

**NEW TRIER TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 203
SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

July 29, 2020

**New Trier Township High School
7 Happ Road, Room C234
Northfield, IL 60093**

A **Special Meeting** of the Board of Education of New Trier Township High School District 203, Cook County, Illinois was held, virtually, via Zoom on Wednesday, July 29, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Members Present

Ms. Cathy Albrecht, President
Mr. Keith Dronen
Ms. Carol Ducommun
Dr. Marc Glucksman, Vice President
Ms. Jean Hahn
Mr. Brad McLane
Mr. Greg Robitaille

Administrators Present

Dr. Paul Sally, Superintendent
Mr. Christopher Johnson, Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations
Dr. Renee Zoladz, Director of Human Resources

Also Present

Ms. Lindsey Ruston, Board of Education Secretary; other administrators, faculty and staff, members of the press and community.

BUSINESS MEETING

I. CALL TO ORDER – 5:00 p.m. – Zoom

Ms. Albrecht called the Special Meeting of July 29, 2020 of the Board of Education to order at 5:01 p.m., virtually, via Zoom. Ms. Albrecht then read the following statement: This meeting will be held virtually, in compliance public Act 101-0640, which allows for virtual meetings during a disaster declaration. On July 24th, the governor extended the disaster declaration for an additional thirty days. In person attendance and physical presence at the meeting location is not feasible, safe or practical due to the disaster, and we are providing members of the public to hear the discussion and all aspects of the meeting contemporaneously via Zoom.

Roll call was taken, and all members were present.

II. Communications

Ms. Albrecht explained that, due to the remote Board meeting, public comments needed to be submitted to the Board of Education secretary by 4:00 p.m. Commenters were instructed to write their comments in accordance with Board Policy 2-230 Public Participation at Board Meetings, including ensuring a 3-minute time limit when read. There were 47 public comments submitted. Ms. Ruston read 23 of them into the record as Ms. Albrecht exercised her authority as Board of Education President to limit reading of comments to thirty minutes. All public comments will be sent to Board Members. Comments focused on the reopening of school, particularly sharing whether one thought the school should begin the year in the planned hybrid model or remotely.

Dr. Sally summarized that there were 22 comments in favor of hybrid and in-person, while 23 were for remote, with three others that were either questions, prioritizing seniors or those students with an Individualized Education Program (IEP) or on the fence understanding the difficulty of the decision.

Ms. Albrecht thanked those who sent in their comments.

III. CLOSED SESSION – 5:00 p.m. – Zoom

Ms. Albrecht asked for a motion to move to Closed Session. Mr. Dronen moved that the Board adjourn to closed session for the purpose collective negotiating matters between the District and its employees or their representatives, or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees. Dr. Glucksman seconded the motion. Upon a roll call vote being taken, the members voted as follows:

AYE: Ms. Ducommun, Dr. Glucksman, Ms. Hahn, Mr. McLane, Mr. Robitaille, Mr. Dronen, Ms. Albrecht

NAY: none

The motion passed.

IV. BUSINESS MEETING – Open Session – 5:00 p.m. – Zoom

Ms. Albrecht recalled to order the Special Meeting of July 29, 2020 at 7:06 p.m. Roll call was taken, and all members were present except for Dr. Glucksman, Mr. McLane and Mr. Robitaille.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Ducommun moved, and Mr. Dronen seconded, the motion to adjourn. Upon a voice vote being taken, all members indicated they were in favor.

The meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lindsey Ruston, Secretary

Cathleen Albrecht, President