

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SUNSET RIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT 29  
525 SUNSET RIDGE ROAD  
NORTHFIELD, ILLINOIS 60093  
RETURN TO SCHOOL TASK FORCE MEETING  
JULY 30, 2020  
1:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**ROLL CALL: (1:31 p.m.)**

Dr. Stange called the meeting to order at 1:31 p.m. and upon roll call, the following were present via video-conferencing:

Present: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Peterson,  
Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Subeck

Absent: None

Also Present: Dr. Stange, Dr. Sukenik, Dr. Greene, Mrs. Styczen,  
Mrs. Dunham, Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Meziere, Mrs. Berkhof, Mrs.  
Bauer, Mrs. Zogby, Mrs. Westfall, Mrs. McGarry, Dr.  
Friedman, Mr. Whittaker

**DISCUSSION:**

**2.1 Approval of Minutes**

Mrs. Detlefsen motioned to approve the minutes from the July 7, 2020 meeting. Mr. Subeck seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Yeah: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Subeck

Nay: NONE

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

Mrs. Peterson motioned to approve the minutes from the July 20, 2020 meeting. Ms. Alpert Knight seconded the motion. The Board voted as follows:

Yeah: Mrs. Detlefsen, Mrs. Peterson, Ms. Alpert Knight, Mr. Subeck

Nay: NONE

THE MOTION WAS APPROVED.

**3.1 Public Comment**

Mr. Whittaker shared a public comment articulating concerns about the process of requesting parental selection between a hybrid in-person/remote option and a full remote option while there were, in his perception, many question that still needed to be answered.

Dr. Friedman proposed changing the name of the Opt-Out Program to Alternate Remote Learning, noting that many parents do not have a an “option” to send their children to school.

**4.1 Discussion: 2020-2021 Return to School Planning**

The committee reviewed the Opt-Out Survey results which indicated a small percentage of families with interest in participating in the alternative remote learning option. Data appeared to show a higher level of interest at the younger grades levels (K-3<sup>rd</sup> Grade).

The Task Force reviewed the projected desk spacing at each school (estimated to be between 5 and 6 feet), based on the projected in-person enrollment.

The Task Force discussed the fact that the District had received several staff requests for accommodations in light of the proposed Return to School Plan.

The Task Force discussed expectations related to the Alternate Remote Learning environment including expectation for teacher live streaming, teach connection with students, staff workday, attendance and grading protocols, and the provision of special education services.

The Task Force discussed options for student and parent orientation, including the modification of the District Calendar and scheduled meetings.

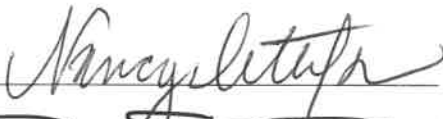
The Task Force discussed the process for completing the mandated self-certification of health process for students, staff, and visitors.

The Task Force discussed guidance from the IDPH regarding response protocols for suspected cases of COVID-19.

Each Task Force member was provided an opportunity to articulate their thoughts regarding the previous recommendation to the Board of Education to start the 2020-2021 school year in Stage II: Hybrid Remote/In-Person. The majority of Task Force members noted increasing anxiety and trepidation regarding starting with any type of in-person learning given rising case numbers, staff and student safety, and the unknown impact of in-person learning.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 4:25 p.m., Mrs. Detlefsen moved to adjourn the meeting, and Mrs. Peterson seconded the motion. All were in favor.



Board Vice President



Secretary, Board of Education

Approved 15 SEPTEMBER, 2020