

Rochelle Community Consolidated School District 231
August 30, 2021 Special Meeting - Back to School Plan

The Board of Education of Rochelle Community Consolidated School District #231 in Ogle and Lee Counties, Illinois met for a special session regarding Back to School Plan at the Lincoln Elementary School Cafeteria on August 30, 2021 at 7:00 pm. Upon roll call: Mr. Zepeda - present; Mr. Van Hise - present; Mrs. Jackson - present; Mr. Builta - present; Mrs. White - present; Mrs. Vaughn - present; Mr. Casey - present. Present - 7, Absent - 0.

Superintendent Harper, Assistant Superintendent Doyle, Business Manager Dale, and Hub Program Director Hayden were also present.

It was motioned by Mr. Van Hise and seconded by Mr. Builta to approve the proposed agenda. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aya; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried. (Ex. "A")

Audience Comments:

- The following people spoke regarding
 - Stephanie Williams brought several topics before the Board.
 - Would like to see a district PTO board.
 - Staggered start times, especially before the winter months
 - A shuttle from one school to another
 - Consistent with all kinds of communication
 - Hope that we can still have a Meet & Greet or Open House
 - Tricia Goodwin, Cole Thomas, and Maria Albers talked about various issues in regards to the Governor's mask mandate.
 - Kara Thomas read a letter from her young daughter regarding wearing a mask
 - Ben Baar is proud of the district for what they have done to keep us all safe.
 - Katie Queller-Zilis stated this year is going great. The students are complying. The masks don't seem to bother them.

Action Items:

At the August 10, 2021 board meeting Superintendent Harper was directed to do five items. He responded to those items.

1. Setup special board meeting, which is tonight.
2. Corrected an error in the original plan, that called for a differentiation during lunch between vaccinated and unvaccinated.
3. Researched the Breese Elementary lawsuit that was brought against Governor Pritzker. There has not been any new information since we last met.
 - a. A different lawsuit in McHenry County from some parents for a temporary restraining order against the Governor. The first phase of the legal process has been denied.

4. On August 12, 2021 we received information from Gallagher. They clarified there would not be an immediate drop, but their ultimate recommendation is to follow the Governor's executive order.
 5. He talked with the Durand superintendent. On August 16th they had a special board meeting and they voted to reinstate the mask mandate.
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1. It was motioned by Mrs. White and seconded by Mrs. Jackson to approve Superintendent Harper's recommendation to approve the superintendent and administration to make changes to the 2021-2022 Back to School Plan in the event of an executive order or IDPH guidance changes. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aye; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

Executive Session: No Executive Session was needed.

Action Resulting From Executive Session: No action resulted as there was no Executive Session held.

There being no further business, Mrs. Vaughn moved adjournment and it was seconded by Mr. Builta. Upon roll call all members voted as follows: Mr. Zepeda - aya; Mr. Van Hise - aye; Mrs. Jackson - aye; Mr. Builta - aye; Mrs. White - aye; Mrs. Vaughn - aye; Mr. Casey - aye. Aye-7; Nay-0. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:28 pm.

David Casey, Board President

Trisha Vaughn, Board Secretary