

**BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MINUTES  
July 23, 2020**

The Board of Education of the Johnston City Community Unit School District No. 1 met at a special Board meeting held on July 23, 2020 with the special meeting beginning at 5:04 p.m. at the Unit Office, 200 E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Johnston City, IL. President Chris Cullum called the meeting to order and asked the clerk for the attendance roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Chad Barras, Jimmy Dean, John Etherton, Greg Smiley, Keven Stroud,  
and Chris Cullum

Absent: Patti Martin

Patti Martin arrived at 5:07 p.m.

Mr. Cullum asked for comments from the audience regarding the Return to Learn Plan.

Brandy Graham, parent, asked how the plan will work with special needs students. Mrs. Clark informed her that the students will receive services and that the teachers will be in contact with the parents.

Karen Cruse, parent, asked would families with multiple children be on the same schedule. Mrs. Clark informed her that the administration has been working on making sure that all children at the same address are on the same schedule.

Ms. Cruse asked why the students are only attending partial days. Mrs. Clark informed her that the students are attending partial days due to the requirement of face masks, the difficulty in feeding students in large groups, and it will provide more time for the custodial staff to deep clean the buildings.

Ms. Cruse asked what the procedure would be if someone tested positive for COVID-19. Mrs. Clark stated that it would depend on the child and the case. Bi-County Health Department will notify the District and seating charts will be provided for the classrooms and determine if the child was within 6 feet for 15 minutes of others. It may not be necessary to close the entire District.

Meals will be available to students who chose to remote learn and to students that choose in person learning. Students that choose remote learning will need to let the schools know on Monday that they would like meals and then pick up the meals on Wednesday during pick up times.

The school offices will be calling parents beginning on Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, to check if students will be doing remote or in person learning, checking if students need internet, and if they will be riding the bus if they are bus eligible.

Busing will depend on how many students will still need transportation. Most buses will only be able to have 46 students at a time on the bus. Students will be required to wear masks on the buses.

If the region is moved back to phase 3 and schools are closed teachers will be teaching from the schools.

Motion made by Greg Smiley and seconded by Chad Barras **to approve the Return to Learn Plan and to authorize the Superintendent to amend the plan as needed or required.**

Voting Aye: Barras, Dean, Etherton, Martin, Smiley, Stroud, and Cullum  
Motion Carried.

Motion made Greg Smiley and seconded by Keven Stroud **to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m.**

Voting Aye: Barras, Dean, Etherton, Martin, Smiley, Stroud, and Cullum  
Motion Carried.

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President, Chris Cullum

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Secretary, Greg Smiley

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Clerk of the Board, Kim Grant