



**Byron Park District Special Meeting Minutes**  
Friday, September 3, 2021 at 3:30 p.m.  
Byron Park District Conference Room (420 N. Colfax)

**1.1** Commissioner Wilmarth called the Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners to order at 3:30 p.m.

**1.2** On roll call, the following were:

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

**ABSENT:** Griffith.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Director Paul Zepezauer, Carrie Stralow, Jessica Julian & Elaine Carow.

**GUESTS:** William Julian.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**3.1 APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:** Commissioner Jeffery made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to include 3.1 Approval of the Agenda. Commissioner Oracki seconded the motion which passes unanimously on voice vote 4-0.

**4.1 COVID-19 VACCINE/TESTING POLICY:** Director Zepezauer opened discussion regarding the recent Executive Order requiring all school staff be vaccinated or test weekly for Covid-19. Commissioner Oracki questioned the legality of requesting medical information and the risk of not complying. Director Zepezauer shared two options provided to the district from the District Attorney and PDRMA. Commissioner Jeffrey noted he felt it was the responsibility of legal counsel to provide the options and come up with a compromise. Commissioner Oracki questioned why Park District staff must comply when the general public is not required to do so. Commissioner Wilmarth stated he is not comfortable making anyone do something they do not want to do. Director Zepezauer advised he reached out to the Ogle County Health Department; Byron Park District staff would be required to follow the order as the facility is housed in a school. Director Zepezauer reported he sought counsel from the District attorney and PDRMA who have advised it is in the best interest of the district to follow guidance from the Health Department. The risk of not following guidance included the possibility of facility and program shut downs, denial of insurance coverage, potential lawsuits for willfully not complying, and potential problems with the school district. Commissioner Oracki questioned what will happen if staff resign. Director Zepezauer advised there are enough vaccinated staff available to do whatever is necessary to keep the facility operating and open to the public. Commissioner Boyle stated he was under the assumption the board was meeting to vote on the options available to address the vaccination mandate. He further stated any issues arising from the outcome of the vote could be addressed as needed.

Commissioner Jeffrey made a motion to approve the Covid 19 "School Personnel" Vaccination and Testing Policy. Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion which passed unanimously on roll call vote 4-0.

**AYES:** Commissioners Jeffrey, Boyle, Oracki and Wilmarth.

**NAYS:** None.

**ABSENT:** Griffith.

**5.0 ADJOURNMENT:** Commissioner Jeffrey made a motion to adjourn at 3:54 p.m. Commissioner Boyle seconded the motion which passed unanimously on voice vote 4-0.

Jeff Wilmarth 9-21-21  
Signature Date

Bruce D. Boyle 9/21/21  
Signature Date