

January 24, 2022

The Board of Education, Community High School District 99, met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, January 24, 2022 at the Administrative Service Center.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, the following Board members answered present: Nancy Kupka, President; Mike Davenport, Vice President; and Members Christopher Espinoza, Sherell Fuller, Jennie Hagstrom, Terry Pavesich and Joanna Vazquez Drexler.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; Rob Lang, Assistant Superintendent for Staff Services; Scott Wuggazer, Assistant Superintendent for Student Services; Mark Staehlin, District Controller; Jeree Ehtridge, Assistant Controller; Jim Kolodziej, Director of Physical Plant & Operations; Courtney DeMent, North High Principal; Student Board Members Jade Toledano and Scarlet O'Hara; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

There were five visitors. A copy of the Visitor Roster is attached.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion that the Board of Education approve the Minutes of the December 13, 2021 Business Meeting and the January 10, 2022 Workshop Meeting.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Davenport, Espinoza, Hagstrom and Kupka voted AYE. Member Fuller abstained. The President declared the motion carried.

2. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

3. RETURN TO IN-PERSON LEARNING

Dr. Thiele shared the case counts are going down, which mirrors society. He also reported that the changes in close contact/quarantine and exclusion guidance provided by the CDC have been adopted at the State level, including isolation time for close contacts and those testing positive going from ten days down to five and the definition of a fully vaccinated person over the age of 18 includes having received the booster shot.

4. NORTH HIGH ROOFING PROJECT

Jim Kolodziej reported this project is being paid for out of Capital Improvement funds, there were 14 bidders and the bid came in under budget. He explained the plumbing portion of the project is for a roof drain and the total amount of the project is \$395,120. Dr. Thiele stated this is an Action Item later in the meeting.

5. NORTH HIGH AND SOUTH HIGH HVAC SYSTEM

Mr. Kolodziej reported the funding from this project is from the ARP ESSER III grant and includes two units at South High and one unit at North High, with the units being equipped with UV lamps that neutralize bacteria and help prolong the life of the system. He stated the Board was being asked to approve the project in the amount of \$652,738, which is under budget.

6. 2022 SUMMER SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Thiele stated this was presented at the last Board meeting and is an Action Item at this meeting. He noted Rob Lang and Gina Ziccardi are working on increasing the Summer School offerings for next year.

7. PROPOSED 2022 SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CALENDAR

Dr. Thiele stated this was presented at the last Board meeting and is an Action Item at this meeting.

8. ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR)

Mark Staehlin stated the auditors found no inconsistencies or material issues and rendered an unqualified opinion. He noted this report was previously called the Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR). Dr. Thiele stated it was a clean audit, as it has been every year.

9. QUARTERLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Mark Staehlin reported Revenues and Expenditures are both on track, with 93% of Revenues collected and 46% of Expenditures spent. He stated the budget included a \$2.9M deficit with the deficit currently at a \$1.9M.

10. FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUESTS

Dr. Thiele reported the District had Freedom of Information Act requests this month and they are posted on the District's website.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

Member Fuller moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Consent Agenda as presented which includes: A. Personnel Report - Leave of Absence-Certified; Transfer of Position-Classified; Appointments-Classified; B. Personnel Report - Retirements-Classified; Resignations-Classified; C. Personnel Report - Terminations-Classified; D. Financial Pages; E. Educational Tours; F. Crisis De-escalation and Physical Management Oversight Team; and G. Review of Closed Session Minutes and Verbatim Recordings.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Fuller, Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Davenport, Espinoza, Hagstrom and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

12. AWARD OF BID - NORTH HIGH ROOFING PROJECT

Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve contracts for the North High Roofing Project to Metalmaster Roofmaster and A&H Plumbing in the aggregate amount of \$395,120.00.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Vazquez Drexler, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

13. AWARD OF BID - NORTH AND SOUTH HIGH HVAC SYSTEMS

Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve contracts for the North High and South High HVAC systems to The YMI Group, Inc. and ARC 1 Electric in the aggregate amount of \$652,738.00.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Vazquez Drexler, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

14. APPROVAL OF THE 2022 SUMMER SCHOOL RECOMMENDATIONS

Member Davenport moved and Member Pavesich seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2022 Summer School Recommendations as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Davenport, Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

15. APPROVAL OF THE 2022 SUMMER SCHOOL AND SUMMER CALENDAR

Member Vazquez Drexler moved and Member Davenport seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the 2022 Summer School and Summer Calendar as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Vazquez Drexler, Davenport, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom Pavesich and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

16. APPROVAL OF THE ANNUAL COMPREHENSIVE FINANCIAL REPORT (ACFR)

Member Pavesich moved and Member Davenport seconded the motion for the Board of Education to approve the Annual Comprehensive Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 as presented.

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Davenport, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom, Vazquez Drexler and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

17. OLD BUSINESS

None.

18. NEW BUSINESS

None.

19. RECEPTION OF VISITORS – PUBLIC COMMENT

Noel Manley addressed the Board on Board policy 7.10, *Equal Educational Opportunities*, maintaining the District is implementing Critical Race Theory (CRT) and CRT is present in District 99. Ilene Briner advocated for the school libraries to include pro-life books and provided a list (attached) of suggested books to the Board and those in attendance.

Due to the limited number of visitors allowed, an online Public Comment form was available the day of the meeting. The comment received is included in the Minutes.

20. REPORT ON LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION NETWORK OF DUPAGE (LEND)

No report.

21. REPORT ON SCHOOL ASSOCIATION FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION IN DUPAGE COUNTY (SASED)

No report.

22. REPORT ON DISTRICT 99 EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Member Pavesich reported the Foundation enjoyed hearing presentations from the INCubator class, received one new grant application and is looking to hold a District fundraiser in late summer at North High.

23. REPORT ON ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL BOARDS (IASB)

No report.

24. UPCOMING BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

President Kupka announced the following meeting dates.

February 7, 2022 Workshop Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC

February 28, 2022 Regular Business Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – ASC

25. CLOSED SESSION

Member Pavesich moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned to Closed Session for the purpose of collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2); litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the District has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the District finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded

and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(11); and the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the District or legal counsel for the District, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee, a specific individual who serves as an independent contractor in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or a volunteer of the District or against legal counsel for the District to determine its validity. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1).

Upon the Secretary's roll call, Members Pavesich, Vazquez Drexler, Davenport, Espinoza, Fuller, Hagstrom and Kupka voted AYE. The President declared the motion carried.

President Kupka stated the Board would coming out of Closed Session to adjourn and no Action would be taking place.

The meeting adjourned to Closed Session at 7:03 p.m.

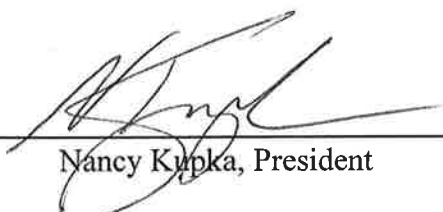
26. RECONVENE TO REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was reconvened in Open Session with the following members of the Board of Education in attendance: Nancy Kupka, President; Mike Davenport, Vice President; and Members Christopher Espinoza, Sherell Fuller, Jennie Hagstrom, Terry Pavesich and Joanna Vazquez Drexler.

Also present were Hank Thiele, Superintendent; Gina Ziccardi, Associate Superintendent for Student Learning; and Juli Gniadek, Secretary.

27. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business or discussion, Member Davenport moved and Member Vazquez Drexler seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Upon the unanimous voice vote of the seven members in attendance, the President declared the motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.



Nancy Kupka, President



Juli Gniadek, Secretary

Community

HIGH SCHOOL District 99

BOARD OF EDUCATION

JANUARY 24, 2022

VISITOR ROSTER

NAME

Noel Mawley
Tlene Briner
Owen Atchess
Ed Brantley
J. H. Fisher

Public Comments Submitted via Google Form

January 24, 2022 Board Meeting

BOE members and Dr. Thiele,

First, I would like on record that your new visitor rules are restricting and violate my ability to speak to each and every one of you in person. I will not come to sit in a hallway unable to participate for a 3 minute comment. We have two huge auditoriums that can be used and you are all not being good stewards of our facilities nor community transparency. This is quite clearly a manipulation to quiet your 10,000 parents and I believe it should be changed immediately.

Second, we all know there is a huge court case with decision coming possibly late this week. Since we are limited and unable to share our public comment in a reasonable fashion, I believe you need to hear from parents regarding this major impact to our school environment. If the case is class certified and TRO is granted, what does the district plan on doing? Have you discussed this with your community? As the vast majority have been right every step of the way (Hank has stated, "if we knew then what we know now these kids would have been in school."), we did know! 2000 parents knew and we also know now! I implore health decision making not following your political leanings anymore. I also support and will advocate this legal decision to stand (either way). Kids are done, we are done! Many kids have had covid, we are vaccinated, there are treatments, Dupage ICU units are all manageable. Just like returning to school was challenging but in the best interest of students, so is mask optional. Many children will continue to wear masks, we are not part of Test to Stay (actually as stated on recored during a board meeting, because of the change of going to mask optional).

As I watched all court proceedings, the District 99 attorney, explicitly stated that, "schools have the local autonomy to decide students due process regarding masking and healthy quarantines". As a matter of fact, his whole argument, was schools have local control. That is this districts attorney.

Carrie Swenson

Has even one board member watched this lawsuit in real time? Have you done your homework? Have you listened to the arguments, facts, case law? Because many parents have. District 99's attorney stated districts have local control regarding student safety, due process and modified quarantines. Since, it is our tax paid attorney, I would like an answer as to why this local control and autonomy has NEVER been used? Why have Dr. Theile and the BOE consistently stated it is NOT the school district but state and local health departments, and ISBE decisions? Your attorney just argued the exact opposite. Which is it guys? If it's local control for 24 months you lied to the community. It is now time to follow the law if the class certification and TRO is granted. The majority of the community wants it (maybe not your few far left progressives, like your friend) but I can tell you that parents want the choice you have taken away for 600+ days.

As you discuss the outcome of this lawsuit and your response to the rulings. I hope you make a decision. Is it local control or not? Did you lie for 24 months? Will you follow the law, data, science? Masks are doing nothing unless N95 (which students and staff may wear if they so choose)? Will you step in for these students for ONCE? Or will you encourage your union to use emergency days like Naperville? Will you ignore the legality and continue to restrict students by manipulative BOE secret meetings? Which side of this will you be on? Will you finally stand up and do the right thing? More and more parents in our community want this choice and unless you are completely out of touch you would know that.

<https://data.statesmanjournal.com/covid-19-hospital-capacity/facility/edward-hospital/140231/>

District 99 Website - Frequently Asked Questions are answered with false information:

#1. Do masks work?

D-99's answer: Yes, masks work. They limit the spread of germs from one person to another by blocking potential virus particles from entering the air. They also protect the person wearing the mask by preventing him or her from breathing in virus particles.

Is this true? No. Masks do not work. They don't prevent spread of COVID. Dirty face diapers force children to breathe in CO2 and bacteria all day. They cause depression. The Midwest states around Illinois do not require students to wear masks. Florida has banned mask mandates and allows parents to decide whether a student should wear a mask at school.

The CDC quietly admitted last week that the cloth masks the agency has promoted for two years actually "provide the least protection" against COVID-19. It was the first time the CDC addressed the ineffectiveness of cloth masks, according to the New York Times.

#2. Why is it important for me and my child to get vaccinated for COVID-19?

D-99's answer: COVID-19 vaccines reduce the risk of people getting COVID-19 and can also reduce the risk of spreading it. The risk of severe illness is much greater for people who are not vaccinated against COVID-19.

Is this true? No. COVID vaccines do not reduce the risk. It turns out that the experimental gene therapy shots contain graphene oxide and actually increase one's risk of infection, especially the more shots a person takes. This is true of all the currently available jabs.

#3. D-99: COVID-19 vaccines are safe and effective at preventing severe illness and death.

Is this true? No. The truth is, many children who have been coerced to take the COVID-19 shots have been injured with myocarditis, bells palsy, or other life-threatening harm. This is an experimental medical treatment unnecessary for children due to their extremely low risk of contracting the disease. CDC data confirms COVID is NOT a public health threat in children.

Please stand up to the NEA, ISBE and Unions to resist causing further harm to our children.

School boards, you've told us, have local authority.

Use your local authority to STOP the masking and vaccination of students.

Recommended Pro-Life Books

<i>A Child Is Born</i>	Lennart Nilsson & Linda Forsell
<i>Fighting for Life : Becoming a Force For Change in a Wounded World</i>	Lila Rose
<i>Pregnancy Crisis Intervention: What to Do and Say When it Matters Most</i>	John Ensor
<i>Unplanned</i>	Abby Johnson
<i>Unprotected</i>	Miriam Grossman
<i>Signs From A Peculiar Institution</i>	Dr. Mark Waters
<i>The Hiding Place</i>	Corrie Ten Boom
<i>Love Unleashes Life</i>	Stephanie Gray
<i>Persuasive Pro-Life</i>	Trent Horn
<i>Subverted</i>	Ellen Browder
<i>Siege</i>	Mark Crutcher
<i>What to Say When</i>	Shawn Carney & Steve Karlen
<i>Shades of Blue</i> (Fiction)	Karen Kingsbury