



**Minutes of the Special Joint Board Meeting of  
Byron Park District Board of Commissioners/ Byron Board of Education  
Held at Byron CUSD #226, Commons, Byron IL  
Thursday, November 5, 2020 at 5:45 p.m.**

1.0 Byron CUSD Secretary, Mr. Phil Kesler called the Special Joint Board Meeting of Byron Park District Board of Commissioners and Byron Board of Education to order at 5:52 p.m.

2.0 On roll call, the following were:

**BYRON PARK DISTRICT BOARD:**

**PRESENT:** Commissioners Boyle, Jeffrey, Oracki and Wilmarth

**ABSENT:** Griffith

**BYRON PARK DISTRICT ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF:**

**PRESENT:** Paul Zepezauer-Executive Director, Elaine Carow- Marketing and Registration Manager

**BYRON CUSD #226 BOARD OF EDUCATION:**

**PRESENT:** Phil Kesler, Jeff Milburn, Margaret Rock, Mary Jo Cassens

**ABSENT:** D.J. Mumma, Christine Lynde, Kathi Gehrke,

**BYRON CUSD #226 STAFF MEMBERS:**

**PRESENT:** Christene Zinke BOE Recording Secretary

**GUESTS:**

None.

3.0 **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

None.

4.0 **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Kesler asked if there were any additions, deletions or adjustments to the agenda. There were none. Mrs. Rock made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Mumma seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on Voice Vote 4-0. Commissioner Oracki made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Jeffrey seconded the motion which passed unanimously on Voice Vote 4-0.

5.0 **FACILITY TOUR:**

Executive Director Paul Zepezauer conducted a tour of the Byron PE Center Facility Expansion. Upon completion of the tour, the meeting resumed in the Byron High School Commons.

**6.0 REVIEW OF THE CURRENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT:**

Brief discussion regarding the current agreement occurred; no changes suggested.

\*6:19 p.m. Superintendent Buster Barton and School Board President Christine Lynde arrived

**7.0 BYRON STATION UPDATE:**

Superintendent Buster Barton provided an update regarding the slated closure of the Byron Nuclear Station and the potential community and financial impact. Mr. Barton provided handouts and encouraged those present to share the information received and help educate the community. Mr. Barton discussed the importance of reaching out to legislators. Discussion occurred. Highlights included establishing coalitions, community education and outreach, loss of revenue and potential future legislative action. The Byron Park District Board of Commissioners advised Executive Director Paul Zepezauer would reach out to the Illinois Association of Park Districts to explore any additional ways the agency can support the initiative.

**8.0 COVID 19 DISCUSSION:**

Discussion regarding COVID-19 occurred. Commissioner Oracki expressed concerns regarding the mask requirement and the impact on park district patrons. Direct Zepezauer advised guests have made complaints regarding the requirement. He clarified masks would not be required during physical activity if the Park District was not located in a school. He reported the requirement has had a significant impact on revenue. Discussion regarding youth athletics occurred. Commissioner Zepezauer advised he would like to support the school and mirror decisions to move forward when it is safe to return to indoor competitions. Mr. Barton advised he is unsure how athletics will be played at this time. Commissioner Oracki reported the Park District does not receive the same loss of revenue reimbursements other agencies are eligible for. She asked the School Board to consider not require masks for Park Distict guests in the new facility as it is a separate secured space with its own ventilation system. Mr. Barton advised he would like to assist the Park District if possible and the School Board would engage in further discussion. Director Zepezauer thanked the School Board and Board of Commissioners and commended them on being a great model of government agencies working together for the community.

**8.0 OTHER BUSINESS:**

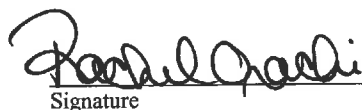
None.

**9.0 ADJOURNMENT:**

Mrs. Rock made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Mr. Kesler seconded the motion, which passed unanimously on voice vote 5-0. Commissioner Wilmarth made a motion to adjourn at 7:19 p.m. Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion which passed unanimously on Voice Vote 4-0.

  
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