 **Board Returns from Closed Session**

At 9:35 p.m., Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mrs. Carlos seconded the motion that the Board of Education returns from Closed Session.

On roll call vote, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Mrs. Melnick, Mrs. Garber-Amram, Mrs. Carlos, Mrs. Copeland Mr. Feld, Mr. Frum and Mr. Paich

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board at this time Mrs. Garber-Amram moved and Mr. Paich seconded the motion that the meeting is adjourned.

The motion was unanimously approved, and President Melnick called the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT

SECRETARY

MINUTES APPROVED ON 8/20/20