

MAINE TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT 207
BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC HEARING on the 2021-22 School Reopening Plan and Use of ESSER III Funds
June 7, 2021

Minutes of the Public Hearing on the Proposed Contract for Outsourcing of Driver Education for Maine Township High School District 207 held in the District 207 Administration Center Boardroom on June 7, 2021.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Paula Besler
Teri Collins
Linda Coyle
Ashley Kilburg
Jin Lee
Carla Owen

MEMBERS ABSENT

Sheila Yousuf-Abramson

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Wallace
Mary Kalou
Shawn Messmer
George Dagres
Kaite DiSanza
Brett Clark
Ginny Edwards
Ben Collins
Mike Pressler
Eileen McMahon
Don Ringelestein

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, President Besler called the public hearing to order at 6:00 p.m. The Board Secretary called the roll.

PURPOSE OF HEARING

Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Innovation Mr. Shawn Messmer, stated that the purpose of the hearing was to outline the use of ESSER III federal government grant funds as distributed through ISBE. A Public Hearing is required with the acceptance of ESSER III Funds which have been granted to help reopen schools in the fall in the least restrictive environment possible. ESSER funds are required to be used by September 30 of the subsequent year. To date, ESSER I funds totaled \$678,000, ESSER II, \$2.5 million and ESSER III, \$5.8 million. The bulk of ESSER I was used for PPE, cleaning and sanitation and a school year extension program over last summer, which enabled target students who were unsuccessful in the remote environment, to receive teacher and tech support in recovering course credit. For ESSER II and ESSER III funds, a continuance of all supports to minimize learning loss is planned. In addition, funds may be used for HVAC upgrades at the schools replacing current systems with systems that bring in 100% outside air to improve air quality. Other uses include online remediation, social/emotional support, educational technology support, professional development and transportation gaps which will remain a priority.

Next year and beyond, the plan is to return school to as normal as possible, five days a week, as well as expand virtual learning options. Safely protocols will remain in place and the District will maintain stringent cleaning.

The presentation for tonight's meeting is posted on the District 207 website.

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REPORT ON HEARING

A legal notice was published in the Daily Herald notifying the public that the Board of Education would hold a public hearing on June 7, 2021 regarding the 2021-22 School Reopening Plan and use of ESSER III Funds.

DISCUSSION ON SCHOOL REOPENING AND USE OF ESSER III FUNDS

There were no comments and no further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business to come before the Board, President Besler adjourned the Public Hearing at 6:12 p.m.

Ginny Edwards, Secretary

Paula Besler, President