

February 24, 2021- 8:10 P.M.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING
PHELPS-CLIFTON SPRINGS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

State Route 488, Clifton Springs, NY 14432 - Midlakes Elementary School

Special Meeting Minutes

Based on guidance from New York State regarding COVID-19, a Special Meeting of the Board of Education of the Phelps-Clifton Springs Central School District was held remotely and live-streamed to the District's Facebook page on Wednesday February 24, 2021.

The regular meeting was opened at 8:10 p.m. by President Amber Wilkes.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Present- Board Members, Jacob Amidon, Tracy Altman, Matt Murphy, Sheri Scherbyn, Todd Freeloove, Ryan Davis, and Amber Wilkes. Also present, Superintendent Matthew Sickles, and District Clerk, Krystal Plante.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Superintendent Sickles addressed the growing concerns among parents regarding the current hybrid model and the desire for more in-person instruction. The Board will accept public comment at the next meeting on March 15, 2021 as tonight's meeting was originally scheduled for the sole purpose of entering into executive session. Parents and community members wishing to communicate questions or concerns prior to the next Board meeting were advised to email the District Clerk, Krystal Plante who will distribute to administration and the Board. The district has joined with other districts in the region, in an effort to advocate for changes to current social distancing guidelines issued by the state. A meeting with Senator Helming is scheduled for Friday February 26, 2021, as she is seeking guidance from districts that safely supports increased in-person learning. When changes to the current guidance has been provided, the district will require time to adapt to the specific language of any new guidance. Unfortunately, the district may encounter potential staffing shortages due to symptoms stemming from the second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine. On days the district is unable to staff the school for COVID related reasons, the district will need to switch to remote learning. Communication regarding the switch to remote learning will be made as early as possible using Blackboard Messenger, the school website and social media. The district is extremely grateful to Ontario County and other local health agencies for making the vaccine available to our staff, however the district does not have control over vaccine availability and scheduling.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon the recommendation of Superintendent Sickles, a motion to adjourn the regular board meeting for the purpose of entering into executive session at 8:21 p.m., to discuss matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person and matters related to contract negotiations, was made by Ms. Altman, seconded by Mr. Freeloove, and carried unanimously (7-0). Executive session ended at 8:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystal Plante, District Clerk