

THE REGULAR MEETING of October 28th, 2020:

The Old Forge School District Board of Education held the regular meeting on Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by virtual communication that was recorded and open to the public in the Large Group Instruction Room. Dr. Keating informed meeting participants that the meeting was being recorded.

The meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Board President Alisha Hudak.

On the roll call:

Patrick Aulisio	Present	John Petrini	Present
Roseann Brutico	Present	Christopher Thomas	Present
Marie Ciufferi	Present	Dr. Robert Notari	Present
Brian Guida	Present	Alisha Hudak	Present
Vanessa Nee	Present		

Administrators present: Dr. Keating, Mrs. Egan, and Mrs. Hopkins and Messrs. Rinaldi, Gatto, and Gutowski.

Solicitor Noah Katz, Esq. was present.

Board Secretary Jenna Shotwell was present.

Student School Board Non-Voting Members: Carolyn Aversa, Brooke Granko and Natalie Nareski were present.

Mrs. Hudak welcomed everyone to the meeting and announced Executive Sessions were held on Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 regarding Litigation, Negotiations, and Personnel and on Wednesday, October 28th, 2020 regarding School Safety, Personnel, and Litigation, and Negotiations.

The Superintendent reported the following:

CEO Weinberg Children's Food Pantry will be taking place Friday, October 30th from 10:00-11:30. To register, please call the high school office. On November 5th at 6:30 pm, a Policy Committee Meeting will be held to address needed policy revisions, as per the Pennsylvania School Board Association.

Administrative reports were presented and accepted at the informational meeting.

Carolyn Aversa gave a report noting that students began their first day of virtual instruction, with the hopes to return to the classroom in the future. She announced that Junior Class elections were held and the front and back of the lobby showcase have been decorated. The Varsity Soccer and Football teams remain undefeated, the Cross Country team also had a great season. Parents Night and Homecoming ceremonies took place over the past few weeks.

Discussion of proposed action on business before the Board: President Hudak announced that Motion Q of the agenda will be amended to read "Motion by _____, seconded by _____ to resume to hybrid learning format on Monday, November 2, 2020, acknowledging the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, but determining the need for in person instruction is essential and in the best interest of our students. The District remains committed to monitoring the transmission of the virus and will

remain transparent with the community. With the return to hybrid learning, the Board approves the updates to the Health and Safety Plan to allow book bags at the high school, and elementary students in grades 3-6 to transition classes.” With the amendment of Motion Q, the following statement was made regarding extra-curricular activities at Old Forge School District: “At this time the Board will not be amending the current Athletic Health & Safety Plan. Athletics and extra-curricular activities will remain as in is the Old Forge School District. Administration will continue to work with our competitors and cancel athletic events if necessary. The Board will continue to monitor the situation and make changes if necessary.”

At this point, Mr. Thomas, as Chair of the Personnel Committee, stated that he would like to add Jimmie Aversa to Motion N to be appointed as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach and Jake Manetti to Motion O to be appointed as Junior High Boys Basketball Coach. Both are the recommendation of Head Boys Basketball Coach, Jared Yaniello.

President Hudak thanked the parents, students and community members for their input into the difficult decision ahead of the Board.

Public Participation on Agenda Items:

Shawn Nee- Faculty concerns over return to hybrid

Chris Guida- Faculty concerns over return to hybrid

Carl Lutkowski- Return to hybrid learning

Alicia Miles- Hybrid Schedule

Amanda Chase- Return to hybrid learning

Shawn Nee- Recommendation of Solicitor

Carl Lutkowski- Virtual platform and extra-curriculars

Megan McCabe- Recommendations of PDE & DOH

Keith Malinowski- Virtual platform and extra-curriculars

Public participation that was recorded as part of the chat feature on Google Meet and YouTube Stream will be attached separately.

Action on business before the Board:

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the agenda of action on business before the Board.

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Petrini to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting held on Wednesday, September 23, 2020, as per Appendix “A”.

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferri to approve the Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Thursday, October 22, 2020, as per Appendix "B".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to approve the Treasurer's Report, as per Appendix "C".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the List of Bills, as per Appendix "D".

On a roll call vote:

John Petrini	YES	Brian Guida	YES
Christopher Thomas	YES	Vanessa Nee	YES
Patrick Aulisio	YES	Dr. Robert Notari	YES
Roseann Brutico	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Marie Ciufferri	YES		

Motion carried 9-0.

A motion was made by Mrs. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve the Athletic Report, as per Appendix "E".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. Ciufferri, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to approve the Tax Collector's Report, as per Appendix "F".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the proposal of IntegriTec, Inc. for \$1,350.00 for water treatment services, as per Appendix "G".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to approve payment to Troy Mechanical, Inc. for \$4,120.00 for programmed maintenance, as per Appendix "H".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mrs. Ciufferi to approve the Athletic Training Services Agreement with Physical Therapy Associates of NEPA, as per Appendix "I".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to approve the List of Drivers, as per Appendix "J".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Petrini, seconded by Mr. Guida to accept the resignation of Rick Notari, as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, as per Appendix "K".

On a voice vote, 8 were in favor; none were opposed; Dr. Notari abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Guida, seconded by Mr. Thomas to accept the resignation of Nick Pelosi, as Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, as per Appendix "L".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to appoint Jimmie Aversa, as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, salary via the CBA, as per Appendix "M".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Guida to appoint Jake Manetti, as Junior High Boys Basketball Coach, salary via the CBA, as per Appendix "N".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Aulisio to adopt the Old Forge School District Differentiated Supervision and Evaluation Handbook, as per Appendix "O".

On a voice vote, all were in favor; none were opposed. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to resume to hybrid learning format on Monday, November 2, 2020, acknowledging the recommendation of the Pennsylvania Department of Education, but determining the need for in person instruction is essential and in the best interest of our students. The District remains committed to monitoring the transmission of the virus and will remain transparent with the community. With the return to hybrid learning, the Board approves the updates to the Health and Safety

Plan to allow book bags at the high school, elementary students in grades 3-6 to transition classes.

On a roll call vote:

John Petrini	YES	Brian Guida	NO
Christopher Thomas	YES	Vanessa Nee	NO
Patrick Aulisio	YES	Dr. Robert Notari	NO
Roseann Brutico	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Marie Ciufferi	YES		

Motion carried 6-3.

A motion was made by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Aulisio to approve the updated submission of the "Emergency Instructional Time Template" to be submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Education, highlighting change from hybrid learning to remote learning based upon the "Substantial" designation in virus transmission by the Pennsylvania Department of Health, as per Appendix "P".

Please note: the resolution to declare an emergency situation, aligned with Section 520. 1 of the Pennsylvania School Code, for the 2020-2021 school year was adopted in July 2020.

On a roll call vote:

John Petrini	YES	Brian Guida	YES
Christopher Thomas	YES	Vanessa Nee	YES
Patrick Aulisio	YES	Dr. Robert Notari	YES
Roseann Brutico	YES	Alisha Hudak	YES
Marie Ciufferi	YES		

Motion carried 9-0.

Public Participation on Items not on the Agenda:

Aimee Thomas- Modification of the Health & Safety Plan regarding transition of classes 3-6.

New Business:

Gym floor replacement will begin the week of March 1, 2021 at no cost to the District.

Dr. Keating laid out the plan for reviewing the budget process.

A motion was made by Mr. Aulisio, seconded by Mr. Thomas to adjourn the Regular Meeting of Wednesday, October 28th, 2020. On a voice vote, all members present voted "YES." The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Minutes submitted by Mrs. Shotwell on November 2nd, 2020.

Minutes Approved at the Regular Meeting of the Board on 11/24/20.

Jenna Stotwell
Secretary of the Board

11/24/20
Date

00:01:36.400,00:01:39.400

Suzanne Ryman: yes

00:11:52.068,00:11:55.068

Megan M: Did the district receive updated guidance at the superintendent meeting with PDE that weighed into this change in plans? I am asking because now it is not just Lackawanna County but also Old Forge itself that is above the threshold for in person learning. Old Forge is over 11% today

00:12:38.773,00:12:41.773

Lori Nalaschi: I would like to ask why we are revisiting this right now and not waiting the two weeks as decided last week?

00:16:27.463,00:16:30.463

Tim Notari: does the Pediatrician in the question work for Department of Health or the School?

00:17:52.826,00:17:55.826

Suzanne Ryman: i think this is going to confuse the kids going back and forth

00:19:38.553,00:19:41.553

Jeff Volovitch: To answer all those questions as to where these parents are questioning and posting on Facebook "which I don't think is right " "it is not an outlet to voice your frustrations and publically humiliate teachers " but - these parents are getting 10000% mixed messages . Last board meeting a big part of it was discussed on the teachers not wanting to participate . And then was also discussed the lack of subs if they walked off . Me seeing these posts , and participating last board meeting

00:19:48.445,00:19:51.445

Jeff Volovitch: That is why , bc they are Mia understanding

00:19:58.478,00:20:01.478

Melissa Abda: Thank you Mr. Thomas. Well said!

00:20:22.964,00:20:25.964

CARTER DELSORDO: only 2 school districts in Luzerne county are NOT virtual and they went substantial Monday

00:20:45.944,00:20:48.944

Danielle Tagliaterra: Thank you Chris Thomas

00:22:20.427,00:22:23.427

Tim Notari: or give him the laptop

00:23:33.728,00:23:36.728

Danielle Tagliaterra: What about the parents that go out to restaurants ,shopping etc it doesn't have to be from students !! I go to work every day as a nurse in a hosp but we take the cdc precautions

00:24:12.792,00:24:15.792

Melissa Abda: Many people are still working and going to school at this time. Let's continue to give out kids the opportunity to go hybrid or virtual...and see how it goes, this way everything can continue. If we go all virtual because it's unsafe to be in class, it will be also be unsafe also for sports, clubs, gatherings etc. to go on

00:24:55.921,00:24:58.921

Karolyn Demarco: The decision that was made last week was based on the department of health. You voted and made the decision last week. As leaders, you are faced with tough decisions. It is disappointing that you will back down from the decision that was made just 5 days ago based on complaints and concerns. We all know this wasn't ideal, but the safest plan. I am on an Academic Task Force committee for my school. If we backed down from decisions made after five days, we would lose all merit.

00:25:17.362,00:25:20.362

Suzanne Ryman: i agree with Mr. Guida

00:25:29.421,00:25:32.421

Danielle Tagliaterra: And the kids are out at parks over friends house's so there not home !

00:25:55.649,00:25:58.649

Kim Bartnikowski: Most private schools as far as I know have been in session full time since the beginning of the year with no real issues, we should be able to follow the guidelines and quarantine procedures as it was outlined in the beginning of the year

00:25:59.458,00:26:02.458

Megan M: I agree with Mr. Guida

00:26:11.012,00:26:14.012

Jennifer Churla: i would like Karolyn Demarco's comment noted.

00:26:41.336,00:26:44.336

Colin Mulkerin: Old Forge has may have 70 cases since April, however, 20 since Oct 1st. The Pa Dept of Health & Dept of Education recommends full remote is community spread is over 10%. Old Forge has been over 10% daily now since last weeks meeting. The data on a popular blog is using data directly from the PA.GOV. website. Obviously everyone wants their children in school & playing sports but if those professionals say it is not safe right now, why go against that?

00:26:48.398,00:26:51.398

Melissa Abda: Agree. Parents have the option to decide if they feel comfortable sending their kids or not.

00:27:09.148,00:27:12.148

Danielle Tagliaterra: Mr.Guida I disagree with you.

00:27:09.803,00:27:12.803

Tim Notari: agreed, please read Karolyn Demarco's comment

00:28:01.574,00:28:04.574

Tim Notari: what happened to abstinence only education? there is one method which is 100% effective keeping the staff, faculty, and students COVID free

00:28:09.750,00:28:12.750

Melissa Abda: Thank you Board for listening to the tons of parents

00:29:45.570,00:29:48.570

Ashley Coleman: Agreed Karolyn

00:31:30.141,00:31:33.141

Danielle Tagliaterra: You can get Covid anywhere not just at school .

00:33:01.606,00:33:04.606

Tim Notari: sure, but if the school remains as an open place where students are required to come and congregate then they WILL definitely be able to get Covid. They will definitely be able to pass on the Covid they contracted elsewhere to people they would normally be socially distanced from

00:33:34.261,00:33:37.261

Tim Notari: we have the power to remove a place where people can easily contract and pass on Covid. take the possibility off the table.

00:33:49.056,00:33:52.056

Tim Notari: "we" = the school board representing the tax payers

00:34:33.207,00:34:36.207

Tim Notari: the school can open and return to full activity at a drop of a hat, so why not wait? we have no problem doing that when it snows

00:34:35.263,00:34:38.263

Danielle Tagliaterra: They congregate at friends out ,park and etc .sorry

00:34:48.645,00:34:51.645

Tim Notari: yes, they congregate, get covid outside of school, and then bring it into the school

00:35:27.328,00:35:30.328

Tim Notari: this is purely a public health concern, when your individual choices put the public health at risk it becomes a concern for the community

00:37:44.238,00:37:47.238

Tim Notari: agree, this should be a constant discussion while the pandemic is running, it may not be practical to have a conversation at this scale everyday, but it is definitely healthy that we are safely discussing

00:39:22.524,00:39:25.524

Melissa Abda: Well said Carl!

00:40:09.696,00:40:12.696

Kerryn Broxmeier: To speak to the working parent concern. Please understand that a good portion of the staff and teachers are also working parents. Everyone understands. You are not alone in this and I know the teachers have been extremely helpful to me personally and to many parents I know when it comes to assignments being turned in later than expected. Please remember to just ask!

00:41:07.367,00:41:10.367

Amanda Mawn: How many people only stay or work within the borders of Old Forge? The amount of cases within our immediate proximity doesn't dictate potential exposure of students and their immediate families. People work, shop, travel, etc. which can all lead to potential exposure.

00:42:07.778,00:42:10.778

C&S Athletic Club Kids: Well said Keith

00:42:19.280,00:42:22.280

Melissa Abda: Well said Keith

00:42:34.145,00:42:37.145

Evan Harris: I agree with the statement that it doesn't make sense to not vote on sports. Sports and school must go together.

00:42:39.225,00:42:42.225

Stacey Lutkowski: I appreciate the board reevaluating this. I full heartedly believe that the students should be in school. I do work in a school district that is back to school fully, but teachers in ALL districts are working their hardest and keeping students as safe as possible. I

believe in school is the best place for students to be as well as with students

00:44:05.086,00:44:08.086

Stacey Lutkowski: *playing sports and following all recommendations

00:45:49.663,00:45:52.663

Jenn Cordiano: Please forgive me if I missed this, but if Old Forge continues to remain virtual, all sports will remain suspended for the duration of Old being 100% virtual? Just looking for clarification - thanks!

00:45:54.993,00:45:57.993

Melissa Abda: I think it's commendable that the board is really listening to the parents and students. The kids need to be in school with as much normalcy as possible. If cases get out of hand in school, things can be re-evaluated then. Let's not jump the gun here.

00:46:20.111,00:46:23.111

Stacey Lutkowski: Yes!

00:46:40.493,00:46:43.493

Lori Nalaschi: Regardless of the two week misunderstanding, we were virtual for one day and It's already being revisited.

00:47:00.692,00:47:03.692

Kathleen Nycz: I ask that you take the doh, pde, and administration recommendations and stay virtual until we remain moderate for two weeks. We waited all summer for direction from the department of Ed and now have it. Also I would like to ask what board members are voting in person, and who are virtual at the moment.

00:48:10.108,00:48:13.108

GULIANNA CANTELMO: Are you guys sending the kids back i can in late?

00:50:00.303,00:50:03.303

Chris Guida: To Mr. Thomas there is a road map provided by pde and doh and the board is choosing not to follow it

00:51:16.555,00:51:19.555

JAMES SOBOL: great job chris thomas

00:53:59.869,00:54:02.869

JUSTIN McDONNELL: I want to thank everyone in the school for the safety of our students Ecspecially Michele Hopkins Chelsea Collarusso and Donna Kupetz for keeping our son Safe Justin goes to school 1 1/2 day sitting in the library learning because of his immune system Justin has been doing virtual since March no problems Justin is Down syndrome his senior year

Let's everyone stay safe I think the board decision is for the safety of our children
We are in an Epidemic
It's serious

00:54:18.825,00:54:21.825

Tim Notari: to respond to Mr. Thomas' comment re: "not required" if the school is open you are indicating to parents and students that they are absolutely allowed to remain following normal school guidelines regarding truancy

00:54:27.651,00:54:30.651

GULIANNA CANTELMO: Please keep the schools closed for a little while

00:54:48.266,00:54:51.266

Kayla Chludzinski: Even IF our teachers do want to continue full virtual - we should stand behind them. They are the ones in the classroom with our kids. Masks, social distancing, and hand washing only go so far. If they feel unsafe, or are compromised, we need to also take that into consideration. They do a great job teaching, whether it is in person or through a screen. If you need help with schedules/assignments, reach out. They understand not every family is the same.

00:55:24.027,00:55:27.027

Kathleen Nycz: I meant whose physically at the meeting

00:55:30.575,00:55:33.575

Kathleen Nycz: Board member wise

00:57:06.143,00:57:09.143

Tim Notari: i'm having microphone issues

00:57:13.187,00:57:16.187

Tim Notari: sorry, would like to respond to mr. thomas

00:57:34.006,00:57:37.006

DANA PEZZUTI: Thank you to all the teachers and staff they are doing an excellent job. As a parent I want to have my children 5 days a week in school. As a health care worker I would still send my kids 5 days a week to school. There are a lot more detrimental diseases out there that we should be concerned about. If there is a choice for virtual or hybrid are there enough teachers to allow them to choose what it is they want as well as the students ?

00:58:36.728,00:58:39.728

Tim Notari: why not give the parents the option to give their child a gap year/alternative routes to completing assignments and testing? instead of just leaving it open. another way to say: for the parents who want their children in school because they are having issues with at home learning,

socialization, why not give them another option than "just keep the school open"

00:59:19.310,00:59:22.310

ASHLEY KATCHMAR: to the students knowledge, if hybrid students are not there on the day that they are supposed to, they get marked absent. we aren't given the option to stay home without being fully virtual because we get penalized

00:59:47.991,00:59:50.991

LILIANNA LENCESKI: It's Renee Lenceski, I feel the same as Dana Pezzutti tY

01:00:25.769,01:00:28.769

Jeff Volovitch: Sorry one question if MY child is sick , and I keep him/her home why is this said child marked absent when they sign on for virtual .

01:02:15.577,01:02:18.577

Tim Notari: again it boils down to "why keep a place open where the chance to contract a unknown unstudied disease is greater than 0%" take outside the building activities like athletics out of it, where everyone has free choice in participation (coaches, athletes, parents).

01:02:49.319,01:02:52.319

Tim Notari: right now it is "0" but as soon as it's 1 and then 10 and then greater are you going to look back at this moment and say "well we knew there would be a chance that would happen and we chose to take the chance"

01:03:56.028,01:03:59.028

Jeff Volovitch: To be a little more clear , This should be looked into , if we are in person , and a child is sick and stays home to protect others , attending virtual should not be a marked absent day . Can you look into this .

01:03:59.801,01:04:02.801

Megan M: You should not censor public comments because YOU don't think they are important

01:04:33.059,01:04:36.059

ASHLEY KATCHMAR: but if students don't feel well enough to come in, but still do the lessons virtually, shouldn't they still get credit? with the times, parents and students can't always tell what's covid related and what's not. so if students are still attending livestreams and completing assignment, why does it really matter if they are in the building or online?

01:06:05.492,01:06:08.492

Melissa Abda: I'm confused, so sports continue but the kids can't go to school and sit at their own desk six feet apart with masks? Hmmm

01:06:27.642,01:06:30.642

C&S Athletic Club Kids: I believe Mr. Thomas said parents have a choice correct? Virtual/hybrid ?

01:06:32.743,01:06:35.743

ASHLEY KATCHMAR: okay i will thank you

01:17:41.446,01:17:44.446

GULIANNA CANTELMO: What was the vote ?

01:18:58.560,01:19:01.560

Megan M: Thank you Mrs. Nee, Mrs. Guida and Mr. Notari for respecting the advice of the DOH, PDE and administration and caring more about the health and safety of the staff and students than public pressure

01:19:38.395,01:19:41.395

Melissa Abda: Thank you Board!

01:19:57.578,01:20:00.578

Evan Harris: Thank you!!

01:20:20.061,01:20:23.061

GULIANNA CANTELMO: Can I ask why it was 6-3 last week to go virtual but now it's 6-3 to go back

01:21:53.999,01:21:56.999

Rob McDonnell: So is this how it works if you don't agree with a board decision you get enough people to complain and you can overturn it. Not good board

01:22:00.706,01:22:03.706

Marissa Maldonato: Will elementary teachers be required to be live as they were today??

01:22:43.417,01:22:46.417

Keith Malinowski: Thank you Mrs Brutico

01:22:46.657,01:22:49.657

GULIANNA CANTELMO: If the students do stay virtual will the teachers still be like they were today

01:22:58.826,01:23:01.826

Scott Burti: Thank you Mrs. Brutico

01:23:00.123,01:23:03.123

C&S Athletic Club Kids: Well said mrs. brutico

01:23:00.410,01:23:03.410

Jenn Cordiano: Thank you Mrs. Brutico

01:23:19.261,01:23:22.261

Jeff Volovitch: So In notification from a health facility having been loaded with covid and not having any symptoms . This has NOT been through thru and ultimately a rash decision . Our school can be infected thoroughly within one day. I fully believe as a parent that the thought process

01:23:30.150,01:23:33.150

Jeff Volovitch: Was not really well thought

01:23:59.602,01:24:02.602

GULIANNA CANTELMO: So if went to have our children learn the right way as they did today we are forced to send them back

01:24:00.552,01:24:03.552

Jeff Volovitch: *thought

01:24:01.607,01:24:04.607

DANA PEZZUTI: If you do not agree with the decision please send your child virtual. That is an option. You do not have to send your child

01:25:13.326,01:25:16.326

JUSTIN McDONNELL: When I pick my son up at high school their are high school students walking out not wearing a mask

My son always wears his mask right to the car

It takes just 1

01:26:24.457,01:26:27.457

Kayla Chludzinski: I think last week the board may have been too quick to vote. Many voted virtual because they weren't sure of all of the facts yet, and wanted to wait for more recommendations from the DOH & PDE. It is not just because of the public pressure. It may have caused a little confusion, but it is pretty clear that the majority of parents do want to continue hybrid. Thank you for re-considering.

01:29:05.099,01:29:08.099

GULIANNA CANTELMO: So today my son had a schedule he followed where the teachers came on live with all the children in his class will it stay like that if i choose to stay virtual until I feel safe to send them back

01:29:42.075,01:29:45.075

Rob McDonnell: Isn't that backwards keeping school hybrid because you want sports to continue. Shouldn't it be go virtual and cancel sports for the safety of students teachers and coaches

01:30:21.512,01:30:24.512

JUSTIN McDONNELL: According to the doh face shields are not the best for the safety of the students so why does the school allow students to wear shields

I can see mask and shield

It should not be allowed

01:30:56.178,01:30:59.178

Kayla Chludzinski: Thank you Mrs. Nee! That is what I meant by we should probably have waited for more facts and recommendations to become available since last week.

01:31:16.618,01:31:19.618

GULIANNA CANTELMO: Thank you

01:32:02.070,01:32:05.070

Kim Bartnikowski: Thank you for re-considering, I commend all of our teachers, school board members and administration, it was not an easy decision by any means and I thank you all for all that you have done throughout the summer months to plan and allow our kids to return to school in a hybrid format as safe as possible during these trying times allowing some sort of normalcy. Thank you again!

01:32:42.603,01:32:45.603

Scott Burti: Well said Kim

01:32:51.184,01:32:54.184

JULIEN DIMATTIA: Why isn't our school asking the student body for their opinions on whether we should go virtual or stay hybrid? We are the ones in school, and to speak for myself and many others, we are not learning anything being hybrid. I feel as though this has become two sides trying to win an argument rather than considering what is best for the students in the district

01:33:17.578,01:33:20.578

DOMINICK SCALISE: same

01:33:21.469,01:33:24.469

GULIANNA CANTELMO: Very true

01:33:36.436,01:33:39.436

Jeff Volovitch: So maybe I am missing something , what am I missing in numbers , if the doh pde recommendations are the same in a week

01:34:18.892,01:34:21.892

Jeff Volovitch: Still no answers , what is that change ?

01:34:30.077,01:34:33.077

GULIANNA CANTELMO: So as of now the kids are going back Monday

01:34:41.858,01:34:44.858

GULIANNA CANTELMO: Ok

01:34:46.785,01:34:49.785

Jeff Volovitch: You changed your decision in a week ? What are your factors ?

01:37:03.320,01:37:06.320

Rick Notari: Are there going to be no Winter Sports?

01:37:48.802,01:37:51.802

Rick Notari: Basketball is typically still going on on March 1