

Board of Education Special Meeting  
Conducted Remotely  
November 23, 2020

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. by Board Chair Mercik Davis via Zoom teleconference call.

Present: Board members Jamie Drzyzga, Debra Dudack, Melissa Finnigan, Brian Fry, Glenn Gazdik, Scott Lingenfelter, Susan Mercik Davis, Maureen Sattan, Michael Sepko; and Superintendent Timothy Van Tassel and Assistant Superintendent Michelle Zawawi

Absent: None

Discussion/Action Item

- Discussion and possible action to revise the 2020-2021 school calendar to adjust the instructional days as follows: (1) remove Wednesday, November 25 as an instructional day and add it to the end of the school calendar in June, and (2) if the district is in a remote learning status on December 23, remove this day as an instructional day and add it to the end of the school calendar in June, resulting in the last day of school being Friday, June 11, 2021.

Board Chair Mercik Davis explained the rationale for considering moving these days to the end of the school year was the potential to increase in-person instruction. It is the hope that school will be in-person in the spring. Mr. Van Tassel said this is a decision for the Board because it involves revising the school calendar. Mr. Janick, SEA President, and Ms. Meyer, SEA McAlister building representative, advocated for keeping Wednesday as a work day because it is short notice, lesson planning has been done, and pre-May AP class time and holiday-related student connections are valuable.

Board members discussed moving the days in light of the teachers' feedback. Board members were in consensus that in-person full day instruction was preferable to a half day or a remote schedule. Many acknowledged the teachers' perspective that removing the day before Thanksgiving on this short of notice would be difficult for the teachers and students but supported moving December 23 to the end of the school year.

**MOTION #21-23:** Sepko moved to remove Wednesday, December 23, 2020 as an instructional day and move that day to end of school year, resulting in last day of school as Thursday, June 10, 2021. Fry seconded the motion. The Board discussed looking at other ways to revise the school calendar to maximize more in-person learning for students. The Board will revisit this topic in the near future. Board Chair Davis called for a vote. All members voted in favor. The motion carried unanimously **9-0**.

Adjournment

Finnigan moved, Drzyzga seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m.

*Minutes are subject to approval at the regular meeting of December 7, 2020.*

Respectfully submitted,

Maureen Sattan  
Secretary