

**Special Meeting Minutes of the  
PLAINVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION VIRTUAL MEETING**

**Special Meeting Title:** 1) Overview of Schools' Reopening Plan for SY 2020-21  
2) Discussion of COVID-19 Policy and Possible Request  
For Approval  
3) Discussion of forms relating to High Risk Employee  
Accommodation Requests due to COVID-19  
4) Other

**Date:** Thursday, July 23, 2020

**Time:** 6:30 p.m.

**Attendees:** Becky Tyrrell, Board Chair  
Crystal St. Lawrence, Vice Chair  
Brent Davenport  
Deborah Hardy  
Becky Martinez—by phone  
Nicole Palmieri  
Laurie Peterson  
Kathy Wells  
Foster White  
Steven K. LePage, Superintendent of Schools  
David Levenduski, Asst. Superintendent  
Sam Adlerstein, Director of Business and Operations

**Absent:** None

Board Chair Becky Tyrrell called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

**1) Overview of Schools' Reopening Plan for SY 2020-21**

Mrs. Tyrrell called upon Superintendent Steven LePage to give a brief overview of the School's Re-opening Plan for the start of the 2020-21 school year. Mr. LePage shared many details of the plan and stated, as of right now, students will go back to school on a full-time basis on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Re-opening Plan is attached.

The Board then called upon citizen's comments/questions regarding the Re-opening Plan:

CALLER 1: Josh White, 30 Diamond Avenue

Mr. White asked what the protocol is for sending children to school if they have been in contact with COVID-19.

*Mr. LePage stated that there is a 14 day quarantine period if the student has come in contact with someone who has COVID-19.*

CALLER 2: Felicia Mandeville—No comment

CALLER 3: Jason and Laura Magisano—No comment

CALLER 4: Jessica Jones—No comment

CALLER 5: Steve Ross—No comment

A former teacher thanked the Superintendent and administrators for their hard work in putting the plan together. Her concern is for students who are sent to school not feeling well and have a fever. Is the school system checking each student before they enter the building?

*Mr. LePage stated that the Health Department and State recommend that checks not be done. If a child is sent to the school nurse and has a fever the child is to be isolated and a parent will be called to pick up the child.*

There were no other citizen's comments or questions.

Becky Tyrrell stated that the Board would not approve the plan this evening, as this is more of an operational plan that crosses many boundaries. She stated that as everything changes, so will the plan.

Becky Martinez stated that she had a concern with the Before School Program. In the past, busses transported children to Linden and then were picked up again and brought to Wheeler School.

*Mr. White stated that he has spoken to Laura Prisco at the YMCA regarding this issue. Ms. Prisco stated that the Before School Programs have typically been done at Wheeler because There were very few participants in the other schools. She stated that she is open to holding a Program at Linden if the district agrees.*

Mr. White also commented that Connecticut Guidelines state that a Health/Safety Compliance person is needed for the district. Was that guideline followed?

*Mr. LePage stated that Julie Simard, former Wheeler nurse is an RN and is Health/Safety Compliant. She has been putting quite a bit of time in and has been working with him to see that standards for the plan are met.*

Mrs. Martinez asked that parents with any questions feel free to send emails to Board members.

Mrs. Tyrrell stated that the Board gives their verbal support to the Reopening Plan and that the plan will be submitted to the State tomorrow. The plan will also be revisited as time goes on.

Mr. LePage stated that for planning purposes, parents who have decided not to send their children to school in September are asked to notify him prior to July 31 via text, phone call, letter or email. He also stated that administrators and staff have put a ton of work into this plan and he is very proud of the work that has been done. He stated that the main thing is to follow the guidance of the Health Department and that of Science.

## **2) Discussion of COVID-19 Policy and Possible Request for Approval**

Mr. LePage stated that various policies, recommended by Shipman and Goodwin Law offices, are ready for approval but will be held for a Special meeting next week. The policies two-meeting approval needs to be waived to adopt the COVID- policy 9311 given the unprecedented nature of the health crisis and the critical and immediate need for these temporary policies.

## **3) Discussion of forms relating to High-Risk Employee Accommodation Requests to COVID-19 (Informational Item)**

Mr. LePage also referenced the High-Risk Employee Accommodation Request forms as an information item for the Board to review.

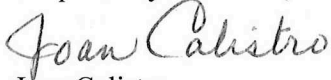
## **4) Other**

At the next Special meeting, the Board will also be asked to approve the shortening of the 2020-21 school year from 180 days to 177 days. Three additional days will be added for teacher and Staff professional development. School will now begin on September 3.

Mrs. Tyrrell thanked Mr. LePage and Mr. Levenduski for the many hours they have put in to create this plan.

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY FOSTER WHITE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. BECKY MARTINEZ SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED 9-0. The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 PM.**

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Calistro". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Joan Calistro

Recorder of Minutes