

BOARD OF EDUCATION, THURSDAY, MARCH 11, 2021

The Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 11, 2021, with the following members present: Mr. Crews, Mr. Gard, Mr. Eitel, Mrs. Hendrix, Mr. Macke, and Mr. Cook (remote). Superintendent Mr. Ross along with administrators Mr. Ritchey, Mrs. Williams, Mrs. Beaven, Mrs. Morgan, along with Mr. Engerski were also present.

Mr. Macke called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mr. Gard led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mrs. Hendrix, to approve the minutes, treasurer's report, and the bills from the month of February. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Approved minutes,
treasurer's report, bills

In his Superintendent's Report, Mr. Ross discussed:

Superintendent's
Report

- At the time of the board meeting, there were 0 students and 0 staff out with Covid
- Two students quarantined because of exposure from outside of school
- First round of vaccinations have been given to school staff. Second rounds of vaccinations will be March 19, 26, and April 1.
- Covid testing is still going on. The numbers are down
- Basketball season is finishing up
- Football and volleyball practice has started
- First football game is Saturday, March 13, at Oblong. Football is 6 weeks.
- Number of spectators is still restricted; around 250 tickets available; around 50-60 tickets available for visiting teams.
- For volleyball only about 50 spectators will be allowed
- Softball, baseball, and track athletes will need to wear masks
- National Honor Society will hold its induction ceremony. Fifty people will be able to attend. They are considering splitting the juniors and seniors into 2 ceremonies to allow for more people to attend
- The details for graduation are being worked out
- Last day of school for the students will be May 19
- Last day for the teachers will be May 20; May 20 and 21 will be remote learning days
- Summer school will be for grades 7-12. It will start on May 24 and will be held from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. This is be for in-person learning. A medical note will be needed if a student needs to attend remotely.
- State testing will still need to be given

Last day students 5/19
Last day teachers 5/20
5/20 & 21 remote
learning days

Summer School starts
May 24

State testing given

- Field trips out-of-town are still on hold; however local field trips can happen
- There will be an academic camp for the second graders to transition to third grade

Academic camp for 2nd graders

Mr. Ross said, “Some things will change, but some things will be different. If remote learning is needed next year, we will probably require a medical excuse.”

“I commend everyone in this room and all who work for the district. We are one of the few schools in the area who have been open the entire year,” said Board President Mr. Macke.

Mr. Ross recommended moving the April board meeting date to April 22. This is to allow time between the election and the seating of the new board. Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Jacob, to move the April meeting date to April 22. All present voted aye.

Moved April board mtg date to April 22

Mr. Ross presented the amended 2020-2021 school calendar. Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Crews, to approve the amended 2020-2021 school calendar as presented. All present voted aye.

Approved the 20-21 school calendar

Mr. Ross and Mr. Engerski discussed ideas with the board from Midwest Transit on utilizing bus leases. More on this will be discussed at the April meeting.

Mrs. Hendrix offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to go into closed session for under the purposes listed 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)(personnel). On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye. The board went into closed session at 6:30 p.m.

Closed Session

Mr. Gard offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Macke, to return to open session. All present voted aye. The board returned to open session at 7:17 p.m.

Open Session

Mr. Macke offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to employ Ellen Lake as North School Principal for the 2021-2022 school year. On roll call the vote was as follows: Mr. Crews, aye; Mr. Gard, aye; Mr. Eitel, aye; Mrs. Hendrix, aye; Mr. Cook, aye; and Mr. Macke, aye.

Employed Ellen Lake as North School Principal for the 21-22 school year

Mr. Crews offered a motion, seconded by Mr. Gard, to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye. The board adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Adjourn

President, Board of Education

Secretary, Board of Education

