

Board of Education

Ellington, CT

August 12, 2020

A special meeting of the Ellington Board of Education was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at the Ellington High School Media Center, 37 Maple Street, Ellington, CT.

Present were: Mr. Purcaro and Blanchette; Ms. Kupferschmid, Dzen, Nord, Mullin, Underwood and Picard-Wambolt.

Administration in attendance were Dr. Scott Nicol, Superintendent of Schools; Mr. John Collins, Director of Technology; Mr. Brian Greenleaf, Director of Finance and Operations; Mr. Brian Hendrickson, Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction; Ms. Rebecca Gonzalez, Director of Facilities; Mr. Mike Nash, Co-Principal, Ellington Middle School; Ms. Michele Murray, Co-Principal, Ellington Middle School; Ms. Jenn Hill, Principal, Windermere School and Dr. Sue Nash-Ditzel, Principal, Crystal Lake School.

Also in attendance was Ms. Jennifer Brown, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent/Human Resources Coordinator and Mr. Mark Mahler, Teacher.

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Mr. Purcaro, Chairman.

I. Workshop: Reopening 2020-2021

Dr. Nicol opened the meeting stating that after yesterday's workshop there was a Reopening Advisory Committee meeting where PTO parents attended to share survey results. They shared that parents had a strong preference for the half-school model as that would allow students to have their classroom teachers with them on distance learning days.

Today there was a virtual cabinet office hours held, there were over eighty people that attended. The teachers were given one more survey to answer on the hybrid model, half-class or half-school, and the results as of this evening were 83% of elementary teachers and 60% of Middle School teachers are in favor of the half-school model.

Opportunity for discussion and questions continued.

Respectfully submitted,

Kris Picard-Wambolt
Secretary