

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SCHOOL DISTRICT 162
COOK COUNTY
RICHTON PARK, IL 60471
November 19, 2019**

“Excellence Is the Expectation.”

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ADOPTION OF THE E-LEARNING PROGRAM

Convened: 6:30 p.m.

Adjourned: 6:50 p.m.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ron Bean, vice-president; Kevin Murphy, secretary; Sandi Gordon; Alicia Rodman McCray; Karen McCray; Dr. Major Armstead

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Felix Simpkins, president

OTHERS PRESENT: Dr. Blondean Y. Davis, Doug Hamilton, Earnestine Foster, Mark Walczak, Yvonne Williams, Deborah Duskey, Rebecca Dixon, Michael E. Gettings, David Rupert, Marvin Talley, Sheloanda Porche-Box, Pat Ransford, Jo Ross, Narishea Parham, Bill Howard, Gail Hartsough, Stephanie Healy, Yolanda Sanders, Cory Gold, Tracye Hutsona, Brenda Calvin, Robert Tomic, Karen Clay, Greg Huelsman, Richard Morgan, Kim McGuire, Carl Cogar, Colin Cogar, Patrice Cogar, Susan Friedericks, Ryan Friedericks, Jessica Friedericks, Rhett Friedericks, Leticia Eddings, Andrea Lytle, Monica Fountain, Lorrie Clayton, Yvonne Evans, Jessica Washington

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Bean called the Public Hearing to order at 6:30 p.m. and noted that there was a quorum. He directed the Board secretary to make a roll call notation.

Dr. Doug Hamilton presented an overview of the proposed E-learning program. Dr. Hamilton

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noted that the E-learning program was introduced by the Illinois State Board of Education to enable continuous, remote teaching and learning on days when District schools are closed due to inclement weather. Dr. Hamilton stated that the E-learning program allows for both online (digital) and offline (hard copy instructional packets) at-home learning, which will reduce the need for snow days. He explained that the state limits the number of days districts may conduct remote learning to five per year. Dr. Hamilton noted that the District will survey parents about their technology needs; the survey responses will provide guidance in the development of the District's E-learning programming.

Dr. Davis stated that the state introduced a low-tech (hard copy instructional packets) version of the at-home learning concept last year.

Mr. Robert Hall, attorney for the District, addressed the Board regarding the legal requirements of the proposed E-learning program. He noted that pursuant to the program, students must complete five clock hours of instruction per E-learning day. He further noted that the program requires the District to provide learning opportunities for students with special needs; ensure access to computers, the internet, and other forms of electronic communication for all participating students; and monitor and verify each student's electronic participation and academic engagement. Mr. Hall said that the Matteson Education Association supports the E-learning program.

Mr. Daniel Evans, IT director, reported on the technological aspects of the E-learning program. He stated that students will upload assignments via Google Classroom, which is a paperless communication facility that enables real-time collaboration between students and teachers. He noted that teachers also will be able to review and grade student work and take attendance via Google Classroom. Mr. Evans said that the District is fully prepared to support the technological requirements of the E-learning program.

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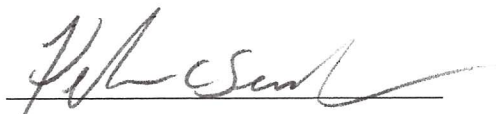
Dr. Davis said that she envisions that the District will eventually be able to upload lessons to the District website, providing access to parents and stakeholders. She commented that the District Office will remain open on E-learning days.

Mrs. Gordon questioned how teachers who have children of their own will be able to manage caregiving and their E-learning responsibilities. She also asked whether the E-learning protocol would include face-timing with students. Mr. Evans responded no.

Mrs. Gordon asked whether students would have time limits to complete E-learning assignments. Dr. Davis responded yes. Dr. Davis reiterated that students will have access to both digital and hard copy paper formats through the remote learning program.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Bean invited public comment on the proposed E-learning program. Hearing no comment or objection, Mr. Bean adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:50 p.m.



President



Secretary