



JOINT EDUCATION AND SPECIAL CALLED COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
VIRTUAL  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2021 | 12:00 P.M.

MINUTES

COUNCILOR DARRELL O'QUINN, COMMITTEE CHAIR  
Councilor Hoyt & Councilor Woods, Committee Members

Councilor(s) Present: O'Quinn, Alexander, Woods

I. CALL TO ORDER

Councilor O'Quinn called the meeting to order.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA / MINUTES (NOVEMBER 16, 2020)

Action Taken:

AGENDA

Councilor Woods: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve

Councilor O'Quinn: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.

Agenda Approved as Recorded.

Action Taken:

MINUTES

Councilor Woods: \_\_\_\_\_ Moved to Approve

Councilor O'Quinn: \_\_\_\_\_ Seconded.

Minutes Approved as Recorded.

III. PRESENTATION: BCS VIRTUAL LEARNING PLAN – DR. MARK SULLIVAN, BCS SUPERINTENDENT,  
DR. JERMAINE DAWSON, BCS ACADEMIC OFFICER

Action Taken:

Dr. Sullivan introduced Dr. Dawson to the Committee.

Dr. Dawkins presented information on the Birmingham City Schools virtual learning options.

Options:

- Face-to-Face if COVID-19 risk was low.
- Remote if COVID-19 was high to very high.
- Blended if COVID-19 was moderate.

The Birmingham City Schools decided to use the remote plan, which included a 4-day instruction for grades Pre-K – 12.

Every student was provided with learning devices.

Students were also engaged in social/emotional learning; physical education and full band remotely.

The Birmingham City Schools also participated in synchronous learning (live instruction online) and asynchronous learning (student independent learning).

- The Virtual Learning Curriculum Resources include: Zoom, Clever, Schoology, Google Suite.
- Dr. Sullivan stated the school system lost four employees and one student to COVID-19 and he wants to make sure that the numbers are down before allowing students to return to the schools.
- Dr. Sullivan also stated that universal Wi-Fi and free Internet access are the student's greatest needs during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- This will be further discussed during the next scheduled Utilities/Technology Committee Meeting.

No Action – Information Only.

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UPDATE – A.H. PARKER VACCINATION SITE

MRS. SHERRELL STEWART, BCS COMMUNICATIONS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Action Taken:

Mrs. Stewart provided the committee with an update on the Parker High School Vaccination Site.

- Several educators have received their first dose of the vaccine.
- There were about 1100 responders to the vaccine questionnaire.
- Approximately 340 academic personnel have been vaccinated with the first dose.
- The site was accepting a limited number of walk-throughs and drive-throughs because of the limited access to computers for many nearby residents.
- The response from the community has been great.
- Ms. Stewart stated that Birmingham City School Security and the Birmingham Police Department provides assistance with traffic control.
- Commissioner Sheila Tyson was in the process of securing rides to the site for those with limited or no transportation.
- Commissioner Tyson had also reached out to the Housing Authority of the Birmingham District and local churches for transportation assistance.
- There is a FAQ section for parents on the Birmingham City School website.

No Action – Information Only.

IV. OLD AND NEW BUSINESS

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Woods: Moved to Adjourn.

Councilor O'Quinn: Seconded.

Meeting Adjourned.