

REAVIS HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 220
6034 WEST 77TH STREET, BURBANK, ILLINOIS 60459
COOK COUNTY

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9, 2021, AT 6:00 P.M.
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MINUTES

1. OPEN SPECIAL MEETING, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, ROLL CALL

Time: 6:02 p.m.

The following Board Members were physically present at the meeting:

Ted Arnold
James Brodinski
Andrea Creger, Vice President
Steve Ficker
Russell McKinley, President
Ruben Moreno
Linda O'Dowd, Secretary

Also Present: Daniel J. Riordan, Ed.D., Superintendent
Eric Novak, Chief School Business Official
Julie Schultz, Principal

2. NEW BUSINESS

- Approved 1st reading of updated School Board Policies, as presented.

Motion: L. O'Dowd
Second: A. Creger

Dr. Riordan referenced the board policy highlight sheet which was distributed. The process of converting the board policy updating to PRESS Plus began approximately one year ago. The process was delayed due to Covid-19 and shutdowns. Every policy has been reviewed and updated when necessary. Dr. Riordan thanked his former board secretary, Ms. Deborah Brodinski, and current board secretary, Ms. Erin Nelligan for assisting with the review process. Dr. Riordan brought to the Board's attention the policy unique to Reavis High School regarding employee's children being eligible to attend Reavis if they pay tuition. Another policy that is unique to Reavis is that student athletes and parents must sign a waiver giving Reavis permission to drug test athletes randomly. Dr. Riordan reminded that there were no major changes this is simply the process of converting the updating process to PRESS Plus.

Aye: J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, R. Moreno, L. O’Dowd, T. Arnold
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

Dr. Riordan asked Principal Schultz to provide a quick report before going into closed session. Beginning this week, hybrid students were invited to attend in-person learning 4 days per week. Principal Schultz stated that on Monday 421 students attended in-person learning. Today’s total was a bit higher but she did not have a final number at this time. Dr. Riordan stating that based on the first 2 days there were approximately 100 students that attended from the other team.

Dr. Riordan informed the Board that the Illinois Department Public Health just released the new guidelines. Since it was just released prior to the meeting, he has not had a chance to review it thoroughly. But from a quick review, it seems promising. The social distancing guideline is changing from 6 feet to 3-6 feet.

Ms. Creger asked if students have the option of coming into the building when it is not their typically scheduled day. Dr. Riordan replied that students that are currently assigned to a hybrid team have the option of coming in 4 days each week. At this time, students who chose 100% remote learning must remain remote learning in order to adhere to distancing guidelines. Principal Schultz added that parents are expecting a survey at the end of the marking period on March 25th. This will give 100% remote learners the opportunity to choose the hybrid learning. Dr. Riordan is anticipating more students will return to the building after spring break in April. The schedule will remain the same without lunches. Dr. Riordan added that going into spring break that approximately 90% of the staff will be fully vaccinated.

Principal Schultz shared the 600+ hybrid families were surveyed if they would choose 4 days for their students to attend school. Responses were received from 50% of the families with 80% stating they would choose 4 days of in-school learning. Dr. Riordan again reminded the need to remain flexible when planning for the remainder of the year. The next few weeks will be focused on seniors and helping them end the year on a high note. Also, trying to get more freshman in the building so they are more comfortable when they return in the fall.

Mr. Moreno asked if Dr. Riordan sees having 1,500 students in the building before year end which would be 80% of the student body. Principal Schultz clarified that 80% survey results is of the hybrid students only. Dr. Riordan said he anticipates seeing approximately 1,000 students in the building by the end of the school year.

3. **CLOSED SESSION**

Enter into Executive Session pursuant to the Open Meetings Act, 5 ILCS 120/2, to consider the appointment, employment, compensation, dismissal or evaluation of personnel, contract negotiations, possible or imminent litigation, resident delegate concern, student disciplinary issues, and held recommendations with any required action taken in open session.

Time: 6:21 p.m.
Motion: T. Arnold
Second: R. McKinley
Aye: S. Ficker, R. McKinley, L. O’Dowd, R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

4. RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Time: 8:43 p.m.
Motion: S. Ficker
Second: T. Arnold
Aye: R. McKinley, L. O'Dowd, R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski, A. Creger, S. Ficker
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

5. NEW BUSINESS

- Possible motion(s) resulting from closed session discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Time: 8:43 p.m.
Motion: T. Arnold
Second: A. Creger
Aye: A. Creger, S. Ficker, R. McKinley, L. O'Dowd, R. Moreno, T. Arnold, J. Brodinski
Nay: None
Vote: 7-0

Signed and approved this 16th day of March, 2021.

President

Secretary