

Capital School District
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BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Virtual Meeting
Administrative Office
MINUTES

(A)	ACTION
(D)	DISCUSSION
(I)	INFORMATION

Board Members Present:

Dr. Jackson-Short - Virtual
Mr. Christiansen - Virtual
Superintendent
Mr. Martin – Virtual
Mrs. Engel - Virtual
Dr. DePrima - Virtual

Also Present:

Dr. Sylvia Henderson, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Ade Kuforiji, Interim Assistant.

Ms. Mary Cooke, Director of Human Resources

1.0 Open Session

On a motion by Dr. DePrima, seconded by Mrs. Engel, and on a unanimous vote, the board entered open session at 4:02 p.m.

1.01 Roll Call – Establishment of a Quorum

On a roll call vote 5/0: Dr. DePrima – present; Mrs. Engel – present; Mr. Martin – present; Mr. Christiansen – present; Dr. Jackson-Short – present, quorum was established.

1.02 Open Session/Pledge of Allegiance

All members of the board and staff members attending the meeting joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

1.03 Public Comment

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Alison May regarding the importance of in-person learning.

Mr. Kuforiji read into record public comment from Joanna Francis wanting schools to remain open.

Ms. Cooke read into record public comment from Tara Surowiec wanting schools to remain open.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Rebecca Gill in regards to schools remaining open for Hybrid in-person learning.

Mr. Kuforiji read into record public comment from Jessica Holman in regards to schools remaining open for Hybrid in-person learning for special education students.

Ms. Cooke read into record public comment from Maria Boris regarding increased cases of Coronavirus and schools reopening.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Elizabeth Forbes in regards to keeping students in school.

Mr. Kuforiji read into record public comment from Jamie Davenport in regards to keeping schools open.

Ms. Cooke read into record public comment from Faythe Castillo-Carmean regarding the board's reconsideration of reopening plans with Hybrid model at the secondary schools.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Heidi Maradiaga regarding her concerns of reopening of secondary schools to students for the Hybrid Model.

Mr. Kuforiji read into record public comment from Lane Carter in regards to returning the district to virtual learning.

Ms. Cooke read into record public comment from Megan Fillette in regards to schools reopening for secondary students on November 30, 2020.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Laurie Little in regards to the continuance of allowing students to attend classes in-person.

Mr. Kuforiji read into record public comment from Marta Gomez in regards to remote learning for students.

Ms. Cooke read into record public comment from Christine Stoops regarding her support for Capital middle and high

school students to return to Hybrid learning beginning November 30, 2020.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Kristen Littleton in regards to using the facts to guide the decision of secondary students returning to school for Hybrid Learning on November 30, 2020.

Mr. Kuforiji read into record public comment from Trina Stump in regards to concerns of returning to Hybrid Learning for secondary schools.

Ms. Cooke read into record public comment from Andrea Gourdine in regards to returning to school.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from David Solomon regards to reopening of schools.

Mr. Kuforiji read into record public comment from Thomas Leighty in regards to reopening of secondary schools with Hybrid learning.

Ericka Daniel spoke regarding concerns of students being in-school.

Ms. Cooke read into record public comment from Regan Torbert in regards to her desire to return to school.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Melissa Toolles in regards to meeting the needs of our students.

Mr. Kuforiji read into record public comment from Harmony Tuxward in regards to the health and safety of students and staff.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Lee Olmstead in regards to the scheduling of the special Board Meeting on November 25, 2020.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Ashton Torbert regarding to her desire to return to school.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Tiffany Smith in regards to delaying the reopening of secondary schools for students and staff until after the holidays.

Dr. Henderson read into record public comment from Danielle Sullivan in regards to her thoughts that schools should be closed.

2.0 Action/Discussion/Information Items (A/D/I)

2.01 In-school/remote status for all or some students starting on November 30, 2020

(Resolution No. 21-069)

On a motion by Mr. Martin, seconded by Dr. Jackson-Short, and on a roll call vote of 2/3: Dr. DePrima – no; Mrs. Engel – no; Mr. Martin – yes; Mr. Christiansen – no; Dr. Jackson-Short - yes, this motion for Resolution No. 21-069 which would suspend students attending the current hybrid model and move all grades Pre-K to 12 to remote/virtual learning setting beginning on November 30, 2020 until January 4, 2021, with special students maintaining the previous procedures of related services and supports as presented at the August 19, 2020 board meeting failed to pass..

On a motion by Dr. DePrima, seconded by Mr. Martin, and on a roll call vote of 3/2: Dr. DePrima – yes; Mrs. Engel – no; Mr. Martin – yes; Mr. Christiansen – no; Dr. Jackson-Short – yes, the board adopted Resolution No. 21-069 to maintain the current educational services status quo now being offered with Pre-K to 4 and special programs remaining current status for in-person learning, with grades 5-12 remaining virtual, through January 4, 2021. In addition, on a motion by Mr. Christiansen, seconded by Dr. DePrima, and on a vote of 3/2; Dr. DePrima – yes; Mrs. Engel – yes; Mr. Martin – no ; Mr. Christiansen – yes; Dr. Jackson-Short – no, the board approved all instructional staff grades Pre-K to 12 returning to their classrooms effective November 30, 2020 on Monday-Tuesday, Thursday-Friday with the exception of Instructional staff from William Henry Middle School and Central Middle School who share classrooms and will return to classrooms grades 5 and 7 on Monday and Tuesday, and grades 6 and 8 on Thursday and Friday.

3.0 Adjournment

3.01 On a motion by Mr. Christiansen, seconded by Dr. DePrima, and on a unanimous vote, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Happy Thanksgiving and Stay safe.