



Bensenville Elementary School District
Board of Education Regular Meeting
Minutes - April 14, 2021

President, Bob Laudadio called the special meeting of Bensenville Elementary School District 2 Board of Education, DuPage County to order at 6:30 p.m., at Educational Administration Center, 210 S. Church Road, Bensenville, Illinois.

Roll call verified that there was a quorum of the Board present with the following members present and absent as listed below:

Board of Education	Title	Present	Absent
Christian Constante	Secretary	X	
Katie Krajecki	Vice-President	X	
Bob Laudadio	President	X	
Chris McCullough	Member	X	
Alex Stitgen	Treasurer	X (via zoom)	
James Stoltman	Member	X	
Susan Vitellaro	Member		X
Administration			
Dr. James Stelter	Superintendent	X	
Dr. Kay Dugan	Assistant Superintendent for Learning	X	
Mr. Paul Novack	C.F.O.	X	
EAC Staff			
Cindy Snyder	Administrative Asst. to the Superintendent & Clerk of the Board	X	
Tim Waldorf	Community Relations Coordinator	X	

Staff in attendance: Joe West, BSD2 Tech team member,

Community Member: Dave Sieffert, Director, Bensenville Library

A motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mr. Constante that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Hearing of Delegations: none

Conference/Action Item:

A. Approval of Full-Day/4-Day In-person Instruction Proposal – Dr. Stelter reported that the Board of Education directed the Administration to create a plan for full-day in-person instruction for four days a week, with a potential starting date of Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Mr. Novack reported that the District has been operating in hybrid since February 9, 2021. During that time, there have been three COVID cases among students and five among staff. No cases have arisen since spring break.

The majority of school districts in DuPage County are open in either hybrid or full, in-person.

About 325 more students would be attending in-person compared to the hybrid mode. A parent choice survey (1,325 Responses) was completed and results were presented at the March 24, 2021 Board meeting. Approximately 71% of parents indicated a choice to return to in-person instruction (74% English and 58% Spanish).

As best we know, over 80% of staff has been vaccinated, with most being fully vaccinated.

COVID metrics are mixed in DuPage County. The latest overall rating for community transmission is "Substantial" according to the DuPage County Health Department (DCHD).

DuPage County Results

- *New Cases per 100,000 per Week166 per week.....Substantial*
- *Weekly Case Count Trend+16.0%Moderate*
- *Weekly Youth (<20 Years old)+ 0.0%.....Minimal*
- *Weekly Test Positivity6.4%Moderate*
- *Neighboring/Regional Indicator Minimal*

Dr. Stelter reported on the key items of the recommendation.

1. The Special Board Reopening Committee guidance could be considered by the Board of Education at this time. Some of its conclusions could be reconsidered now that all staff have been offered vaccinations.
2. The Board of Education will consider all available CDC/IDPH/ISBE guidance to date.
3. A revised Parent F.A.Q. will be posted to the District website to provide key information to parents, staff and the community. New items are highlighted for your review in [this linked document](#).
4. Full-day in-person instruction would start Tuesday, April 27, 2021.
5. It will be a regular school day in most aspects, like we had pre-COVID.
6. This recommendation is only for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.
7. Students had a choice of returning to full day, in-person, 4 days a week, or to remain remote.
8. Future student requests to change from remote to in-person will be considered based upon space availability.
9. Mondays will remain remote for students until the end of the school year in late May.
10. Mondays, for teachers and related staff, will transition from remote to in-person on May 10, 2021.
11. Social distancing will vary from 3 to 6 feet based upon the particular classroom space and in-person attendance. Most classrooms will be 4 feet or more.
12. All buses will run and transport students as necessary and to the maximum capacity of 50 students. All buses have 30 or fewer. Most have only one student per seat.
13. Breakfast and lunch will be served and/or provided. Multiple breakfast meals will be provided to the students the day before. Only lunch meals will be part of the daily schedule.
14. Art, music and PE will still be moderated (or possibly virtual) with some activities supported and others not allowed, at least in the short term.
15. Existing cleaning and sanitization practices in the district will continue without change.
16. The availability of PPE and related items will continue without change.
17. On-site COVID testing for staff will continue on Mondays through the end of the school year.

Mr. Novack reported on other options considered:

1. The District closes and conducts 100% remote instruction.
2. The District remains in hybrid through the end of the school year.
3. The district provides full-day in-person instruction, four days per week, beginning on Tuesday, April 27, 2021.

Discussion was held

A motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mr. Constante that the Board of Education approves providing full-day in-person instruction for four days per week beginning on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, as outlined in this recommendation, until the end of the 2020-21 school year.

Roll Call Vote:

Aye: Krajecki, Constante, Laudadio, McCullough, Stitgen, Stoltman,

Nay: None

Absent: Vitellaro

Motion Carried.

Adjournment

At 7:07 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Krajecki and seconded by Mr. Stoltman that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting. Upon voice vote, all board members present voted aye. Motion carried.

No further business appearing Mr. Laudadio adjourned the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

President

Secretary