

MINUTES

The Minutes of the Special Meeting
of the Board of Education
Township High School District 214 held on July 29, 2021
at the Forest View Educational Center,
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois
at 6:00 p.m.

The Special Meeting of the Board of Education was called by President Dussling with Notices to Board Members and Members of the Press sent on July 26, 2021 reading as follows:

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

You are hereby notified that members of the Board of Education of Township High School District 214 will hold a Special Meeting on Thursday, July 29, 2021. The meeting is scheduled at 6:00 p.m. in room D 100/101 at the Forest View Education Center, 2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, Illinois.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is set forth in the following agenda for the meeting:

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
- V. PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VI. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES
- VI. ACTION ITEMS
 - 2021-120 Return to School Plan
 - 2021-121 Proposed Revision to Board Policy 2:220
- VII. ADJOURNMENT

Sincerely,

Bill Dussling
Board President

President Dussling called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and L. Keyes called the roll. The following members were present:

	William Dussling	President
	Mark Hineman	Member
	Alva Kreutzer	Member
	Mildred Palmer	Vice President
	Dan Petro	Member
	Andrea Rauch	Member
Absent:	Leonard Walker	Member

Also present at the meeting were: D. Schuler, superintendent; C. Johnson, associate superintendent for finance and operations; K. Kraft, associate superintendent for human resources; P. Mogge, director of community engagement and outreach; T. Schlorff, director of instructional technology and technology services; K. Rogers, specialized learning schools principal; S. Scholten, Vanguard assistant principal; L. Keyes, executive assistant to the school board and superintendent; staff members; parents; and citizens.

1. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

President Dussling led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Superintendent Dave Schuler advised the Board and community that District 214 does not teach Critical Race Theory. We teach the Illinois State Standards.

Schuler clarified to the Board that the language proposed in the Board Policy revision mirrored the exact same language in the Open Meeting Act in regards to posting of the meeting minutes: “the minutes must be posted for a minimum of 60 days.” The new Board Policy revision would state “the recordings must be posted for a minimum of 60 days.”

Schuler reviewed the new CDC and Cook County Department of Public Health guidelines for masking.

Schuler noted District 214 will adopt the public health language and recommend all teachers, staff, students, and visitors to schools wear a mask, regardless of vaccination status. The Board will maintain a set of metrics used to track positivity rates and new cases which will allow us to inform and update everyone as the metrics dictate.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

- E. Bauer, parent, commented regarding election fund-raising
- B. Polonia, parent, commented against requiring masks
- S. Johlle, parent, commented against requiring masks
- J. Rybinski, parent, commented against requiring masks
- A. Ellingsen, citizen, commented against requiring masks
- M. Cosenza Viccers, educator, commented for requiring masks
- J. Derengowski, parent, commented against requiring masks

It was moved by A. Rauch, seconded by M. Hineman to take a five minutes recess.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch

Nays: None

The Board went into recess at 6:35 pm
President Dussling called the meeting back to order at 6:42 pm.

It was moved by A Rauch, seconded by A. Kreutzer to reconvene the meeting.

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch

Nayes: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS (continued)

President Dussling asked Superintendent Schuler to re-read his statement regarding the mask recommendation, adopting the CDC language recommending masks.

S. Bachar, parent, commented against recommending vaccines

K. Murschel, parent, commented against CRT

H. Graham, citizen, commented that history must include all events

4. BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

none

5. ACTION ITEM: RETURN TO SCHOOL LEARNING RENEWAL PLAN 2021-120

It was moved by Alva Kreutzer and seconded by M. Hineman that the Board of Education approve the Return to School Learning Renewal Plan.

Public Comments:

T. Cosley, parent, commented schoology during quarantine isn't enough education

L. Dammann, parent, commented there should be a better plan for quarantine

S. Johlle, parent, commented vaccinated students not quarantining is idiotic

A. Ellingsen, citizen, commented favorably regarding block schedule; asked for a D214 COVID statistics webpage.

E. Kalaway, parent, commented she would like to see data for block scheduling survey

J. Derengowski, parent, commented that block schedule classes should be longer

B. Polonia, parent, commented against different ID cards for vaccinated persons

A. Batalia, parent, commented that students in quarantine could attend class via zoom

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch

Nayes: None

6. ACTION ITEM: BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY 2:220: RECORDING & BROADCASTING MEETINGS 2021-121

It was moved by M. Palmer and seconded by A. Kreutzer that the Board of Education approve revised Board Policy 2:220.

Public Comments:

S. Johlle, parent, commented people with disabilities need this service

E. Bauer, parent, commented that recordings should stay up longer than 60 days commented that there were 234 views on YouTube.

A. Ellingsen, citizen, commented that anyone could capture the video and save it if they wanted it past 60 days

J. Derengowski, parent, commented that other entities have done it for transparency at minimal cost

Upon roll call, the motion carried.

Ayes: Dussling, Hineman, Kreutzer, Palmer, Petro, Rauch

Nays: None

7. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by A. Rauch and seconded by M. Hineman to adjourn. The motion carried.
The meeting adjourned at 7:51 pm.

William J. Dussling, President

Mildred Palmer, Vice-President