

**COMMUNITY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 46  
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
JANUARY 27, 2021**

<p><b>Call To Order and Roll Call</b></p>	<p>The Special Board of Education Meeting of the Community Consolidated School District 46, Lake County, Illinois was held Remotely on <b>January 27, 2021</b>.</p> <p>President Weidman called the meeting to order at <b>6:30 p.m.</b>  <b>Members Present:</b> Jim Weidman, Stephen Mack, Kristy Braden, Jason Lacroix, Kristy Miller, and Steven Strack.  <b>Members absent:</b> Tamika Nash.  <b>Also Present:</b> Assistant Superintendent, Paul Louis.</p>
<p><b>Establishment of Quorum</b></p>	<p><b>A quorum was established.</b></p>
<p><b>Approval of Agenda</b></p>	<p>President Weidman requested a motion for the approval of the <b>January 27, 2021</b> Special Board Meeting Agenda as presented. Motioned by Mack and seconded by Miller for the approval of the agenda as presented.  <b>Yeas:</b> Miller, Strack, Mack, Weidman, Braden, and Lacroix.  <b>Nays:</b> None.  <b>Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>Motion to Move to Closed Session</b></p>	<p>President Weidman requested a motion to enter into a closed session.  Motioned by Lacroix and seconded by Strack for the adjournment of the open session and enter into closed session at 6:40 p.m. in accordance with the <b>Open Meetings Act 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)</b>  <b><i>“The appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal counsel for the public body to determine its validity”</i></b></p> <p><b>Yeas:</b> Lacroix, Nash, Miller, Mack, Strack, Weidman, and Braden.  <b>Nays:</b> None.  <b>Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>Return to Open Session</b></p>	<p>Motioned by Miller and seconded by Strack for adjournment of the closed session and re-enter into open session at 8:38 p.m.  <b>Yeas:</b> Miller, Strack, Weidman, Braden, Lacroix, and Mack.  <b>Nays:</b> None.  <b>Motion carried.</b></p>
<p><b>Public Comment</b></p>	<p>Katie Nyland- Teaching and learning amid a global pandemic</p>

provides challenges no matter what the format. I appreciate the time, effort, and dedication the D46 administration and staff has taken in creating plans for a variety of situations throughout this school year.

Throughout this school year, I am thankful that our district has taken the time to continue to discuss the re-opening plans and make modifications as needed. While many students and families want to get back to school in person, I appreciate D46 taking into consideration the many viewpoints of our community, not just those that are the loudest, by continuing to offer a remote option as well as hybrid. I applaud the D46 school board for putting the safety and health needs of our students and staff first, and not rushing to bring students back to school. This compassionate approach shows that our community values our teachers' physical and mental well being, and we value the quality of education our students will receive. Though some may be disappointed with a delay in the start of the hybrid model, it speaks volumes that our board, administration, and teachers are dedicated to making sure the plans they have in place are well thought out to ensure our students will continue to receive not only a high quality, but also equitable educational experience.

John Hattie, is a leader in education that has dedicated his research to quantifying the effect size different factors have on educational outcomes. Though his extensive research, Hattie concluded "The effect of distance learning is small (.14) but that does not mean it is NOT effective – it means it does not matter whether teachers undertake teaching in situ or from a distance over the internet," he says. "What we do matters, not the medium of doing it."

Our students are learning despite not being in a physical classroom this year, and we have our teachers to thank for that. Thank you D46 teachers for continuing to adapt and overcome each new challenge brought your way in an unprecedented year.

Diane Van Donselaar- After reflecting on the decision of the board, I realize not a single decision since last March has been made putting children first. Rather than prioritize the development and well being of the most vulnerable among us, district 46 has decided to indulge the misguided fears of adults while transferring a tremendous burden to our children. I am quite concerned over the 21-22 school year. What is being done to plan for return to full-time in person instruction then? Families need to be advised of planning now, so that we can choose how to proceed. My family, like many others, will be forced to make tough decisions to pull our children from the district if in-person instruction is not

	<p>increased next school year. The remote plan has not worked for my kids; I have little faith the hybrid plan will work for my kids. The question has always been, if not now, when? It is not about logistics or vaccines or liability. Those are hurdles that can be overcome. It is about having the will and desire to do right by the students.</p> <p>Members of the school board, you have been elected to make decisions and answer questions, even the tough ones. What magical event will happen for school to resume full time in the fall? What in the world are you waiting for? If changes need to be made to classrooms, buildings, boundaries, or staffing then work on those changes should already be happening or plans should be made to make it happen. It is no longer acceptable to keep delaying. I will ask again, if not now, when?</p>
<p><b><i>Adjournment of Meeting</i></b></p>	<p>Motioned by Mack and seconded by Lacroix for adjournment of the Special Board meeting at 8:51 p.m.</p> <p><b>Yeas:</b> Braden, Mack, Lacroix, Miller, Strack, and Weidman.</p> <p><b>Nays:</b> None.</p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p>

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Jim Weidman, Board President

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Kristy Braden, Board Secretary