

**KILDEER COUNTRYSIDE  
COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 96**

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Minutes for February 1, 2022**

**Call To Order**

Mr. Tepper called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. in the mat room of Ivy Hall School.

**Roll Call**

Present: James Strezewski, Amy Feygin, Dina Manka, Mike Burns, Cynthia Zarkowsky and Marc Tepper  
Remote: None  
Late: None  
Absent: Renee Klass

**Welcome to Visitors**

President Tepper called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed members of the faculty, community, and press to the meeting. Stephanie Esters led the pledge of allegiance. Members of the audience introduced themselves. Mr. Tepper asked if anyone wished to address the Board. The following individual spoke:

Maria Bickers

Mr. Tepper noted that Mrs. Schmidt had not received any emailed comments to be read at this meeting.

**Administrative Reports**

**Long-Range and 2022-23 Enrollment Projections**

Mrs. Jonas presented the long-range and 2022-23 enrollment projections. She and Dr. Dalton used the 3 and 4 year cohort survival method and the services of an outside demographer, Decision Insight. Mrs. Jonas explained kindergarten enrollments are most challenging to project. Currently 106 kindergarten students have pre-registered for the 2022-23 school year, which is in line with previous years at this time. Mrs. Jonas and Dr. Dalton have considered the schools affected by new construction, and the affected schools will be able to absorb the new enrollments without any significant impact. It is projected that enrollments will be stable for the 2022-23 school year with approximately 3215 students. The initial staffing plan will be brought to the board for consideration on March 1, 2022.

**Superintendent's Update**

Superintendent Schmidt reiterated the District's priority to maintain in-person learning with a minimum of disruption through application of mitigation measures. Since her report on January 18, 2022, Mrs. Schmidt noted that incidence and positivity rates in Lake County are decreasing. Positive cases on the District's dashboard have also come down, with 6 out of 7 schools reporting numbers in the single digits.

Superintendent Schmidt provided an update on Austin V Pritzker, where arguments for a Temporary Restraining Order blocking masking and quarantine guidelines in schools was heard in January. The judge has yet to issue a decision but once she does, District 96, which is not named in the lawsuit, will consult

with attorneys on the implications and share an update with community members as soon as possible. Until then, all mitigations will remain in place.

Superintendent Schmidt provided an update on PCR Screening. The screening is a proactive, opt-in measure providing 4200 samples per week. The testing is at no cost to District 96. Ravinia Health works with multiple CLIA labs including O'Hare Labs. Due to recent publicity surrounding O'Hare Labs, Ravinia Health has moved from them, even though there were no substantive issues, to Zenix Labs. Zenix provided the most recent results. District 96 will maintain twice per week screening until Incidence rates come down further.

Superintendent Schmidt provided insight into upcoming topics the Board will be addressing. These include administrative appointments, financial projections, staffing projections, shifts in the coaching model, tiers of intervention, and math course sequence updates.

### **Priority Items for Consideration and/or Action**

#### **Tentative Consideration of Resolution**

Mr. Tepper read the Resolution Authorizing COVID19 Mitigation Measures. A motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mrs. Zarkowsky to approve the resolution as presented. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Strezewski, Feygin, Manka, Burns, Zarkowsky and Tepper

Nay: None

### **Executive Session**

#### **Adjourn to Closed Session**

A motion was presented by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Strezewski to adjourn to closed session for the purpose of:

- 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 public body or legal counsel for the public body, 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 public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity. However, a meeting to consider an increase in compensation to a specific employee of a public body that is subject to the Local Government Wage Increase Transparency Act may not be closed and shall be open to the public and posted and held in accordance with this Act. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
- Collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(2)
- The placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students. 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(10)
- Litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body 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)

On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Burns, Zarkowsky, Strezewski, Feygin, Manka, and Tepper

Nay: None

The meeting adjourned to closed session at 7:37 p.m.

#### Reconvene in Open Session

A motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mr. Burns for the meeting to reconvene in open session. On a roll call vote the motion carried. The meeting reconvened in open session at 8:34 p.m.

Aye: Strezewski, Feygin, Manka, Burns, Zarkowsky, and Tepper

Nay: None

#### Approval of Closed Session Minutes

A motion was made by Mrs. Zarkowsky and seconded by Mrs. Feygin to approve the minutes of the closed session. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Zarkowsky, Strezewski, Feygin, Manka, Burns, and Tepper

Nay: None

### **Action Items**

#### Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Certified Staff

##### i. Resignations

A motion was presented by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Manka to accept the resignation of Jessica Kirberger, effective June 3, 2022. All members present voted Aye; the motion carried.

##### ii. Employment - None at this time.

#### Employment, Appointment and Dismissal – Educational Support Personnel

##### i. Recommendations for Employment, Appointment and Dismissal

A motion was presented by Mr. Strezewski and seconded by Mrs. Feygin to approve the memo presented by Dr. Dalton and Mrs. Jonas for the employment, appointment and dismissal of certain educational support personnel as presented. On a roll call vote the motion carried:

Aye: Strezewski, Feygin, Manka, Burns, Zarkowsky, and Tepper

Nay: None

### **Discussion Items** – None at this time

### **Information Items**

#### Spring Lake Division Meeting – March 9, 2022

The IASB Spring division meeting will be held March 9, 2022, at the DoubleTree Mundelein/Lincolnshire. The speaker will be Dr. Michael Jacoby of the IASBO. Board members interested in attending should RSVP to Mrs. Rosenberg.

Joint Conference Proposals

Proposals for Panel Presentations at the 2022 Joint Annual Conference are now being accepted until March 7, 2022. The administration will consider possible proposals and advise the Board members.

**Board Comments** – None at this time.

**Adjournment**

With no further business before the Board of Education, a motion was presented by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mr. Strezewski to adjourn the meeting. On a roll call vote, the motion carried:

Aye: Burns, Zarkowsky, Strezewski, Feygin, Manka, and Tepper

Nay: None

Mr. Tepper adjourned the February 1, 2022, regularly scheduled meeting of the Kildeer Countryside Community Consolidated School District 96 Board of Education at 8:51 p.m. The next meeting of the Board of Education is scheduled for February 15, 2022, at 7:00 p.m.

Date Minutes Approved:

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President, Board of Education

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Secretary, Board of Education

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