

**PORTAGE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
MARCH 10, 2021 - 6:30 P.M.**

The Committee of the Whole meeting of the Portage Area Board of School Directors was called to order. Kathy Hough, board vice president, led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. Members and others present were: Susan Berardinelli; Jason Corte; Matthew Decort; Kathy Hough; John Jubina; Tina Latoche; Dennis Squillario; Erik Thrower; Eric A. Zelanko, Superintendent of Schools; Ralph J. Cecere, Jr., Junior Senior High School Principal; Pete Noel, Elementary School Principal; Jeff Vasilko, Business Manager; Dennis M. McGlynn, Esquire, Solicitor and Denise Moschgat, Recording Secretary. Absent was Christian Smith.

RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

There were no visitors who wished to speak.

INFORMATION ONLY

1. Mr. Zelanko's Report:
 - a. COVID-19. K-12 students are back in school using a phased approach. There were challenges, but the staff has been managing well.
 - b. Vaccine distribution. Staff who chose to do so received their first dose of the Pfizer vaccine on March 9. Additional doses were offered to eligible community members as they were available. Educators were also offered the opportunity to take the Johnson & Johnson vaccine at an off-campus location. The second dose of the Pfizer vaccine will be administered March 30.
 - c. The administration is asking permission to advertise for bids for an outdoor freezer for the cafeteria as well as high school auditorium curtains and a new light system.
 - d. There was a brief discussion on the staff survey on holding summer school. More discussion will be held at upcoming meetings.
 - e. Snow make-up day options. The results of the staff survey were reviewed with the benefits of each option. Professional development was also discussed as part of the option.
 - f. Upcoming Events. With the indoor occupancy increasing to 20%, some events can be held. National Honor Society will be held both in person and virtually. The awards ceremony and prom are still being discussed. Graduation will be held at the football stadium.
2. Long-term substitutes – Ms. Dividock and Mrs. Bechel will both be fulfilling long-term substitute positions in English and Family and Consumer Science.

ROUTINE MATTERS

1. IU08 General Operating Budget for 2021-2022 school year
2. Letter of Agreement with The Meadows
3. E-Rate Cat 2 Bids
4. District Policy revisions
5. Seamless Summer Option Agreement – during camps
6. Advertising for bids – add coal.

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PERSONNEL MATTERS (Executive Session 6:47 to 7:54 p.m.)

1. Staff matters

BOARD AGENDA REQUEST/USE OF FACILITIES

POINTS OF DISCUSSION BY THE BOARD

Time: 7:54 p.m.