

DOWNINGTOWN AREA BOARD OF EDUCATION
Meeting held virtually
Wednesday, December 2, 2020
6:30 p.m.

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
NOTES

A. CALL TO ORDER

President Bertone called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. in the James E. Watson Staff Development Room.

President Bertone
Director Blust
Vice President Britton
Director Ghrayeb
Director Houghton
Director Kring
Director MacNeal
Director Wisdom

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – November 4, 2020

On a motion by Director Blust, seconded by Director Kring, the Board, on a voice vote, unanimously approved the minutes of the November 4, 2020 Committee of the Whole.

D. SUPERINTENDENT UPDATE – Dr. Lonardi

Dr. Lonardi presented a PowerPoint reviewing the chronology of school decisions. She again reviewed the new PDE/DOH/Governor mandates along with current school positive/probable cases. Dr. Lonardi asked the board for their input regarding closures for 3-7 days as outlined on the new mandate charts. Recommendation was to start with the full 7 day closure with future review if needed. In addition, the attendance during the staggered model for each school was provided.

E. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Personnel Committee Report – *Chairperson: Director Wisdom; Vice-Chair: Director Ghrayeb; Administrative Liaison: Dawna Hankins*

Consent Agenda Items

1. Request approval of the Personnel Items

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

2. Request approval of renewal of services with PAREAP for professional staffing recruitment postings

Total Cost: \$1,049

Contract Dates/Length: 1/1/21 – 12/31/21

Funding Source: Human Resources
Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

Curriculum Committee Report – *Chairperson: Director Wisdom; Vice-Chair: Director Blust; Administrative Liaison: Lou Chance*

Consent Agenda Items

1. **Request approval of a renewal agreement with ETR Associates for the K-12 HealthSmart online resource**

Total Cost: \$13,700

Contract Dates/Length: 12/9/20 – 7/14/21

Funding Source: Curriculum Operating

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

2. **Request approval of the purchase of a replacement kiln from The Ceramic Shop for Downingtown West High School**

Total Cost: \$10,456

Contract Dates/Length: N/A

Funding Source: Curriculum Capital

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

3. **Request approval for the donation, disposal or sale of the following items:**

DE (1) grand piano bench (15 years old)

DM (400) Spanish 1 Avancemos textbooks 282 copies, Spanish 2 Avancemos textbooks 117 copies, Teacher edition/resource packs for Level 1 and Level 2 including workbooks, blackline masters, and DVDs (2001)

DM (85) VHS and cassette tapes, 2 tape recorders, pamphlets to accompany videos (2005)

DM (12) old VHS tapes of social studies documentaries

DW (2) Sony DVD/VCR Combo machine with remote

EW (20) 3 old teachers' chairs, 2 old VCR /DVD, 1 small wooden book display rack, 1 old TV/VCR cart, 1 old TV bracket, 1 old Tennet vacuum cleaner, 1 old water fountain, 1 old floor scrubber, 8 8"x30" terrazzo pieces, 1 blue rusty outdoor bench seat

PV (2) kitchen mixer and buffalo chopper

UH (12) Read 180 Curriculum (estimated age of materials- 8-10 years)

UH (27) heavy boxes of library surplus

WB (1) VCR

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

Action Agenda Items

1. **Request approval of a waiver agreement with the parents of a DASD student (#1728057302)**

Total Cost: \$25,000

Contract Dates/Length: 12/10/20 – 6/30/24

Funding Source: Special Education

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

This will be an action item for full board approval on December 9, 2020

Director Wisdom asked about consideration of reducing redundancy with agenda items for renewals and approved budgeted items. Dr. Chance explained the board approves the budgets and many of these renewals and purchases have already been approved as part of the budgeting process approval.

Public Comment on Curriculum Committee Report

(Public comment shall be limited to 5 minutes' duration per Board Policy #903-Public Participation in Board Meetings.)

Policy Committee Report – *Chairperson: Director Houghton; Vice-Chair: Director Gibson; Administrative Liaison: Robert Reed*

Policies Out for 30-Day Review:

1. 331 Job Related Expenses
2. 340 Responsibility for Student Welfare
3. 705 Facilities and Workplace Safety
4. AG Administrative Guideline: 705 Facilities and Workplace Safety
5. 803 School Calendar
6. AG Administrative Guideline: 803 School Calendar
7. 904 Public Attendance at School Events
8. AG Administrative Guideline: 904 Public Attendance at School Events
9. 907 School Visitors
10. AG Administrative Guideline: 907 School Visitors

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

Public Comment on Policy Committee Report

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Finance Committee Report – *Chairperson: Director Kring; Vice-Chair: Director MacNeal; Administrative Liaison: David Matyas*

Consent Agenda Items

1. **Request approval to accept a donation of Mac Computers and Finale Software Licenses for the exclusive use of the East, West, and STEM High School Music Programs, from the Music Parents Association of the Downingtown High Schools
Donation Value: \$28,239.95**

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

Action Agenda Items

1. **Request approval of the District's June 30, 2020 audited financial statements including fund balances, final budget and fund transfers**

This will be an action item for full board approval on December 9, 2020.

2. **Request approval of a settlement agreement and full release from disputed tuition payments with Pennsylvania Leadership Charter School for the 2016-17 fiscal year and subsequent fiscal year litigation**

Total Cost: \$25,000

Funding Source: General Fund

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

This will be an action item for full board approval on December 9, 2020.

Public Comment on Finance Committee Report

(Public comment shall be limited to 5 minutes' duration per Board Policy #903-Public Participation in Board Meetings.)

Facilities Committee Report – *Chairperson: Vice President Britton; Vice-Chair: Director Houghton; Administrative Liaison: Dale Lauver*

Consent Agenda Items

1. **Request approval for a Change Order (ADD) to Caldwell Heckles & Egan, General Contractor on the STEM Academy Addition project, for premium only overtime for carpentry work authorized by owner**

Total Cost: \$4,292.90

Contract Dates/Length: Until Project Completion

Funding Source: Capital Funds

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

2. **Request approval for a Change Order (ADD) to Caldwell Heckles & Egan, General Contractor on the STEM Academy Addition project, for additional survey work required to address Campbell Drive design issues and to replace two storm water inlet tops**

Total cost: \$5,520.01

Contract Dates/Length: Until Project Completion

Funding Source: Capital Funds

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

3. **Request approval for a Change Order (ADD) to Caldwell Heckles & Egan, General Contractor on the STEM Academy Addition project, for milling existing asphalt at**

Stadium driveway to resolve ponding

Total Cost: \$7,021.52

Contract Dates/Length: Until Project Completion

Funding Source: Capital Funds

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

- 4. Request approval for a Change Order (ADD) to Caldwell Heckles & Egan, General Contractor on the STEM Academy Addition project, for masonry costs associated with widening doorways A036, A111 and A202**

Total Cost: \$7,189.21

Contract Dates/Length: Until Project Completion

Funding Source: Capital Funds

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

- 5. Request approval for submission of Plancon Part I (Interim Reporting) to the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) for the Uwchlan Hills Elementary School new construction. Part I provides for the reporting of change orders and/or supplemental contracts during construction**

Moved forward to the Consent Agenda for full board approval.

Action Agenda Items

- 1. Request approval for a Change Order (ADD) to Caldwell Heckles & Egan, General Contractor on the STEM Academy Addition project, for additional site work for unforeseen conditions, unsuitable soil exchange, locating and replacing 2” water line, removing an unknown buried concrete electrical duct bank, and relocating an unknown rain water collector pipe along “C” Section**

Total Cost: \$37,312.38

Contract Dates/Length: Until Project Completion

Funding Source: Capital Funds

Budget Year: 2020 – 2021

This will be an action item for full board approval on December 9, 2020.

Public Comment on Facilities Committee Report

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F. ADDITIONAL ACTION OR DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1. Request approval of the attorney-client fee agreement between the Downingtown Area School District and the Frantz Law Group, APLC; Dillon McCandless King Coulter & Graham LLP; and the Levin Legal Group, P.C. to join Juul litigation**

This will be an action item for full board approval on December 9, 2020.

Question regarding why it is a fee agreement. Dr. Lonardi to provide further details prior to December 9 Board meeting.

2. Discussion: District Calendars
 - a. 2021-2022
 - b. 2022-2023

Ms. Boff and Ms. Shealy provided update on feedback received to date.

Board asked that calendars continue to be posted on the district website and each school website.

This will be an action item for full board approval on December 9, 2020.

3. MOU Pending

Dr. Lonardi advised the board that a Memorandum of Understanding with the DAEA may appear on the agenda for approval next week if received in time. This MOU is to pay teachers for covering classes when we are short substitutes.

G. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – The Downingtown Board of Directors encourages public comment from its citizens. Each community member may speak for a period of no longer than 5 minutes (per BP# 903). Please understand that this is not a time for dialogue with the board; rather the board will listen to all comments and consider them in further deliberations. Our individual e-mail addresses are on the website if you’d like to contact your individual board representative. We ask that you please direct complaints of a personnel nature regarding an individual employee directly to the superintendent.

Robert Butler	West Bradford Township	I have asked the board, head of tech and super why we the people are not allow to have public comments during board meetings. I have watched other school boards have live comments with no problems. If this is how the board is going to continue to have meetings they need to open a zoom type account that will allow we the people to have live comments. Having comments read aloud is not good enough. The board, head of tech and super have had enough time to figure this out. The people need to be heard.
Tammy LaRosa	Uwchlan Township	Please consider getting these kids in school on Monday! Why would you bring kids back on a half day? You have had plenty of time to see how the numbers are playing out from Thanksgiving. There are 3 options of learning for our students: Cyber, Virtual, and Hybrid! Let Hybrid Students get a chance to learn in the environment they decided is best for their health. Try to think from Hybrid Student point of view.
James Holt	Wallace Township	I would like to commend the board members who have recognized the importance of In person education and the low incidence of risk that has been shown by opening our schools. I believe it has been shown that the transition has been safe. It is time to consider full 5 day in person education. The inferiority of virtual education has been demonstrated and documented time and again. The CDC, Dr. Fauchi and others have recommended schools stay open.
Brent Mounts	Uwchlan Township	Your strategy of closing schools on a case-by-case basis is proving to be working. Please continue with this strategy as in person schooling is essential to the health and welfare of our kids. There is overwhelming scientific evidence to prove the transmission rate in schools is incredibly low. I believe that any in person education is significantly more than “just marginal” and that our kids our excelling while in person and lagging while virtual. I also implore you to consider moving to a full 5 days per week on in class instruction while keeping the option of the cyber academy open to offer those families who wish to keep their kids home. There was a statistic floated at the last meeting that 70% of students are 100%

		virtual. If that statistic is true, however unlikely, then there is no reason that we can't open to five days of in person schooling per week while running at 30% capacity
Amy Marsico	Upper Uwchlan Township	<p>Members of the community –</p> <p>DASD has failed to accurately communicate the guidance set forth by the PA Department of Education. According to the data, we are currently in substantial phase, with numbers rising quickly. The DOH and PDE recommend a full remote learning environment for all schools in the county. The district has not shared that they have chosen NOT to follow the recommendation. This recommendation comes from two governing bodies which we were promised they would listen to.</p> <p>I urge DASD to follow the recommendation and covert back to virtual learning 100% of the time. We are in the middle of cold/flu and holiday season entering the cold/flu season. The community is experiencing pandemic fatigue. Families will gather and COVID will continue to spread. Vaccines and treatment aren't available and won't be for months.</p> <p>I ask that we put our time, energy and resources into making virtual learning as effective as possible. By returning to virtual, all students will get equal opportunities to interact with peers and their teachers. The model was working earlier in the fall and we can build from that experience. It is a known fact that children are asymptomatic carriers of the virus. While it may not be the easiest solution for all, it is certainly the safest given the current spread in our community.</p> <p>DASD should be virtual 100% now.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Carrie Gross	Uwchlan Township	<p>Hello,</p> <p>With the rapid rise in COVID cases and the anticipated run on our hospitals in December, I urge the board to take every precaution possible to keep our community safe from deaths and long term health effects. When in the building, we need proper mask wearing at all times, and assurance that masks aren't vented or cheesecloth type materials. I understand that every family and every child has specific needs, but I feel strongly that is important we make decisions for the greater good of the community. I believe school should be 100% remote as we are at the highest incidence rates this year.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
Tara Haarlander	Upper Uwchlan Township	<p>I would like for the board to understand that my family is happy with full virtual learning, and that there are many other families like us out there. We are not as vocal as those who want to keep in-person learning open, because up until now, the numbers were low enough in the community to support allowing families to choose in person if they needed it.</p> <p>That is no longer the case. Community case numbers are soaring and we are only at the beginning of the winter. Hospitals are close to being overwhelmed. Outpatient doctors are being asked to report in to allow inpatient ones to spend the considerable amount of time it requires to properly care for their COVID patients. People are ignoring stay at home orders when they've been exposed. Families are sending in children and siblings even when there is a positive test in the household. And there seems to be no penalty for this. What happens when a nurse finds out that someone is in school and they see their name on a list of positive COVID tests from the county? Or that their sibling has been exposed, and they were allowed to return to school the following day? These actions are not only irresponsible, but they need to be punishable by a fine; sadly, it has gotten to the point where the school district can no longer assume that people are doing the right thing.</p> <p>From what I've been told, the hybrid model isn't even working for most kids. They sit at home on their virtual days and observe the other half of their class interacting with their teacher, waiting for someone to allow them to speak. This is by far not as effective as having all kids on a call together, every day, consistently and with equal opportunities to</p>

		<p>interact. Asking teachers to educate two different ways at the same time is stretching them very thin, and bouncing kids in and out due to cases popping from one school to another is unfair.</p> <p>The hybrid model is not working well enough to justify the risks associated with keeping in-person learning open. Please follow the county's recommendation to close.</p>
Nicole Miller	Uwchlan Township	<p>I am writing to please ask you to prioritize not only the safety of the students and staff but the safety of our entire community and return schooling back to virtual. There is a light at the end of the tunnel. we all need to work together to make it out the other side.</p> <p>The state level is not going to make this hard decision for you. It is up to, you, our board to do what is right for the common good of our community.</p>
Bethany Reynolds	West Bradford Township	<p>If more schools are going to close because of the impact of Covid. Please ensure the in person pilot for those children who need to access education in a specialist learning environment because of an IEP resumes and can remain in person. I have a child at home doing cyber because it is safest place for him to learn. My younger son goes to school because he has an IEP and needs to be in the building. Please do your utmost to keep the children safe. Please follow the metrics you said you would follow to keep my children and those in our community safe.</p>
Sara wolf	West Bradford Township	<p>I urge the committee to move DASD to a virtual format. Not only are our teachers at great risk with few choices, our students are at risk. By having schools open, we are providing a vehicle of transmission inside and outside the school. Cases are on the rise and many families are sending kids even when a member of the family has symptoms. This specifically, happened in my elementary school. Older students are brought to the same location and then likely gathering after the last bell. Schools saying it is ok to be open, sends the message to students that gathering is ok. Why wouldn't it be, they have been gathering all day? Thus, schools opening lead to more community transmissions. We have to be careful about the messages we send and the situations we place both staff and students. We should hold tight until after the holidays and keep everyone home.</p> <p>Finally, during this trying time, I have yet to find a district that doesn't build in some sort of mental health break. For those on zooms all day, students need a break! What is done in school can not be replicated on zoom. These kids are wilting as they sit in the same chair all day, everyday. Is there a way we could build in a no zoom Friday? Some schools are giving more time between classes. We need something for these kids.</p>
Laura Mangini	Upper Uwchlan Township	<p>Thank you for accepting comments. I would like to comment on behalf of those of us who are being diligent in staying at home. Given that doctors and scientists are predicting that we are about to enter into the darkest days of this pandemic, it seems reckless to even consider sending children back to school five days/week. As numbers rise daily to all-time highs across the U.S., I would like to advocate for the health of our students, faculty, and staff in hoping that the district considers a fully virtual model until the spring. It provides consistency for the students, the full attention from the teachers for all students on Zoom, and prevents unnecessary sicknesses and possible deaths. Why wait until there is an abundance of cases in each school before moving to this model when the technology is already in place? Thank you again.</p>
Lindsay Polidore	Downingtown Borough	<p>I just want to say thank you to the school board for doing everything they can to keep our schools open. My middle schooler is doing so much better just being in the building two days a week. I have noticed a difference in his mood and he is so excited each morning he gets to go to school.</p> <p>Our kids need options for school and I am so thankful that DASD has a solution for every family.</p> <p>THANK YOU!</p>

Kristin Beiler	East Brandywine Township	<p>I want a choice to send my kid to in person education. Everyone who wants virtual has a choice (actually 2 choices now) to sign up and keep their child home. I want the choice to send my kids in person because this is how they should learn.</p> <p>My daughter, 5th grade, was missing most assignments on full virtual- like 5-7 assignments or more a week. She was late for online classes, didn't understand the lessons, couldn't ask for help due to her not knowing her teachers and being comfortable asking for help from strangers.</p> <p>My son, Kindergarten, doesn't understand the virus and why he can't go to school daily in person. He hates zoom, cries on zoom when he doesn't get what he needs to do, gets overwhelmed, and I have to sit with him or near him during his entire class day to help him find papers, switch to different classes in an app, do assignments since he can't read, do extra stuff with him because he's missing so much with virtual.</p> <p>The teachers are doing the best they can given the regulations. I want the schools to try and keep the kids in person for as long as they can. Kids belong in a classroom learning that's what public education is designed for. It's not the districts responsibility to close to "help" the spread. It's the districts obligation to educate our children and do what's best for ALL children with ALL abilities or disabilities. Not what's best for a portion of the student body.</p>
Kim Rees	West Bradford Township	<p>Due to the safety of our staff and students, the district should return to an all virtual model and re-evaluate this plan after the holidays in January. This will not create a "loss of learning or instruction" as many board members mentioned previously. This actually creates an even playing field for teachers to instruct and give attention to all learners equally on the virtual platform vs the current staggered model where they are trying hard to manage and educate in-person students while also teaching students virtually. Instruction time will not be lost. The safety of our staff & students should be our #1 priority.</p>
Nikki Whelan	West Bradford Township	<p>Please follow the science and not emotion. Kids need to be in school and this is currently what is recommended by the CDC. Please keep the hybrid model in place to support our kids's education. I would prefer my 3 kids attend school 5 days a week, however lets at least keep hybrid as an option. For those who need to keep their kids home, they have that choice, please don't take away mine. Thank you.</p>
John Otten	Uwchlan Township	<p>Given the importance of local engagement, the PA Department of Health has provided recommendations for local, municipal and county leaders, to implement their own orders and directives in order to protect health and safety as long as they are stricter than those mandated by the state.</p> <p>Our local leaders should conduct a transparent discussion about what is in the greatest good for our school community and exercise their authority and influence to support public health efforts that will protect residents and our local economy.</p> <p>My expectation of good governance is that when 9 members of the board come together to have open and curious discussions those needs will be met.</p> <p>I encourage our local leaders to start doing this with courage and conviction immediately.</p>
Heather Barrett	West Bradford Township	<p>The district must be transparent and follow the metrics they promised us they would follow. These metrics are still in place at both the County and state level – they have not changed. The guidance issued by the DOH/PDE on November 23 STILL recommends a full remote learning model for all schools in counties with substantial level of community transmission. This information was not directly presented by the Superintendent at the last Board meeting. The district should be clear that it has CHOSEN to take advantage of a loophole in this guidance and close individual schools with certain numbers of cases. This is a reactive measure and absolutely no rationale for this decision has been given. Chester County has been in the substantial range for 4 weeks and is now over double the 'substantial' incidence rate. It is not enough for the Board to state that 'our kids need to be in school', as that is an opinion and not a fact. The metrics and the increase in community incidence rates are facts. In addition, the governors order from November 23 states that 'telework is mandatory unless impossible'. Teachers taught remotely for months at the beginning of the school year. It is NOT impossible. The staggered model forces our teachers to split their time between two cohorts with neither group receiving the quality of education that our teachers are capable</p>

		<p>of. This is not beneficial to either group. Putting our teachers in harm's way, providing a lower quality of education for all and ignoring the recommendation for a fully remote learning model is dangerous and irresponsible. Please do the right thing and follow the metrics as promised!</p>
Rachel Miller	Uwchlan Township	<p>Please continue to offer in person learning. Please continue to go by a school by school basis and keep schools functioning and operating and open for as much in person learning opportunities as possible. Please do consider opening The DASD up for a full time 5 days of in person education!!! Our kids keep depending on you to receive the educational opportunities in person at school so that they can receive the proper social emotional mental physical and educational support required during these most formative times in all their young lives. Thank you!</p>
Jennifer Fenn	West Bradford Township	<p>Keeping schools open is endangering staff, students and the entire community. It is irresponsible.</p>
Emily Ciotola	Downingtown Borough	<p>Hello,</p> <p>With the rising case numbers, I would like the district to consider going back to virtual until things are under control. I am very concerned for the safety of the teachers, staff, students, and community members. It seems like shutting down schools on a case by case basis is not proactive enough, and is only taking action once people are already sick.</p> <p>Thank You, Emily</p>
Danielle Soler	Upper Uwchlan Township	<p>Two meetings ago Dr Lonardi said a survey would be sent to teachers regarding their comfort levels. Teachers have not received this, many are worried and NOT comfortable with disregarding the recommendation to move to virtual.</p>
Sarah Smith	West Bradford Township	<p>Dear DASD Board,</p> <p>Thank you for your most recent decisions that aim to keep kids in school. Your decisions align with the recommendations of leading health care professionals and government officials. They put the psychosocial, emotional, and physical needs of our children first.</p> <p>Hybrid schooling still does not address the inequities of schooling children in their home environments or the challenges that single and working parents face. I am hoping more progress will be made in this area. It's not clear how being out of school for so long over the past spring and fall will affect our kids for the rest of their lives, however I am hopeful that they will continue to progress psychologically and make up for lost time in school.</p> <p>Please continue to put our kids' health first and keep the schools open.</p> <p>Thank you, Sarah Smith</p>
Beth Fuimaono	Uwchlan Township	<p>It's time to give everyone the option that they were supposed to get at the beginning of the school year. Give everyone the original 3 options of Full in person, hybrid or fully virtual. Also in the cases of school closures due to cases, if low incidence classes are not affected allow them to stay in person. For the low incidence students, in person education is vital and they should remain in school. And Rebecca Britton, I am deeply saddened that you are my area Rep. You stated last meeting that the majority of your constituents want virtual and that is absolutely NOT true. You're opinions are NOT representative of your constituents. Please reach out and listen to everyone in your area, not just the ones that fit your narrative. Thank you.</p>
Stephanie Griffith	East Brandywine Township	<p>First I commend the board in voting previously to keep our schools open on a case by case basis for Covid. Parents should have the choice whether to keep their children completely virtual or hybrid and those that are opposed to schools opening, have the choice not to send their children. Secondly, Wondering how the new CDC guidance with the shortened</p>

		quarantine time, will play a role in the school closures and length of time they are closed now
Kerry Corrigan	Upper Uwchlan Township	Thank you for making the decision to keep schools open. This approach is measured and makes more sense than to make a blanket decision for the entire district. My children are so happy to return to school! It is having a huge impact on their mental health. Thank you for considering the needs of all of our students!
Ana Merritt	Uwchlan Township	I continue to be disappointed in this District's lack of proactive response to the current COVID crisis in our community. With holiday travel, kids coming home from college and the ever growing number of positive cases in our schools it would seem prudent to follow the guidelines and remain fully virtual for three weeks after the holiday season/. Looking at mid January - February. Why be reactive and wait for things to get out of hand. DASD doesn't even have staff or students submit a simple screening that most other employers do. No temperature checks. Nothing. We don't randomly test students in schools so of course we won't find any evidence in our schools. DASD is not following the science and is not taking basic measures to ensure the safety of staff or students.
Kim Rees	West Bradford Township	Due to the safety of our staff and students, the district should return to an all virtual model and re-evaluate this plan after the holidays in January. This will not create a "loss of learning or instruction" as many board members mentioned previously. This actually creates an even playing field for teachers to instruct and give attention to all learners equally on the virtual platform vs the current staggered model where they are trying hard to manage and educate in-person students while also teaching students virtually. Instruction time will not be lost. The safety of our staff & students should be our #1 priority.
Jessica Serrano	East Brandywine Township	Please, it's time to go full virtual. Let the teachers focus on only one way of teaching. keep everyone safe, or at least guarantee we won't get people sick by being in school. Eliminate the risk. Thank you for your consideration.

H. INFORMATION

The School Board Meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, December 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to be held virtually.

The next Committee of the Whole Meeting is scheduled for:

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. Meeting to be held virtually.

I. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Director Kring, the Board, agreed to adjourn at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Virginia B. Warihay
School Board Secretary