

**Board of Education
Special Meeting**

Minutes November 10, 2020

**ELMIRA HEIGHTS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
ELMIRA HEIGHTS, NEW YORK**

CALL TO ORDER: President Harry Blish, called the Board of Education Special Meeting to order at 7:01 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT Lisa Benedict, Harry Blish, Christopher Callas (7:02), John Cole (7:02), Michael Lepak, Joseph Sullivan, Andrew Willard

MEMBERS ABSENT

OTHERS PRESENT Michael Gill, Martha Clark, Andrew Lutz, Brandon Foley, Julie Lederman, Erin Furstoss

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/MINUTES

Agenda:

A motion was made by Michael Lepak, seconded by Andrew Willard and carried 5-0 to approve the agenda for the November 10, 2020 Board of Education Special Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:02pm a motion was made by Lisa Benedict, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to enter executive session to personnel issues.

ADJOURN EXECUTIVE SESSION:

At 7:06pm a motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Michael Lepak and carried 7-0 to adjourn executive session.

CONSENT

CSE Recommendations and Funding - approved

A motion was made by Andrew Willard, seconded by Joseph Sullivan and carried 7-0 to approve one student placement determination from the November 9, 2020 CSE meeting(s) and the funds to support such recommendations.

DISCUSSION

Survey Results regarding Orange Zone Testing Requirements to Return to Hybrid – Superintendent Gill shared a power point presentation regarding Orange Zone testing requirements. After reviewing data from a survey sent to parents in the school district, as well as getting feedback from staff through the District Leadership Team. Concerns were also raised about the capacity internally, or with the support of local assistance, to achieve that level of initial testing. Currently, the school is testing 20% of staff as required by the State Department of Health. Board members weighed the issues families and teaching staff face in planning for their children, as well as the potential impacts of the coming holidays. The Board of Education determined that the school will remain in a Remote Learning Model for students while in Orange/Yellow Zone designation. The return to In-Person Learning target date is now January 4. The Board will continue to monitor the status of cases in the community, the Zone designation by the Governor, and the ongoing discussions with community and staff during this window of time. If the Zone Designation returns to Green, students will return to the previously established Hybrid models.

NEXT MEETING

Wednesday	November 18, 2020	Regular Board Meeting (if needed)	7:00pm	Community Rm
Wednesday	December 2, 2020	Regular Board Meeting	7:00pm	Community Rm

ADJOURNMENT – At 7:51pm a motion was made by Joseph Sullivan, seconded by Lisa Benedict and carried 7-0 to adjourn the meeting.

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