

Lake Station Community Schools
School Board Special Meeting
Wednesday, March 3, 2021



Minutes for the Public Work Session of the Board of School Trustees of the Lake Station Community Schools held in the Community/Board Room at Edison Junior Senior High School, 3304 Parkside Avenue, Lake Station, Indiana at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday evening, March 3, 2021.

Members Present: Ms. Curtis, Mr. Tenorio, Mr. Watts, Mr. Wright, Mr. Biggs

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dr. Cripliver, Mr. Kurtz

Ms. Curtis led the Pledge of Allegiance

Public Comment will not be accepted. A public work session is a chance for the public to watch the board at work as they receive information before making a decision at a later meeting. No action will be taken by the board.

I Student Dress Code

Dress Code

A. Dress Code Committee Report:

Report

Committee members present were: Christine Pepa, Joanna Thompson, Amy Brailey, Cynthia Mc Knight, Mike Eshbach, and Julie Quigg
Members absent were: Bob Burke and Catherine Shively

The committee reviewed the entire dress code comparing it to surrounding school districts dress code. The findings were our dress code was similar and in some respects stricter. The obvious difference pertained to the wearing of hoodies. Our surrounding districts that permit hoodies are Hobart, Portage, Wheeler, River Forest, Eagle Park, Whiting, Hammond, and Merrillville. Our students would like to wear hoodies. The committee's concerns is whether our students can wear the hoodies in a responsible manner. The committee determined there should be a trial period where students could wear hoodies under the following conditions. The hoodies:

- needed to be a solid color without words or phrases
- could be Edison Eagle Spirit wear, a college hoodie, or one with a logo.
- had to be removed from the head and the hood worn down while the students were in the building.
- Student I.D. badges had to be worn outside the hoodie.

The committee is still working, so they had no recommendations to present to the board. The committee will continue to do their work and consider the results of the trial period.



B. Board Q and A and Discussion:

Q & A

Board members asked questions of the committee. The committee members that spoke said so far in the trial period students are being responsible. Hoodies are not a distraction to their education. The majority of students are wearing them and there has been no issues.

Board members asked questions of others that attended the meeting. The Director of School Security and the elementary principals expressed concerns. Their concerns were students could steal items and hide them in the hoody or bring inappropriate or dangerous items to school. Further good discussion took place between the board, the committee, and others who were present before the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30.

II Other Business

IO The next regular school board meeting is Wednesday, March 17, 2021 at Bailey Elementary School at 7:00 pm.

View the meeting online via Lake Station Community Schools' Facebook page or Zoom:

<https://niesc.zoom.us/j/96789147252> | Meeting ID: 967 8914 7252

The meeting site is accessible; any person requiring further accommodation(s) should contact Ellen Moss, at the Administration Center at least 48 hours in advance at 219-962-1159, ext. 103 or email to emoss@lakes.k12.in.us. TTY users may access the Relay Indiana Service by calling 711 or 1-800-743-3333.

ATTEST:

President, Ms. Curtis

Member, Mr. Biggs

Vice President, Mr. Tenorio

Secretary, Mr. Watts

Member, Mr. Wright