



# **JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

## **Minutes of Special Meeting of September 08, 2020**

**Special Meeting** of the Jefferson County Board of Education held via Video Teleconference, on Tuesday, September 08, 2020, at 7 p.m.

### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Chairwoman Diane Porter

Mr. Chris Brady

Mrs. Linda Duncan

Dr. Corrie Shull

Vice-Chair Chris Kolb

Mr. James Craig

Mr. Joseph Marshall

### **STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Superintendent Martin A. Pollio, Ed.D.

Tyson Gorman, General Counsel

Renee Murphy, Chief Communications and Community Relations

Eva Stone, Health Coordinator

Jerry Wyman, Director of Athletics

In light of the Governor having declared a state of emergency within the Commonwealth on March 6, 2020, as a result of the COVID-19 outbreak and in compliance with guidance issued by the Executive Branch on March 12 and 16, 2020, regarding the conduct of meetings of state boards and commissions during the emergency period, this meeting was conducted by video-teleconference and available for live public viewing online.

The guidance from the Executive Branch provided that all Kentucky Boards and Commissions take proper health precautions to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and accordingly, with respect to the public attendance at meetings of said bodies, states "members of the public will only be able to view video-teleconferenced meetings remotely."

## **SPECIAL MEETING**

### **I. Call to Order**

Chair Porter called the September 08, 2020, Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7 p.m. She then delivered a statement regarding public comments at Board meetings. She announced that the Board receives all comments that are mailed or emailed and they will continue to discuss an equitable way to allow individuals an opportunity to speak during video-teleconferenced meetings.

## II. Acceptance of Update on Interscholastic Athletics for Fall 2020

Dr. Pollio presented the update. Each Board member had an opportunity to comment and ask questions.

Mr. Brady expressed concern and discussed a recent situation where proper protocols were not followed when an athlete reported a positive COVID-19 test result to an athletic coach. Dr. Pollio acknowledged the incident and stated that it is under investigation. He stated that sports will be shut down if protocols are not followed. Mr. Brady requested a report once the investigation has finalized.

Mrs. Duncan questioned the number of confirmed cases since the last update. Renee Murphy, Chief Communications and Community Relations, stated that there have been 16 confirmed cases so far.

Dr. Kolb expressed great concern as he discussed recent CDC guidelines and data regarding community transmission of COVID-19. He stated that if he knew 15 days ago what he now knows, he would not have voted to allow fall sports and put the community at greater risk. He is not comfortable with any sport except for golf and small "pod" conditioning. He expressed the need to shut down sports except for golf and return to only pod conditioning.

Dr. Shull questioned why the District is willing to take the risks associated with allowing fall sports.

**Order #2020-130 - Motion Passed:** Superintendent Martin Pollio recommends the Board of Education receive an update on interscholastic athletics for the fall of 2020. The recommendation passed with a motion by Mr. James Craig and a second by Mr. Joseph Marshall.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

Mr. Craig stated that his heart agrees with Dr. Kolb's concerns but that his position remains the same as 15 days ago. He does not feel that shutting down sports will slow the spread of the virus since so many other social and sporting events outside of JCPS will continue.

Mr. Gorman stated that Dr. Pollio's recommendation remains the same (to allow a phased-in approach to start fall athletics).

Dr. Kolb stated that he respects the comments of fellow Board members but that he will go with the public health commissioner's COVID-19 guidance for athletics.

**Order #2020-131 - Motion Failed:** A motion to suspend all sporting activities except pod activities and golf until further action by the Board of Education failed with a motion by Dr. Christopher Kolb and a second by Mr. Chris Brady.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	No
Mrs. Linda Duncan	No
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	No
Ms. Diane Porter	No
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

### III. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

**Order #2020-132 - Motion Passed:** A motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. passed with a motion by Mr. Chris Brady and a second by Mr. James Craig.

Mr. Chris Brady	Yes
Mr. James Craig	Yes
Mrs. Linda Duncan	Yes
Dr. Christopher Kolb	Yes
Mr. Joseph Marshall	Yes
Ms. Diane Porter	Yes
Dr. Corrie Shull	Yes

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Diane Porter  
Chairwoman

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Dr. Martin A. Pollio  
Superintendent/Secretary

**THESE ACTIONS, ALONG WITH THE AGENDA ITEMS, MAKE UP THE OFFICIAL MINUTES,  
WHICH ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY**