



Arlington
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

Board Highlights

Board of Education Special Meeting
July 30, 2020

Special School Board meeting – 7:00 pm

Community Input

Due to the large number of comments submitted via email and the length of each comment, they are being summarized by topic at this time. Each comment will be submitted to the Board of Education members in writing and posted to our website with the recording of tonight's meeting.

Topics via email:

- 34 - Urge the District to start the school year with an In-person Learning Environment with the option for families to choose Remote as the community majority has requested. Provide details for your decision.
- 1 - Disappointed in Dr. Bein's lack of consistent communication and zero communication about the decision-making process. There needs to be accountability with a communication timeline
- 20 - Support Remote Learning for the start of the school year and look forward to more details on transitioning towards safe on-site learning
- 1 - Appreciation for Dr. Bein's leadership with complete confidence based on her track record

10 - Need more details for the plan and providing suggestions to enhance Remote or Hybrid

The following comments were made in person:

- Amy Cataldo, 1324 N. Hickory Ave, wants the decision for in person or remote learning to be made by families for their children. She posed several questions regarding reopening schools.
- Renee Burns, 817 N. Harvard Ave., stated that she appreciates Dr. Bein's leadership over the past six years, and that Dr. Bein has the unique position to gather data from multiple sources and weigh that information to make the best decision for the district. She fully supports the decision to begin the school year with remote learning, which will keep students and staff safe.
- Lyudmyla Ilyash, 1740 N. Windsor, wants the decision for in person or remote learning to be made by families for their children. She stated that the CDC and AAP support children returning to school.

- Kathy Dieringer, 419 S. Donald, stated that she doesn't agree with the decision to start the year with remote learning. She requested that students be able to meet their teachers in person before school starts.
- Chris Jones, 612 E. Euclid Ave, stated that it is a difficult decision to have remote learning, and asked for extensive transparent communication from the administration and Board. He wanted to know when families are going to receive information, and hopes the district will send out details to parents soon. He asked what criteria the district will use to be able to return to school, and has suggestions for when students return to school with a hybrid plan.
- Kerri Hood, 1025 E. Cherry Ln, asked why the district made the change from offering options to only having remote learning; why the district surveyed the parents a second time; and what guidelines the district is following. She wants students to be in school, and feels that teachers aren't prepared for online learning.
- Kate May, 423 S. Donald, thanked the district for the decision to move to remote learning, and for the well-being of students and staff. She is glad that the district chose the safest approach, and acted swiftly. She asked if the district is collaborating with the village or park district for additional resources for working parents.
- Stephanie Cronin, 1266 N. Chicago Ave., stated that it was difficult to hear that the district is moving to remote learning only, especially for a single parent. She explained that France has children in school, and it is working well.
- John Hoffman, 2627 N. Highland, stated the reason schools exist is to serve the students and families. He stated that the teacher's union looks out for teachers, but feels that someone should be looking out for the students and parents. He feels the district had five months to try to make in person learning work. He is concerned about teachers and their own children, and how they will manage them and still teach.
- Dain Hampton, 919 E. Valley Ln., stated that students in Europe are back in school, and feels the district should be proactive. He is comfortable taking a chance with his kids, and they need to be back in school. He has worked in direct patient care with only a mask since March, and has had no issues.
- Angelika Babich, 107 W. Euclid, Mt. Prospect thanked the district for all the hard work that is being done for students, families, and staff. She said that the pandemic is difficult for everyone, and that day care facilities are open and functioning with no spikes of Covid. She is comfortable with her children going to school with precautions, and feels that this is a great district, and it can make in person learning work.
- Ali Zaimi, 615 E. Appletree Ln, stated that after seeing how Chicago built a hospital in less than two weeks, feels that the district look into building temporary

classrooms outside of schools to better accommodate in school learning for more students. He feels the district should put more effort into getting the children back in school.

- Laura Weigle, 506 S. Highland, stated that parents want more details for the district's decision. She stated statistics regarding children and their incidence of Covid, and wants children to go back to school.
- Mairin Gradek, 1228 N. Chicago Ave., loves District 25, but is not happy that it is not offering in person learning. She feels that the district needs to be transparent about the details for the district's decision, and that everyone can work together to make in person learning happen safely. She asked for the district to consider offering remote and in-person instruction.
- Kate Fontana, 1511 W. Oakton St., stated that several public medical groups have said we should have children back in school. She is concerned with the development of children, stated that teachers are essential workers, and that the district should offer the option for remote or in person learning.

Information/Discussion/Reports

- Planning for 2020-2021
 - Materials from this meeting can be viewed at <https://www.sd25.org/domain/218>

<p>NEXT REGULAR MEETING Thursday, August 13, 2020 7:30 p.m. Dunton Administration Building 1200 S. Dunton Avenue Arlington Heights, IL 60005</p>	<p>Arlington Heights School District 25 cultivates innovative learners within a nurturing and collaborative community to thrive in an ever-changing world.</p> <p>The Board Highlights are also posted on the District web page at: www.sd25.org</p>
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