

**MINUTES**  
**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING**  
**January 13, 2021**



<p><b>I.</b> President Michael Bolz called the Board of Education Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was held virtually due to COVID-19 pandemic and the link to join was made available to the public.</p>	<p><b>CALL TO ORDER</b></p>
<p><b>II. Roll Call:</b>          Present: Bolz, Oberman, Dust, Waller, Stepp, Jackson          Absent: Revis (arrived 5:48 p.m.)</p>	
<p><b>III. Public Comment-</b> Christina Nowakowski submitted a comment regarding student return to in-person learning</p>	<p><b>PUBLIC COMMENT</b></p>
<p><b>IV. Finance-</b> Diana Pruski and Stephanie Blanco of Kasperek, CPA presented information regarding the most recent audit. Ms. Bishop shared activity bus bid results and is recommending the purchase of five new mini buses. Ms. Bishop notified the Board that the bond proceeds are being moved to the capital project fund. She also presented a year to date, budget to actual summary.</p>	<p><b>FINANCE</b></p>
<p><b>V. Policy-</b> Member Oberman provided an update on the policy customization process and timeline. The Board received a draft of the customized manual and will be on the regular meeting agenda as a first read for January meeting. Questions are to be submitted to Ms. Newman via email by Feb. 3, 2020 and will be discussed at the Feb. Committee of the Whole meeting. Board to take action at Feb. regular meeting.</p>	<p><b>POLICY</b></p>
<p><b>VI. Equity-</b> Dr. Whitten presented an equity flowchart and discussed possible incentives for the Governors State (GSU) Grow Your Own program. Ms. Szuba shared information regarding the GSU Cultural Competency professional development program. Administrators, along with select board members and staff will attend the virtual three part training this month. Ms. Szuba also shared an update on Equal Opportunity Schools professional development.</p>	<p><b>EQUITY</b></p>
<p><b>VII. Curriculum-</b> Mr. Fies asked the Board to consider cancellation of second semester exams and the continuation of VSA credit recovery for seniors. Mr. Fies also shared the opportunity the district has to participate in Sen. Sims’ South End Global Youth Manufacturing Initiative and explained that student course selection will be completely virtual this year. Dr. Jones shared an athletics update from the latest IHSA information and noted that IHSA has changed athlete participation academic standards for this year and Board may want to consider adjusting athlete participation standards as well due to the pandemic.</p>	<p><b>CURRICULUM</b></p>
<p><b>VIII. I.T.-</b> Mr. Wakefield shared an update on the wireless systems RFP and the classroom technology RFP.</p>	<p><b>I.T.</b></p>
<p><b>X. Buildings &amp; Grounds-</b> Mr. Stephan presented a facilities rental update</p>	<p><b>BUILDINGS/ GROUND</b></p>
<p><b>XI. Member Revis moved,</b> seconded by Member Dust, that the meeting adjourn at 6:36 p.m.          Ayes: Dust, Oberman, Stepp, Waller, Revis, Jackson, Bolz    Nays: None    Abstain: None</p>	<p><b>ADJOURN</b></p>