

**MINUTES OF SPECIAL MEETING,
BOARD OF EDUCATION, SCHOOL
DISTRICT #225, COOK COUNTY,
ILLINOIS, OCTOBER 19, 2020**

A special meeting of the Board of Education, School District No. 225 was held on Monday, October 19, 2020, at approximately 7:00 p.m. at Glenbrook District Office Public Meeting Room 100A, pursuant to due notice of all members and the public.

* This meeting was conducted telemetrically using the Zoom webinar platform pursuant to [Executive Order in Response to COVID-19 No. 5](#)

The president called the meeting to order. Upon calling of the roll, the following members answered present:

Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

Also present: Fagel, Geallis, Gravel, Johns, Markey, Swanson, Williamson

Approval of Agenda for this Meeting

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to approve the agenda for this meeting.

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

Recognition of Community Visitors

The Board president thanked the community for their comments. He stated starting with the next board meeting we will be meeting in person (more details to come).

Community members commented on:

- The district should not open because they are concerned about the safety of students, staff and community members
- The increase in COVID cases
- Congratulations for being rated #5 Nationwide in academics, teachers, college prep, sports, food, resources/facilities, health and safety, clubs/activities and administration

Board and Superintendent Reports

The board president provided a brief update where we stand on the learning and

operational plan and thanked stakeholders for their continued comments.

COVID-19 Testing Proposal

The administration:

- Discussed reasoning for testing proposal
- Reviewed the testing exploration process
 - Discussed different providers, test types, costs and considerations
 - Provided clarification regarding survey responses
- Stated the testing would be an additional in-person learning strategy to reduce the spread of COVID-19
- Outlined options for proposed testing framework and other options for consideration
- Shared testing workflow
- Provided testing cost projections and stated that funding this possibility would still need to be discussed, currently vetting the idea of testing
- Potential Next Steps
 - Discussed the pros of a PowerSchool form for students and staff

The Board discussed the pros and cons of testing.

In response to board members' questions, the administration/Dr. Campbell (Associate Professor Ph.D. Loyola University at Chicago):

- Stated that the contract can have language protecting the district for possible shut downs, adaptive pauses, etc.
- Discussed amount of time and monies spent on contact tracing
- Shared information on other schools who are testing
- Reviewed the benefits and limitations of testing
- Quantified number of students in afterschool activities
- Commented on current and future testing location
- Outlined ways to “teach” how to self-administer a test at home
- Stated the CDC said it was “unethical and illegal to test someone who does not want to be tested”
- Provided our attorneys legal opinion regarding mandatory testing and the reasoning
- Explained that in order to survey parents they will need some context, the administration suggested survey parameters
- Noted that we have not seen as many students for in-person learning as we anticipated or that have opted in
- Cannot report testing results to the IDPH because the suggested test is not a diagnostic test

The Board directive to the administration is:

- To provide additional legal insight
- To review the pros and cons of testing only students who are involved in athletics, performing arts and other outside activities

- To ascertain the validity of testing if testing is voluntary
- To create concrete proposals for the Board to discuss and possibly act on at the next board meeting
- To explain what we will be using testing data for

The Board president stated we are always keeping our community in mind when making decisions. The safety protocols and testing are just some of the safety measures the district is reviewing to keep the community safe.

Review and Summary of Board Meeting

The board president summarized what happened at the meeting and future meeting dates.

Possible Topics for Future Board Meetings

Future Meeting Dates:

Monday, October, 26, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Monday, November 9, 2020 - 7:00 p.m. - Regular Board Meeting

Motion to Move into Closed Session

Motion by Mr. Glowacki, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to move into closed session at approximately 9:05 p.m. to consider:

- collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting.
- (Section 2(c) (2) and (11) of the Open Meeting Act).

Upon calling of the roll:

aye: Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

nay: none

Motion carried 7-0.

The Board returned to open session at 12:05 a.m.

Adjournment

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Motion by Mr. Doughty, seconded by Mrs. Hanley to adjourn the meeting at approximately 12:07 a.m.

Upon call for a vote on the motion, all present voted aye.*

Motion carried 7-0.

* Doughty, Glowacki, Hanley, Kim, Shein, Sztainberg, Taub

CERTIFIED TO BE CORRECT:

PRESIDENT - BOARD OF EDUCATION

SECRETARY - BOARD OF EDUCATION