



**Minutes of Regular Meeting, November 23, 2020
Novi Community School District
Board of Education**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees of Novi Community School District was held on Thursday, November 23, 2020, beginning at 7:00 PM via Zoom Webinar.

Present: Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Roney
(by Roll Call)

Absent:

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Members of the audience joined with the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Mrs. Murphy and supported by Mrs. Roney that the Novi Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Cook, Mr. Smith, and Mrs. Roney

Nays: 0

MOTION CARRIED

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE RELATED TO AGENDA ITEMS

There were nineteen (19) comments from the audience around the extended learning plan.

ACTION ITEMS

Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

First Motion:

It was moved by Mrs. Hood and supported by Mrs. Murphy that the Novi Board of Education approve the two options will be offered for second semester:

A continuation of the virtual plan that has been in effect since September 8, 2020. Students attend school remotely five days a week following the regular school schedule. Wednesdays will continue to have a modified schedule to allow teachers 90 minutes of collaborative time.

In-person: In-person instruction would continue as the hybrid plan - two days in-person, two at-home days, and one all virtual day - until the county moves into Level B of the Oakland County Health Division Guidance for In-person Instruction Scale.

When the county moves to Level B on the Oakland County Health Division Guidance for In-person Instruction Scale, the hybrid instructional model would become the typical five-day a week in-person instructional experience for students. This means that Hybrid A and Hybrid B groups would combine to form one in-person class that would have typical classroom numbers and meet five days a week. Five days a week instruction would continue even if the county moves down to level C. If the county moves down to level D or E the class would switch back to the hybrid model - two days in-person, two at-home days, and one all virtual day.

Choices made for second semester will continue for the entire second semester to provide continuity in the learning experience for both students and teachers.

Virtual students would stay virtual for the entire second semester.

In-person students would stay in-person for the entire second semester.

Any changes in plan to second semester will potentially result in changes in teachers or schedules for all students. We will work to avoid changes as much as possible but it is inevitable that changes in both teacher and schedules will occur for some students.

Parents will be asked again to recommit for second semester by December 11 to either virtual or in-person learning for second semester beginning January 25.

Recommendation Four

We will examine the district from a preschool special education, K-6 and 7-12, NATC lens. Decisions may differ for these groups based on the risk level, the difficulty of creating changes, and the opportunities presented by our physical facilities.

Ayes: 3 Dr. Ruskin, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hood,

Nays: 4 Mr. Smith, Mr. Mena, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Roney **MOTION FAILS**

Second Motion:

It was moved by Mr. Smith and supported by Mr. Mena that the Novi Board of Education follow the strict guidelines of the State mandate for the high school kids to go back to school on December 9 and stay in session until Friday, December 18.

Ayes: 1 Mr. Smith,

Nays: 6 Mr. Mena, Dr. Ruskin, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Cook, Mrs. Roney
MOTION FAILS

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mrs. Murphy and supported by Mrs. Hood that the Novi Board of Education Regular Board meeting be adjourned

Ayes: 7 Dr. Ruskin, Mr. Smith, Mr. Mena, Mrs. Murphy, Mrs. Hood, Mr. Cook, and Mrs. Roney

Nays: **MOTION CARRIED**

The meeting adjourned at 10:04 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for December 1, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Willy Mena, Secretary

An online recording of this meeting is available on YouTube and on the District Website: novi.k12.mi.us