

**FRASER PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Emergency Meeting  
Monday, November 16, 2020**

**MINUTES**

The Emergency Meeting of the Fraser Board of Education of Monday, November 16, 2020 was held at Richards Middle School - Idea Lab 33723 Klein Fraser, MI 48026 and virtually at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5729168475264699151> Webinar ID 874-112-636

Board Members Present:            Laura Edghill, President  
   Jim Birko, Vice President  
   Scott Wallace, Treasurer  
   Linda Corbat, Secretary  
   Ron DelVillano, Trustee  
   Todd Koch, Trustee

Board Member Absent:            Daniel Stawinski, Trustee

Also Present:                        Carrie Wozniak, Superintendent  
   Donna Anderson, Assistant Superintendent  
   Kerry Terman, Human Resource Director  
   Laurie Videtta, Business Manager  
   Daniel Waters, Operations & Maintenance  
   Jane Sturgell, Special Education Director  
   Kristin Ledford, Director of Communications

Meeting called to order by Laura Edghill, President at 7:00 p.m.

The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

**Amendment of Agenda:** None

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

1. Responding to the Governors and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHS) recent announcements regarding the 3 week pause and its impact on K-12 learning.
  - a. Motion by Jim Birko, supported by Ron DelVillano to approve this emergency board meeting is in response to the Governor's and Michigan Department of Health and Human Services' recent announcement regarding the 3 week pause and its impact on K-12 learning. We believe that we need to immediately address the status of our Continuity of Learning Plan as this announcement effects staffing and our ability to operate the district. The Board has decided a delay would be detrimental of efforts to less or respond to the threat.

Roll Call Vote:

Ayes: R. DelVillano, S. Wallace, T. Koch, J. Birko, L. Edghill, L. Corbat

Nays: None. Motion Carried.

2. Review and approval of Fraser Public Schools Continuity of Learning Plan. Motion by Linda Corbat, supported by Jim Birko to review and approve Fraser Public Schools Continuity of Learning Plan with the changes as recommended.

This plan included:

- ~November 17- December 9 - Virtual Learning All Levels All Levels follow new
- ~Virtual Schedules with instruction Monday-Friday Fridays include a ½ day for teachers to reconnect with absent students and work with small groups as needed.
- ~November 30th - Elementary Students begin F2F and Virtual Cohorts (all virtually)

Ayes: All

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**Citizen: Non-Agenda Items were presented before item #2 vote:**

- Shansie Bell - Disney Elementary - Seeking to continue in-person learning for elementary students. Can we do anything to bring back students, maybe small cohorts.
- Tina Felcyn - Salk Elementary - The need to return to face to face as soon as possible. Not to continue to delay the return need to go back by November 30.
- April Horgan - Voicing my concerns again regarding how important face to face learning is for the students, especially elementary and students with IEP or additional support classes.
- Alissa Wehrli - Salk Elementary - Would like to return Face to Face. Governor did not close K-8. Would like to go back by November 30, 2020.
- Chantuary McCoy - Disney Elementary - Closing cohorts this week... and the return to school plan on the 30th. Asked to eliminate virtual specials. Governor Health Department did not close K-8.
- Shannon Balsamo - Disney Elementary - Concerned about students cleaning without gloves. Would like to keep cohorts going until spring break. Other concerns included having enough coverage and what plan do we have when a student is quarantining.
- David Nordstrom - Disney Elementary - Thank you for having an open mind and moving to online learning, would like to keep online learning between the holidays.
- Anita Phillips - Richards Middle School - Read the statement of the petition to Return to a Hybrid Model which is the best option for consistency and allows all families come Face to Face instruction with smaller classes sizes.
- Angela Ciaramitaro - Twain Elementary - Concerned about the email I received about her son's class going to virtual learning until further notice. Feels it is completely unacceptable. Virtual learning is near impossible for special needs students. We've had to be Virtual this past week and only 2 out of 10 students were in attendance. If his program goes Virtual Fraser will be failing their students especially the ones who need in person learning the most. The program is already a small classroom size, so there is no reason for them not to be able to continue in person. Wants Face to Face.
- Jamie Jedrowski - Twain Elementary - Need Face to Face instruction students are suffering emotionally and mentally, online learning is not working. Wants the November 30 return.
- Kristin Elsey - Disney Elementary - Would like Face to Face, we need to stick to the plan.
- Mary Johnson - Disney Elementary - When will parents be provided specific procedures and guideline for Face to Face.
- Charbel Salem - Salk Elementary - Thanked the Board and Administration. Appreciated the transparency. It was emphasized at the Governor's address that the risk was lower for Elementary, why the shift in strategy?

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- Michael Felcyn - Salk Elementary - The Face to Face plan keeps changing. COVID is not going away anytime soon. Wants to focus on getting the students back as soon as possible, please pick a plan and stick with it.
- Andre Gregory - Richards Middle School - What are the arrangements for Special Ed Students?
- Chris Murphy - Fraser High School - Why half days? The High School teachers should be recognized they are doing a great job.
- Lori Scamihorn - Twain Elementary - Would like Face to Face she feels her 4th grader is falling behind. Please consider how to help students that are falling behind.
- Molly Magnotte - Disney Elementary - Wants students to be in school they need a routine.
- Ashley Goetsch - Eisenhower Elementary - If they do the halfday would they be required to login the other half? Students are struggling, we would like Hybrid. If parents worked together it would really help.
- Mary Beth Minor - Salk Elementary - Protect teachers if we return please. Reconsider returning to Hybrid model long term.
- Christy Domenicucci - Edison Elementary - It's not safe to send elementary students back, having kids at every level spreads the virus. Would like to stay virtual.
- Alisha Brown - Salk Elementary - Would like to commend the Board of Education on their decision. Would be nice to have more resources for parents that are struggling.
- Irene Bariatakis - Would like to express her gratitude for pausing.
- Roni Bandrerford - Richards Middle School - Thank you for the virtual option. COVID numbers continue to grow. Also, grateful for the teachers teaching remotely.
- Nevaeh Younan - Fraser High School Student - Would like to go back Face to Face, virtual is not working for him.
- Julie Cudnik - Eisenhower Elementary - What will the lunchroom cleaning procedures be? Proud of what the Board of Education is doing. Could we get help like tutoring?
- Kelly Barker - Twain Elementary Teacher - Would like to give a shout out to all the teachers and parents. Teachers are working the hardest they've ever worked. Students are working online enough time during the day.
- Erin Wyrzkowski - Disney Elementary - Would like smaller groups Face to Face. Worried about students being online all day. Would like a third option of making a choice again for the 3rd trimester.
- Tina Wohlfield - Edison Elementary - The impact on secondary students. She would like collaboration on what's working and what is not. Is also concerned about the wellbeing of the staff.
- Lucrecia Celestina - Salk Elementary - Would like a Hybrid Model and would like elementary to be back Face to Face.
- Laurie Epifanio - Twain Elementary - What is the plan for kids falling behind educationally and emotionally struggling. Wants to go back to Face to Face.
- Krista Smith - Eisenhower Elementary - Is concerned for everyone not just her kids. Not ok with being locked into virtual for the rest of the year. Would like to keep the Hybrid model.
- Stacey Henghold - Edison Elementary - Is upset that students are not going back Face to Face.
- Trisha Vermeersch - Salk Elementary She is grateful for the SLI program and read a statement why its necessary to return to fulltime instruction as soon as possible.

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- Lisa Ponsart - has a FHS graduate class of 2020. Read a statement on behalf of student and for the Hybrid model.
- Alissa Meddings - Eisenhower - Understand staying virtually please increase direct instruction time ASAP, check with teachers making sure they all understand the plan. Upper elementary should be getting as much time as middle school.
- Maryann Hodge - Fraser High School - It's not a good time to have the students come back Face to Face, give this 3 weeks a chance. It's a matter of safety.
- Julie Sarcona - Disney Elementary - Thank you to all the teachers and principals. There needs to be a compromise each parent has a valid concern. Wants Face to Face but wants her student to stay with her school.
- Wil Felcyn - Fraser High School Student - Feels he's not getting the same instruction as he would be Face to Face.
- Lucrecia Celestine - Salk Elementary - Return to school plan prior to January 2021

**Committee Reports:** Jim Birko reported that the Building & Site Committee met regarding the stadium renovations and the bids will be brought to the November 23, 2020, Board Meeting for approval. He also reported that the Agenda Committee met and discussed the upcoming board meeting including the Boards Reorganization.

### **Adjournment:**

1. Motion by Jim Birko, supported by Ron DelVillano to adjourn at 11:04 p.m.

Ayes: All

Nays: None.

Motion Carried.

**These Minutes were approved by the Fraser Board of Education at their Regular Meeting of November 23, 2020 and are to be filed in the Permanent Minute Book.**

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Linda Corbat, Secretary