

**Holyoke Community Charter School
2200 Northampton Street
Holyoke, MA 01040
Board of Trustees**

Minutes of HCCS Board of Trustees Meeting – August 13, 2020

**In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 30A, Sections 18-25 and Governor Baker’s Emergency Order in response to COVID-19 allowing remote meetings of public bodies. (<https://www.mass.gov/doc/order-suspending-certain-provision-of-open-meeting-law/download>), this meeting was held via Zoom video conference.*

In Attendance: Jay Breines, Cynthia Dennis, Leona Florek, Jenna Gable, Lina Rivera, Jean Swinney
Guests: Tom Paquin, Sonia Pope, Maria Rodriguez, Benjamin Torres, Keisa Valle
Not Present: Janine Kent

I. Meeting called to order at 5:01 p.m. by Jenna Gable.

Roll call of all attendees; each attendee spoke his/her name.

Public comments/none.

IV. HCCS District Reopening Plan Presentation to Board

Dr. Sonia Correa Pope presented the board with the school’s reopening plan as per the board’s request. The presentation included the following:

- Governor Baker released “Color-coded metric from DPH/COVID-19 Command”, identifying COVID-19 risks in each town/city across the state. Dr. Pope summarized the tool. Holyoke has been coded in red, meaning >8 cases per 100,000 – DESE expectations for learning model are remote for the red color.
- Phased Plan: Blended/Hybrid Split Model
 - Phase 1:
 - August 17-September 11: Training for Pillar/administrators/teachers/staff/parents/students
 - September 14 – October 30: Remote Learning for all
 - Phase 2: November 2-December 18: K-2 and high-needs hybrid/split week
 - Phase 3: January 4 – March 31: K-5 and high-needs hybrid/split week
 - Phase 4: April 5-June 15: All students on a hybrid/split week
- Dr. Pope indicated that these plans are subject to COVID-19 infection rates

Jenna Gable asked if the board had any questions for Dr. Pope. The board discussed that this was a well-phased plan and was responsible in light of the COVID-19 pandemic and rates of infection. Dr. Jean Swinney added that if Holyoke is still in the “red” zone in October, the Board should meet to reassess the plan and the status of the community.

Cynthia Dennis motioned for the board to vote to approve the Reopening Plan as presented. Leona Florek seconded. Each member voted by roll call. Dennis – Aye, Breines – Aye, Rivera – Aye, Swinney – Aye, Florek – Aye, Gable – Aye. The motion passed unanimously.

Jay Breines inquired as to the status of contracting for the gymnasium construction in light of COVID-19. Jenna Gable stated this would be added to the next meeting's agenda as an item for discussion.

Jay Breines motioned to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Cynthia Dennis. Each member voted by roll call. Florek – Aye, Dennis – Aye, Gable – Aye, Breines – Aye, Swinney – Aye, Rivera – Aye. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:16 pm.

As prepared by Elizabeth Pawlowski

Respectfully submitted,

Janine Kent
Holyoke Community Charter School Board of Trustees

MEETING ATTACHMENTS

HCCS Reopening Plan