

MANHEIM TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board of Directors
Work Session
August 13, 2020
7:00 p.m.
VIA ZOOM

MINUTES

Nikki Rivera, President, called the Board Meeting of the Manheim Township Board of School Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. School directors present via ZOOM were Janet Carroll, Sara Grosh, Stephen Grosh, JoAnn Hentz, Curtis Holgate, Nikki Rivera, John Smith, Joyce Stephens and April Weaver. Superintendent, Dr. Robin Felty and School Board Secretary, Jennifer Davidson were present via ZOOM.

Absences:

As noted in the announcements listed below, visitors are participating via livestream. At this time, the district does not have visitors logged into the official school board guestbook, however, participants are noted in the public comment section of the minutes. A quorum was present via livestream, and due notice had been published.

Announcements

- Mrs. Rivera thanked everyone for meeting via Zoom due to the Governor’s mandate.
- The School Board will resume Saturday Community Conversations in September. They will be held in the District Office Lobby or outside weather permitting. Masks will be required.
- There was a Special Board Meeting held on July 30th regarding the Health & Safety Plan. The Health & Safety Plan was approved and the Family Survey Results will be reviewed this evening to provide recommendations for this evening’s vote under item number 6.

Information Only

- Dr. Reimann provided information regarding the Family Survey Results and an update for Reopening of Schools.

Manheim Township Citizens’ Comments

- Beth Lester, employee of the district, does not feel it is safe to open the school district and encourages the board to continue with online learning.
- Teddy Vazquez, resident and parent in the district, does not feel it is safe to open the school district and encourages the board to continue with online learning.
- Chris Moritzen, resident and parent in the district, encouraged the board to listen to the parents and open the district for face to face learning.
- Mark and Mary Beth Oles, resident and parents in the district, does not feel it is safe to open the school district and encourages the board to continue with online learning.
- Dan Reynolds, employee of the district, does not feel it is safe to open the school district and encourages the board to continue with online learning.
- Erin Houser, resident and parent in the district, is concerned with the cameras and safety in the elementary classroom.
- Mr. Philip Cogdill, district employee, believes that a plan that allows for flexibility will produce positive outcomes.
- Ms. Heather Hughes, parent, would like to continue with face to face.

- Kristen Haas, parent in the district, fully supports the plan for face to face learning.
- Jennifer Deibler, district employee, feels it is too soon to open the schools and urges the board to consider remote learning for the first marking period.
- Mrs. Kirsten Blose, parent, would like the start of the school year to be pushed back by two weeks.
- Heather McIntyre, parent, in favor of sending students back to school. Thankful for multiple options.
- Adrian Baylor, would like to see a phased reopening of the schools.
- Gretchen Appleby, resident and parent in the district, hopes that the district can find a way to honor survey results and would like face to face.
- Kate Cramer, teacher, would like the school to be open for face to face.
- Jen Rice, supports the district efforts for face to face learning.
- Kristen Weaver, resident and parent in the district, feels confident with safety measures that the Administration has put into place for face to face learning.
- Kim Zee, district employee, would like remote learning due to childcare and personal reasons.
- Kate Hemmerich, resident and parent in the district, would like yellow for first marking period.
- Nicole Fear De Azpieta, district employee, does not feel it is safe to open the school district and encourages the board to continue with online learning.

Action Items

- Recommend to open schools as per the approved educational options in the July 30, 2020 Health & Safety Plan for students in grades K-6 in the Green Phase and grades 7-12 in the Yellow/Green Phase (first three weeks of school for students in grades 7-12 are Yellow, with the transition to Green). On motion by Mrs. Stephens and seconded by Mr. Grosh. Motion carries 8-1 with Mrs. Hentz voting no.

Information Only

- Dr. Reimann presented the Flexible Instruction Day (FID) which will be for action at the August 20, 2020 Board Meeting.

Discussion Items – no action taken at this meeting

- Approval of the list of Bus Drivers for the 2020-21 school year
- Approve the continued partnership between Manheim Township School District and the IU13 by approving the 2020-21 Title I Agreement for Services
- Approve the continued partnership between Manheim Township School District and the IU13 by approving the 2020-21 Title IIA Agreement for Services
- First reading of the following policies with final approval in September:
 - Policy 146.1 – Trauma-Informed Approach (NEW)
 - Policy 218 – Student Discipline
 - Policy 218.2 Terroristic Threats
 - Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
 - Policy 831 – Livestream Video

Citizens’ Comments

- No comments

Adjournment

Dr. Smith moved and seconded by Mrs. Stephens a motion to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:55pm. Motion passes 9-0.

Voice vote with all members present voting aye. Motion carried.

Nikki Rivera, President

Jennifer R. Davidson, Secretary