

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Paducah, Kentucky
SPECIAL MEETING
February 25, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Education of the Paducah Independent School District was held in the Seminar Room of the Innovation Hub, 500 S. 25th Street, Paducah, Kentucky, on Tuesday, February 25, 2021 at 4:00 p.m.

NOTE: due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus pandemic, this meeting was closed to the public and live-streamed online.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: Carl LeBuhn, Mary Hunter Hancock; James Hudson, Janice Howard and Felix Akojie

Others Present:

Donald Shively, Superintendent

Lisa Chappell, Secretary

Dale Weaver, IT

Nicholas Holland, Attorney

Wayne Walden, Community Relations

William Black, Instruction/Assistant Superintendent

Troy Brock, DPP

Media

After the roll call, it was established that a quorum of Board members was present. Dr. Shively led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ORDER NO. 38

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was presented. The motion was made by Dr. Akojie and seconded by Mrs. Hancock that the Board concur with the recommendation of the superintendent and approve the agenda as presented. The roll was called and all members present voted "yes".

DISCUSSION:

Dr. Shively gave a presentation on survey information collected from parents, employees and teachers, as well as COVID-19 data for McCracken County and employee vaccination efforts. At least 61% of full-time employees have been vaccinated at least one round. The parent survey received 1,330 responses, or a 45.6% response rate, with 1,082 as "yes" and 248 as "no." The employee survey (including teachers, classified employees and office) had 293 responses, with 185 as "yes" and 108 as "no." The teacher survey had 179 responses, with 113 as "yes" and 66 as "no."

ORDER NO. 39

APPROVAL OF SCHOOL CALENDAR REVISIONS

Mrs. Hancock made the motion to revise the 2020-2021 School Calendar so that March 12 be changed to an instructional day and April 2 be changed from a non-traditional instructional (NTI) day to a scheduled in-person day; students will return to in-person learning four days per week starting the week of March 8. Surveys will take place to help decide which day of the week will be NTI. Mrs. Howard seconded the motion. The roll was called and all members present voted "yes".

ORDER NO. 40

ACTION TO ADJOURN

The motion was made by Dr. Akojie and seconded by Mrs. Hancock that the meeting be adjourned. The roll was called and all members present voted "Yes." The meeting adjourned at 5:11 p.m.

In closing, Dr. Carl LeBuhn reflected on the COVID-19 data, and said he is encouraged by the percentage of employees who have been vaccinated. He acknowledged fears, noting a lot of people have been affected by COVID-19, and he thinks those fears are real and justified.

"There's nothing that we can do, I don't think, to completely mitigate risk or completely mitigate that fear. I think it's very important that we have a mechanism to listen to people's concerns moving forward and we just try and exhaust every possibility we can to correct that issue, or to fix that problem, or to make that as safe as possible."

Chairman

Secretary

The requirements of KRS 61.810, 61.815, 61.820 and 61.823 were complied with relative to the foregoing meeting.