

Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Board of Education
Community Unit School District 201
Westmont, DuPage County, Illinois

August 3, 2021

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL
CALL

On August 3, 2021, at 6:34 p.m., President Coyle called to order the special meeting of the Community Unit School District 201 Board of Education.

Members present: Kevin Marren, Laura Coyle, Jessica Radogno, Adina Hoover, Angela Steketee, Leah Conover

Members absent: None

Adina Hoover and Leah Conover attended via Zoom

Also present: Superintendent Kevin Carey, and the Superintendent's Administrative Assistant, Shannon Cossairt.

Pledge of Allegiance

Laura Coyle led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public Comment was made by the following members of the community: Tim Paladin and Dana Hajak.

DISCUSSION/INFORMATION
ITEMS

Opening Plan for the 2021-2022
School Year

Superintendent Carey presented to the Board an opening plan for the 2021-2022 school year. The Guiding Principles have been updated and a change has been made to prioritize full-time, in-person learning. Superintendent Carey shared that DuPage County is currently in a substantial level of transmission. Over the past year we have been using the CDC Transmission Levels as our guide during the pandemic. The District is using the updated guidance from the CDC, IDPH, and ISBE. This includes social distancing being adjusted to 3ft, masks recommended for students and employees while indoors, masks be worn on public transportation, and contact tracing is less than 3 feet.

Superintendent Carey discussed the different options for Shield Testing. This testing is free and they have different options to choose from. If the District chooses to use Shield Testing it would take 3-6 weeks for onboarding.

For the 2021-2022 school opening plan, Superintendent Carey recommends masks for the following:

- Required on buses and school vehicles
- Masks required for all students and adults indoors
- Masks are not required outdoors
- Masks required for all visitors
- Use metrics to determine if masking is required.

The opening plan also includes:

- Parents will monitor students at home. Symptomatic students should stay home.
- Vaccinated students who are asymptomatic, do not need to quarantine if they come in close contact with a positive case.
- Unvaccinated students who come in close contact with a positive case will need to quarantine.

The District is looking at a mask requirement because DuPage is at a substantial level of transmission, the Delta variant has 1200 times the viral load, pediatric deaths are not acceptable, and children are efficient spreaders of the virus.

The Board had previously asked for Mask Metrics. Superintendent Carey also recommends we follow the CDC Transmission Levels guide regarding masking. His recommendations is:

- Moderate, substantial or high level of transmission as defined by CDC. Masks required of all students and staff.
- Low Level of transmission as defined by CDC. In schools where 70% of students and 70% of staff are vaccinated, masks are optional.
- Easier to pivot from mask to no mask.

Superintendent Carey answered questions from the Board. Some members had questions regarding the Shield Testing. Superintendent Carey recommends we use Shield Testing option for outbreaks. The time commitment for the other two options is great. It would also cause disruption in the classroom with student coming and going. Some of the other questions and concerns the Board addressed were certified medical reasons and mask metrics.

ACTION ITEMS

Approval of 2021-2022 Opening Plan

Motion by Ms. Radogno, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the 2021-2022 opening plan as presented.

Ayes: Conover, Radogno, Hevia, Coyle, Marren, Hoover, Steketee

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

Approval of Masking Metrics

Motion by Mr. Hevia, second by Mr. Marren, to approve the masking metrics as presented.

Ayes: Steketee, Conover, Hevia, Marren

Nays: Radogno, Coyle

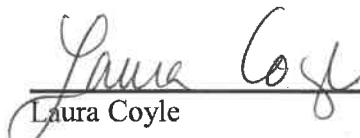
Ms. Hoover's lost her connection to the Zoom. A vote from her was not recorded.

Motion Carried.

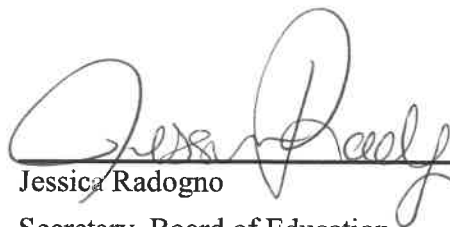
ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Ms. Steketee, second by Mr. Marren, to adjourn the August 3, 2021, special meeting of the Board of Education at 7:41 p.m.

Motion unanimously passed.



Laura Coyle
President, Board of Education
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Jessica Radogno
Secretary, Board of Education
School District 201
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