



Arlington  
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SCHOOL DISTRICT 25

# Board Highlights

Board of Education Special Meeting  
January 7, 2021

## Special School Board meeting – 7:32 p.m.

### Community Input

Dr. Bein read categories of public comments that were received electronically. All comments will be given to the Board in full and posted on the website tomorrow. They will also be attached to the Board minutes.

- 3 - The District should stay in hybrid until a vaccine is widely available
- 4 - The District should take an adaptive pause
- 3 - The District should not take an adaptive pause
- 1 - The science does not support wearing masks - wearing masks is endangering our kids' health. Also, a suggestion to use UV light instead of school disinfectant.
- 1 - Continue to allow students to go home for lunch if they choose. The process works well.
- 1 - Please add more details (for example, when a person became contagious) on the Covid positive notification letters
- 1 - Some people pressing for full in-person are also traveling and attending indoor gatherings
- 1 - Dr. Bein should not have the sole authority to move Thomas Middle School to remote learning
- 1 - The metrics process has become confusing; I can't believe we didn't take an adaptive pause
- 1 - Consider separating remote learners from in-person learners
- 1 - Parents who support hybrid learning do not all support full in-person learning
- 1 - Do not separate remote learners from in-person learners by creating new classrooms
- 1 - Please provide information on availability of vaccines and if students will be required to receive the vaccine
- 21 - Move to five full days of in-person learning
- 2 - Keep students in school
- 1 - Would like guidance on ISBE guidelines for meeting the minimum public health guidance. ISBE says "greatest extent possible", but a school message said "where feasible". Which is it?
- 1 - Why does Dr. Bein not want schools open?
- 1 - Use current metrics - not outdated metrics from August.
- 6 - Move to Step 4. My school has 75% choosing in-person learning.
- 1 - Move to remote based on health department guidelines - not ones created by the Board
- 2 - Notify parents when there is a positive Covid-19 case in their child's classroom

- 1 - Finalize your metrics tonight and return to following the best governance practices related to Board duties and Superintendent duties
- 1 - I don't agree that we should have to have 5 out of 6 metrics in the concerning area. Any one of them could cause a health concern.
- 1 - Board members are not protecting our schools. They must recuse themselves from decisions related to safety and leave the decision to Dr. Bein who has proven to make safety decisions before
- 1 - Stop surveying us and just return to school. Go four days and use classroom-specific metrics
- 1 - Allow the superintendent to make safety decisions based on her knowledge just like she does for inclement weather
- 2 - Students with special needs need to continue to be in school
- 1 - Follow all public health guidance; don't just selectively follow some of it
- 1 - Eliminate metrics to start Step 4 and look only at classroom data

Action Items

- The Board agreed they did not need to set specific metrics that would guide any future return to remote learning, so the motion to adopt and implement the related metrics scorecard did not move forward.

<p><b>NEXT REGULAR MEETING</b>  Thursday, January 21, 2021  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:  <a href="http://www.sd25.org">www.sd25.org</a></p>
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