

MINUTES

STEGER SCHOOL DISTRICT 194 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Thursday, November 12, 2020

6:00 P.M.

Practice Gym – Enter through the East Activity Entrance Doors
Columbia Central School

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Helsel. Members present Helsel, Page, Edwards via conference call, Turner, Butkus and Sarek. Members absent: Raymond.

Also present:

Dr. David Frusher, Eric Diehl, Tom Aguirre, Tim Tufts, Janet Inglese, Venus Smith, Rachael Diehl, Anthony Graziani and Melissa Cunha.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mrs. Helsel stated the Board of Education has received and read eight letters from Staff and one letter from a Parent. Mrs. Helsel stated that for many years the Board of Education has had an open door policy to speak with staff or the community. The Board of Education's top priority is to teach the kids but also their job is to keep the kids and staff safe. Everyone is working hard to get it right. Kids need to be back in school but when it is safe. While fighting Covid-19 we need everyone in our district to be safe. Mrs. Helsel went on to ask again if anyone had any public participation. No one commented.

BOARD MATTERS

DISCUSSION

- A. Steger School District 194 Return to School Plan update
Dr. Frusher presented a slide show reviewing In-Person vs Remote Learning percentages by grade level, IDPH website for Region 7 in Will and Cook County, and reviewed School Metrics. Dr. Frusher showed videos made by each building administrators.
 1. School Updates – Principals
Tom Aguirre, Janet Inglese, and Venus Smith presented updates on their buildings.
 2. Food Service
Reviewed their overall plan and building status
 3. Maintenance/Custodians
Reviewed their overall plan and building status
 4. Technology
Reviewed their overall plan and building status

CLOSED SESSION

The open meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Mrs. Turner.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Helsel, Page, Edwards, Turner, Butkus and Sarek.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried

The Board went into closed session at 8:05 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Turner and seconded by Mrs. Page to go into Closed Session to discuss the following.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Helsel, Page, Edwards, Turner, Butkus and Sarek.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried

Also present:

Dr. David Frusher, Eric Diehl, Jan Lenci via conference call, Tim Tufts, Venus Smith, Janet Inglese, Tom Aguirre, and Melissa Cunha.

ACTION

A. The Superintendent recommends that the Board go into Closed Session to discuss:

1. The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline performance, or dismissal of a specific employee of the public body.
2. Student disciplinary matters
3. Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives

The Board adjourned closed session at 9:31 p.m., a motion was made by Mrs. Page and seconded by Mr. Sarek to adjourn Closed Session. Mrs. Edwards conference call connection was lost during the meeting, no time documented.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Helsel, Page, Edwards, Turner, Butkus and Sarek.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond and Edwards.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

The open meeting reconvened at 9:38 p.m. a motion was made by Mrs. Butkus and seconded by Mr. Sarek to return to Open Session.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Helsel, Page, Edwards, Turner, Butkus and Sarek.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond and Edwards.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried.

BOARD MATTERS

A Motion was made by Mrs. Page and seconded by Mr. Sarek to approve the following action items under Personnel.

DISCUSSION ACTION

- A. Steger School District 194 Return to School Plan update
- B. The Superintendent recommends the Board approve modifications to the Steger School District 194 Return to School Plan, as requested. Mrs. Helsel read the following statement: Steger School District 194 will delay the return to In-Person Learning for students. Students will remain on Remote Learning until further notice, following the guidelines established by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Illinois Department of Public Health IDPH, and Will County Health Department.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Helsel, Page, Turner, Butkus and Sarek.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond and Edwards.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:43 p.m. a motion was made by Mr. Sarek and seconded by Ms. Butkus to adjourn the meeting.

Upon roll call all members voting aye:

Helsel, Page, Turner, Butkus and Sarek.

Members voting nay: None. Members absent: Raymond and Edwards.

Members abstaining: None. Motion carried

Secretary, Board of Education

President, Board of Education