

The Eastern Local Board of Education met in special session on December 18, 2020 at 5:00 P.M. with the following members present:

Lowell S. Richey  
Martin L. Yockey  
Adam W. Bolender  
Deborah L. Forsythe  
Kenneth W. Kelch

Board President, Mr. Richey called for this meeting. The purpose of this special meeting was to reconsider the issue of remote learning for the first week of January per the recommendation of the Superintendent. Dr. Filon shared that the request for remote learning was to help reduce the impact of a surge in COVID cases that some are predicting after the holiday break.

Dr. Filon shared the results of a three question survey of teachers. Question 1 - Do you think it would be prudent for the district to move to remote learning during the week of January 4 – 8 to help prevent the spread of the Corona virus? (60% responded yes). Question 2 - Do you feel that a week of remote learning will hinder your students' progress? (71% responded no). Question 3 – In the event of an extended shut down of schools are you prepared to proceed with the district remote learning plan without having a “trial week” of remote learning? (83% responded yes)

Mr. Bolender expressed concerns that the educational needs of every student should be considered; that many students do not have adequate internet or no internet. Also, that some students do not have sufficient support at home to get their work done.

Mr. Richey shared that he felt the health needs of students are of utmost importance right now.

Approval of Remote Learning January 4-8, 2021, Res. No. 121-20

Mr. Yockey moved and Mr. Kelch seconded the motion to approve remote learning for students for the week of January 4-8, 2021.

Roll Call:	Mr. Bolender,	no	
	Mrs. Forsythe,	yes	
	Mr. Richey,	yes	
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	Mr. Yockey,	yes	(motion carries)

Mr. Kelch moved that the board adjourn. Mrs. Forsythe seconded the motion.

Roll Call: All yes

5:22 P.M. meeting adjourned.

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President

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Treasurer